

Welcome

Year 2 children, (and lots of other children!) have been very excited watching the chicks hatch and grow over the last few weeks. The children are also preparing for the Art Exhibition next week – please see attached the timetable of openings. You are invited to come and help us celebrate the children's hard work and brilliant artwork.

Mrs. Kerslake will be off work for approximately 8 weeks from 27th February for an operation. She has told the children today. We have arranged for Ms Heather Libby to cover the whole duration of her absence. Ms. Cameron will support the supply teacher and Miss Davies in Year 5.

We are sending out the links for Parents' Evening bookings today. Please remember we have one face-to-face session and one online session – these will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. With Mrs. Kerslake being away from 27th February, her Parents' Evenings will be on Tuesday 21st February and Thursday 23rd February (online only). Unfortunately, we will have to delay Mrs. Russell's Parents' Evening and will organise a date when she is back at school and fully fit.

Finally, I would like to thank all the teaching staff for their commitment and professionalism on Wednesday. I fully support the right of those who did strike and recognise the need for the government to properly fund education and to try and find a solution to the staff retention and SEND crisis - however, it has been an equally hard decision for those who decided not to.

Michael Dillon - Headteacher

Nursery

As part of our topic this half term based on the book Dear Zoo we all wrote letters to the zoo asking for a pet. We are just waiting to hear back from the zoo to see if our pets will come.

We have also been really enjoying our PE sessions in the hall on a Friday morning. We have been pretending to ride a bike while practising our listening and balancing skills.



Rainbow Room

The Rainbow Room children have had lots of fun designing and creating a pot. They have used their art sessions to draw and colour their design, make and create ready to decorate over a number of weeks.

We also used our visit from the chicks to create pictures using our hands and feet.



Reception

This week in Reception the children have been learning how to subtract. The children used practical objects to take away and then began to use whiteboards to write the subtraction sentence.

The new class text is 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers and this has sparked their enthusiasm to learn about space and the solar system.

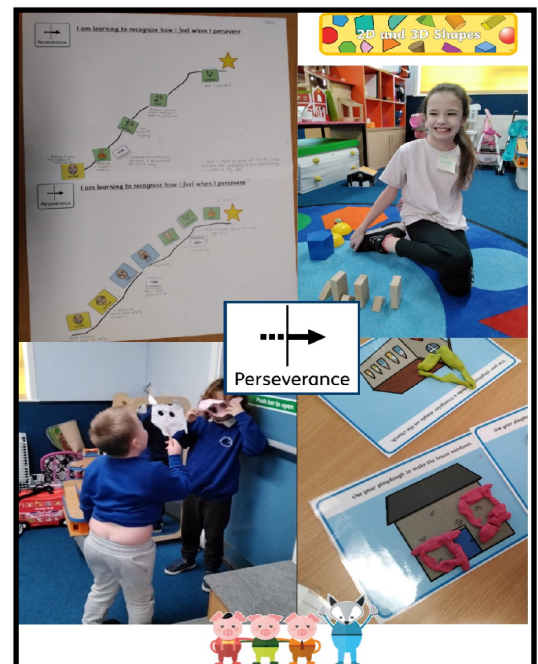
Over the next week we will continue to learn about planets, stars and even pretend to be astronauts heading off on a space journey.



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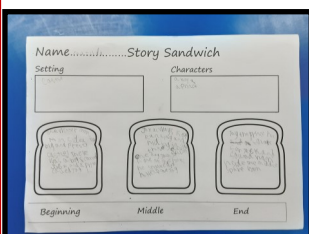
In Maths we've enjoyed investigating 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, and using them to create repeating patterns. In English we have been exploring the story of 'The 3 Little Pigs'. Some of us have explored the 'moral of the story' and considered how key characters had shown the learning power of Perseverance.

We took on some challenges and worked on our own Perseverance, and recognising how we may feel when demonstrating Perseverance, and mapped this out using symbols related to 'The Zones of Regulation'. Some of our younger class members treated us to a wonderfully expressive and characterful performance of the story, wearing masks they had made! We have seen some really fantastic learning from you all. Well done!



Family Learning Workshop

Parents and carers of 1B attended the "How to be great at story writing" workshop this week. The children had fun planning their stories on the story sandwich planner. Parents and carers expressed that they enjoyed working with their child in school and found the take home resources helpful. On Thursday 9th February it is the turn of 1M but if you missed this weeks workshop, please feel free to attend.

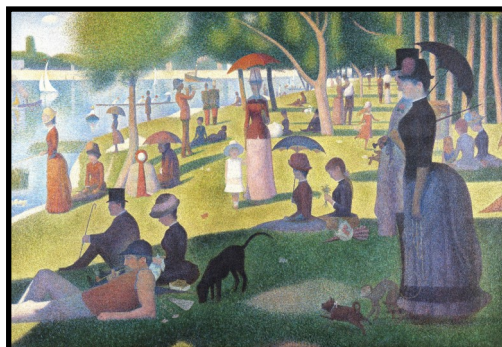


Take One Picture

Our Take One Picture art exhibition based on 'A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte' by George Seurat.

The children have completed various art pieces in their classes around this painting which we will be able to share with you at the exhibition next week. Please come along to see their masterpieces.

Please see below the timetable that shows the allotted time that you can come and meet your child in the hall to see the school art exhibition when the allotted is over your child will return to class. If you cannot attend at these times, the exhibition is open after school between the times of 3.15pm - 4.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Thursday 9th February 2023

Nursery	9.00 - 10.00
Reception	10.00 - 11.00
Year 1	11.00 - 12.00
<i>Exhibition closed between 12 noon and 1.30pm</i>	
Year 2	1.30 - 2.30
After school viewing from 3.15pm - 4.30pm	

Friday 10th February 2023

Year 3	9.00 - 10.00
Year 4	10.00 - 11.00
Year 5	11.00 - 12.00
<i>Exhibition closed between 12 noon and 1.30pm</i>	
Year 6	1.30 - 2.30
After school viewing from 3.15pm - 4.30pm	

Save the Date – World Book Day 3rd March 2023

Children may dress up on world book day or wear something of a "hint" of a character e.g. a hat, glasses or prop, but this is entirely optional and there is no expectation to do so.

We would also like to encourage children to take part in our half term inter-house competition linked to World Book Day.

This year we would like children to get really creative with a potato and turn it into a book character! Please bring any entries to school clearly labelled with the child's name and class and the book character and hand to the class teacher. Each teacher will choose the top 3 from each class who will win house points for the inter-house competition. Entries are due in by Thursday 2nd March.

World Book Day tokens will be sent home next week.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Year 1 Family Learning	Thursday 9th February—9.00am
Year 2 Home Learning Exhibition	Tuesday 7th February - 3.30pm
Year 6 Residential Trip Meeting (Virtual)	Tuesday 7th February—6.00pm
Take One Picture Art Exhibition	Thursday 9th February & Friday 10th February
Year 4 Home Learning Exhibition	Thursday 9th February - 2.45pm
HALF TERM	MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY—FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
5K Parents' Evening	Tuesday 21st February - 3.45—7.00pm Thursday 23rd February - 3.45—7.00pm
Reception Family Learning	Tuesday 21st February - 9.00am Thursday 23rd February - 9.00am
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 28th February - 3.45pm-7.00pm Thursday 2nd March - 3.45pm-7.00pm
Year 2 Family Learning Story Maps (cancelled—to be re-arranged)	Thursday 2nd & 9th March - 9.00am
Year 6 Residential Trip	Sunday 12th March—Saturday 18th March
END OF TERM	FRIDAY 31ST MARCH
INSET DAY	MONDAY 17TH APRIL
START OF SUMMER TERM	TUESDAY 18TH APRIL