

Miss Cartwright's weekly message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in Early Years children have been looking at measurement of height and length. This has been building on our previous measure of capacity. Children used large scale junk modelling to explore building castles and beanstalks, which also links with their writing unit.



Year 1 have been continuing with writing unit of the Magic Porridge Pot. I have had some fantastic work brought to me and read out. The children have been designing their own magical objects and writing a spell to make their magic object work. I have had some amazing examples from Amelie, Anabella and Nicolas read out and explained to me. The class ideas ranged from broomsticks that make cola, to cups that give you skittles, to pots that gave you cookies and pizza! Their writing was amazing but so was their reading out of the spell.

Year 2 have been preparing to start their weaving today. They will be weaving to create flowers. So far they have dyed the wool and pained the bases. We look forward to seeing the finished woven flowers! I have also been super impressed with the children this week during their circle time discussing kindness and friendship. Their listening and turn taking skills were so respectful.



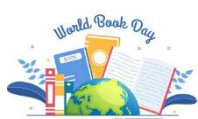
Year 3 have been doing so well with their music. Their engagement in the sessions has been fantastic. In science the children have moved on to exploring how water is transported through a plant. I have had so many children telling me all about their learning on the corridor and it is clear we have some great scientists in the class.

Year 4 have been exploring electrical circuits this week. They have been using pictures of electrical components to make a complete circuit. In PSHE the children have been exploring friendships as part of Jigsaw unit of Healthy Me. It is really important for the children to look after their health, not just physically but also mentally. During the unit, the children will be building on their knowledge from Children's Mental Health Week, Time to Talk and Anti-bullying. The children have shown such maturity when discussing these topics. On Wednesday Miss Burgess held an MTC workshop for Year 4 parents. Thank you for those who attended the workshop. I know people found this incredibly useful and it can support your child with their assessment later this year.

Year 5 have been exploring the question 'How does space and the solar system impact our modern world?' The children were so enthusiastic about their learning, some children filled 8 whiteboards of information! They were then using this to present to the whole class. Year 5 also really enjoyed their planetarium trip last week and represented the academy perfectly.



Year 6 have been really enjoying basketball in PE. This week they have been learning new skills, such as chest passes, ground passes, shooting nets as well as building agility while running to avoid being tackled. Teamwork was paramount to this lesson. Year 6 are also really enjoying World War Two in their history lessons. They have recently been learning about the Home Front and how people supported the soldiers while on home soil.



A reminder that on Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. We ask that children dress as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas. If children wish to bring their favourite book into school to share on the day too, they are more than welcome to. On 6th March, we look forward to welcoming Conrad, our patron author into school again to work with the children.

Our Spring 2 House Games coming up will link to World Book Day. This year we hope to have an Easter Potato competition. More information will be given for this in due course. Here are some examples from another one of our academies.



We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on 15th March where the children can wear red and Red Nose Day merchandise to show support. More information will be sent out in due course.

Today is Miss Fortune's last day with us as she moves on to her new position in a nursery setting. We thank her for all of her hard work and dedication.

A final thank you to our Pupil Parliament who supported with a really important job this week. They conducted themselves so professionally and I know how proud of themselves they were too.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Miss S Cartwright

<u>PUPIL OF THE WEEK</u>	
CATERPILLARS	Ella W
BUTTERFLIES	Lucas T
PANDAS	James H
TIGERS	Bella H
GAZELLES	Freddie G
ELEPHANTS	Honey S
PENGUINS	Ty-Jamie W
SNOW LEOPARDS	Ellie S

<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
CATERPILLARS	94.7%
BUTTERFLIES	95.2%
PANDAS	93.7%
TIGERS	92.8%
GAZELLES	93.1%
ELEPHANTS	98.6%
PENGUINS	100%
SNOW LEOPARDS	95.2%

<u>HOUSE POINTS</u>			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
196	322	180	194



Key dates for your diary

SCHOOL EVENTS SPRING TERM:

04.03.24 Women's history month begins
06.03.24 Author Conrad visits
07.03.24 World Book Day
11.03.24 British Science week
08.03.24 House games potatoes go home to children
WC 18.03.24 : Easter potato decoration judging
25.03.24 Holi Festival (during the Easter holiday but we will celebrate in the final week of term)

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT SPRING TERM:

WC 11.03.24 family work exhibition

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