



Newsletter - 8th March 2024

Our Learning

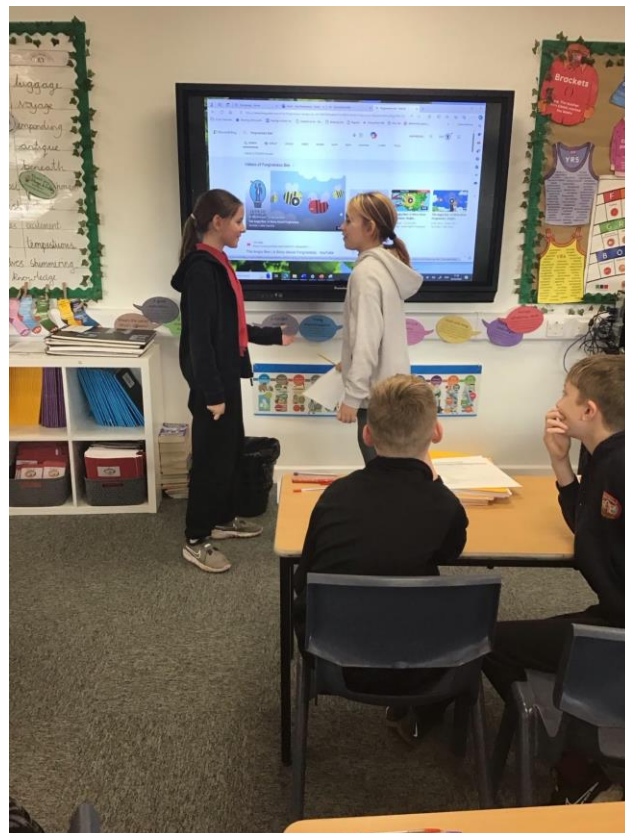


In Forest School this week, Brambles have been looking for signs of Spring and looking at the different plants and flowers which are starting to come to life. Also, following the visit from Paul Sturgess (Basketball Player) this week, Brambles decided to find out about measuring! The children have also been learning about St David's Day, and exploring where Wales is in the UK. They were treated to some Welsh cakes too from Joey's mum!

All of the classes took part in a drama workshop last week as part of our World Book Day celebrations (organised by Miss Waring). Elm Class have also been learning how actions have consequences in PSHE Lessons, taking part in Team Building lessons as part of our OAA (Outdoor Adventure Activities) and Badminton in PE.











Trips and Experiences



Thanks to Miss Field, we were treated to a Whole School visit from Paul Sturges this week, a 7'8" tall basketball player, who is a former member of the world famous Harlem Globetrotters and is recognised as being the 'Tallest Professional Basketball Player in the World'. Over the last year he has also been in national media for also being recognised as 'Britain's Tallest Man.' Paul is not only passionate about basketball, but also towards inspiring the next generation, and through his basketball visits he hopes to expose children to the sport along with reinforcing very positive messages about being different and overcoming challenges. We absolutely loved having him in school and he thoroughly enjoyed working with our children!





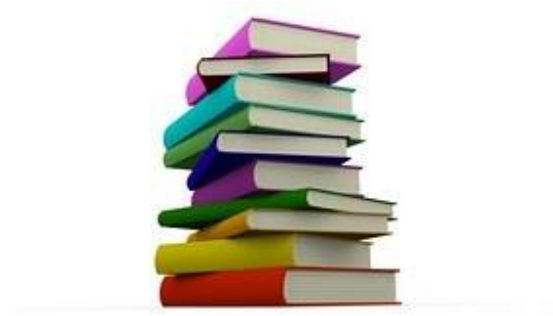








World Book Day



There was so much going on in School on World Book Day this week! Everyone came to school in their cosy reading clothes and decorated a potato as their favourite book or book character. Our older children then judged the competition and awarded the prizes in our World Book Day Assembly. Throughout the day, all of our classes focussed on enjoying Reading and took part in a range of activities, including reading with other children in the school.

In Brambles Class the children loved talking about their books and potatoes with their class. They also made musical instruments to make the sound effects for their current class book, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt.'

In Oak Class the children devised a spud story including all of their 'spud' creations ready to act out in the Assembly. They also created a Reading scrap book which will be displayed in their book corner in class. The children were also treated to some visits from parents who came to read to the class throughout the day! Even Mrs Bishop, our School Business Manager, took time out of her busy work schedule to share a very old book that she used to read with her dad when she was little. Thank you so much to those parents who took part.

Willow Class joined webinar with the famous author, Michael Morpurgo!

Elm Class shared their potatoes and books with each other and made recommendations for our new KS2 Library Area. They also had drop in and read visits from different staff and then voted on the best potatoes for the school competition.







The children loved talking about their favourite book and potato



World Book Day 2024



We acted out We're Going on a Bear Hunt



We loved reading in Brambles

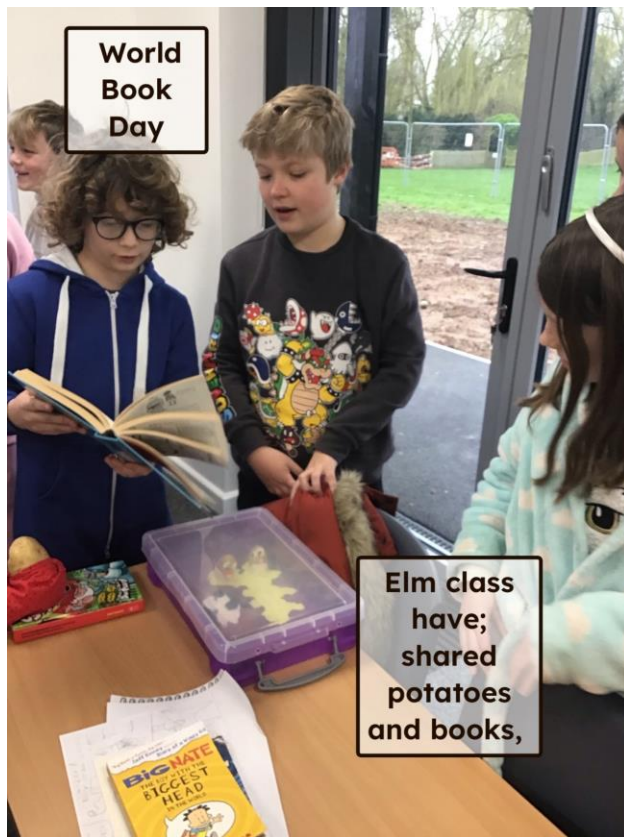


We made our own book

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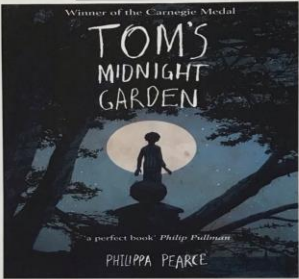






Toms' Midnight Garden.
 Story by Philippa Pearce.

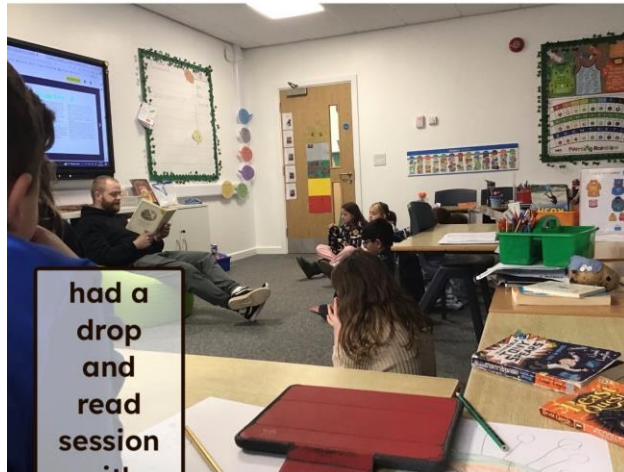
Winner of the Carnegie Medal



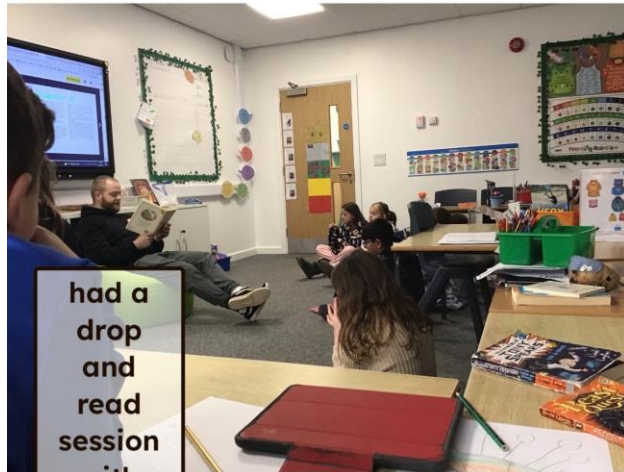
a perfect book Philip Pullman
 PHILIPPA PEARCE

When Tom Long's brother Peter gets the measles, Tom is sent to stay with his Uncle Alan and Aunt Gwen. They live in an upstairs flat of a big house with no garden, only a tiny yard for parking. The former grounds of the big house have been sold for building and are occupied by modern houses. The elderly and reclusive landlady, Mrs Bartholomew, lives above them. Because Tom may be infectious, he is not allowed out to play, and he feels lonely.

"The next morning, when tom awoke, he could not think why he felt so happy, until he remembered the garden."



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Celebration Assembly - Friday 15th March



We are sad to say that we cannot invite parents to our Celebration Assembly on Friday 15th March. This is because of a diary clash with the Community Hall who need the car park. We will endeavor, instead, to upload photographs to Seesaw for you.

After the Easter Holidays, however, we will be reverting to our normal time of 2.30pm for Celebration Assemblies and parents will be most welcome to join us!

Recruitment



We are delighted to say, that we had a huge response to our advert for a Lower Key Stage 2 Teacher to replace Mr Webster. We are keen to secure a member of staff with strong subject leadership experience so that they can take over the role as Maths and Computing Lead and the field of applicants was not only extensive, but strong. We have managed to shortlist 6 candidates for interview on Tuesday 19th March, and are very relieved as due to the short term length, this was a quick turnaround for recruiting.

Dependent upon the successful candidate, we may need to secure a temporary teacher for some of the Summer Term as most teachers are required to give half a term's notice at a minimum. As soon as we have any more information we will share this with you.

The closing date, shortlisting and interviews for Mrs Lawson's maternity cover is after the Easter Holidays. Once again we will keep you informed of progress.

PE Challenge



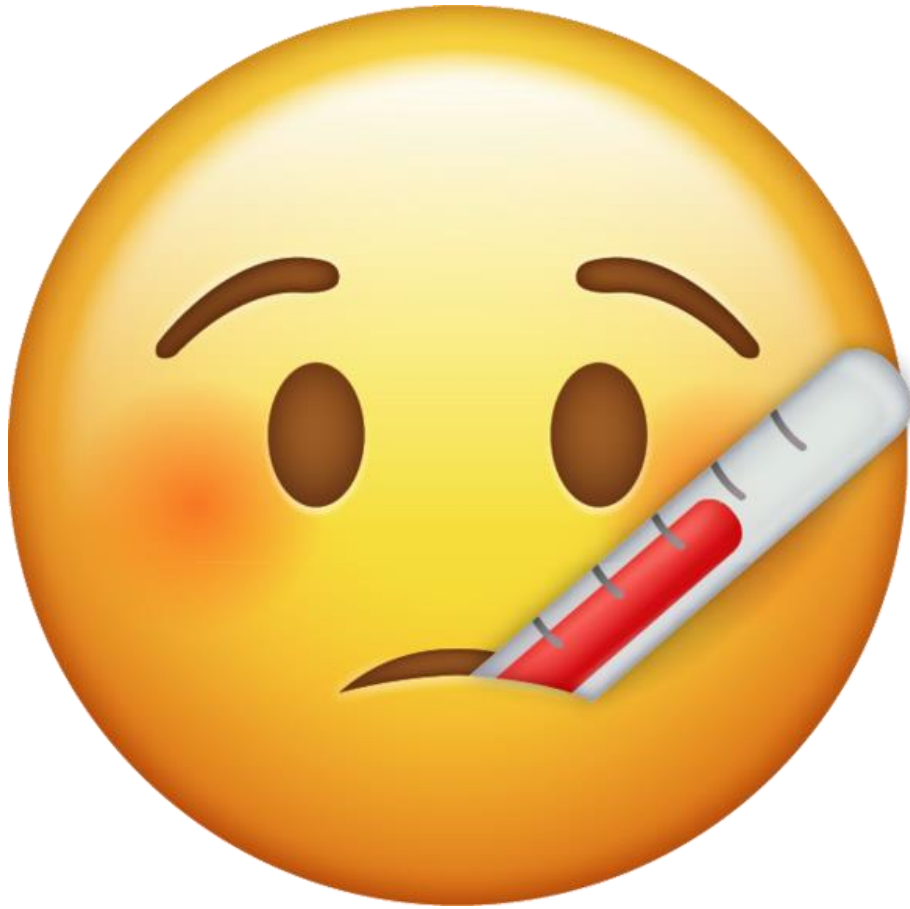
Our PE challenges for this month are below! If you manage to do it, please do send us photographs on Seesaw! Miss Field would love to see them!

March – How long can you hold a plank for?

April – How many times can you throw a ball up, clap once and catch it in a minute?



Threadworm



We have been advised that there is an increase in the number of cases of threadworm in the local area.

Threadworms spread when their eggs are swallowed. They lay eggs around your bottom (anus), which make it itchy. The eggs get stuck on your fingers when you scratch. They can then pass on to anything you touch, including:

- clothes
- toys
- toothbrushes
- kitchen or bathroom surfaces
- bedding
- food

Eggs can pass to other people when they touch these surfaces and then touch their mouth. The eggs can survive up to 2 weeks. The larvae hatch from the eggs in your gut after you swallow them, and take 1 to 2 months to mature into threadworms.

Children can get threadworms again after they've been treated for them if they get the eggs in their mouth. This is why it's important to encourage children to wash their hands regularly.

If you need more information then please see the below link:

[Threadworms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Do

- ✓ wash hands and scrub under fingernails – particularly before eating, after using the toilet or changing nappies
- ✓ encourage children to wash hands regularly
- ✓ shower every morning
- ✓ rinse toothbrushes before using them
- ✓ keep fingernails short
- ✓ wash sleepwear, sheets, towels and soft toys (at a hot temperature) every day for several days after treatment
- ✓ disinfect kitchen and bathroom surfaces, using hot water
- ✓ vacuum and dust with a damp cloth
- ✓ make sure everyone in the household wears underwear at night and changes it in the morning

Don't

- ✗ do not shake clothing or bedding, to prevent eggs landing on other surfaces
- ✗ do not share towels or flannels
- ✗ do not bite nails or suck thumbs and fingers

Disabled Parking



We have been contacted by some parents again, asking us to remind parents to not use the disabled car parking spaces when dropping off and picking up, unless you have a blue badge.

Some children are a risk in the car park and having to part further away from the gates, puts these children at greater risk.

Please be considerate when using the car park.

Thank you.

PTA



Our wonderful PTA organised our Secret Room for Mother's Day this week! Thank you so much for all of the donations, and thank you too to all of the volunteers who came and helped the children to choose presents and wrap them. It was really magical!

The PTA met on Thursday 22nd February and are hatching lots of plans for the remainder of this school year! The next PTA meeting is Tuesday 19th March at 9.00am in the Staff Room at school.

They are currently planning on the following events, so keep the dates free in your diaries!

Easter Event – Friday 22nd March

May Afternoon tea event – Friday 24th May

Father's Day – gifts in Monday 10th June & wrap Wednesday 12th June

Summer Event – Sytch Extravaganza Friday 19th July



Barnabee Tea



- Brambles

George Simpson for starting to believe in himself and having confidence in his work. Well done, George.

- Oak

Year 1- Florence Vaughan for her excellent phonic knowledge. Good girl!

Year 2- Benjamin Howard for his excellent subject knowledge and showing enthusiasm in Science.

- Willow Class

Year 3: Ethan Rowlands for self belief in his English work this week

Year 4: Mia H for her determination to achieve her goals

- Elm Class

Year 5 Scarlett Wood- for being determined to write a great adventure story! What fantastic sentences!

Year 6 Libby Pretty- for always demonstrating all of our key school values. You are a great role model for our younger pupils!



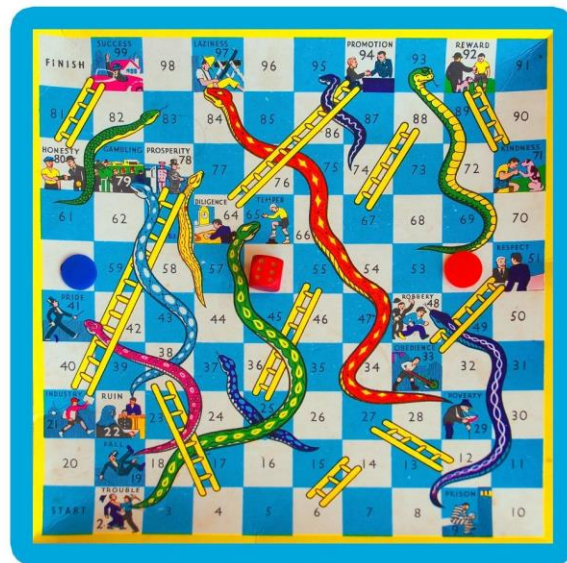
Portacabin Rebuild Project - Grand Opening



We are planning a big opening of our New Building on Wednesday 10th April. It will be in the afternoon (as we cannot use the car park after 4pm). We have managed to secure a 'special guest' to help us open the building and past school community members will be welcome to join us.

We will be meeting with our amazing PTA to start pulling together plans for the afternoon and will keep you all posted. In the meantime, keep the date free in your diary!

Games Club



Some of our Key Stage 2 pupils are running a lunchtime Games Club which has become really popular. At the moment, they are borrowing equipment from our Wrap Around Care provision, but it would be wonderful if they could develop their own bank of games. So, if you do have any board games that you no longer want/need, please could you bring them in to the office for the club to use?

Thank you!

Diary Dates



Please see below some of the key diary dates for next term as it stands right now. Please be aware that these are subject to change, but that we will notify you if this is the case. We will also keep the school website up to date:

www.sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk

Spring Term 2024

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Monday 8th January	TED Day – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 9th January	School Opens to pupils
Thursday 11th January	9.30am – 10.30am Reception (Brambles) Hearing Tests Willow Class Trip to Bishops Wood (Vikings and Saxons)
Friday 12th January	9.00am Celebration Assembly (Parents are welcome!)
Thursday 18th January	School Census Day
Friday 19th January	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
Wednesday 24th January	1pm – 2pm Oak Class Gymnastics Festival (Westacre Middle School)
Friday 26th January	Brambles Trip to Ombersley Church (Parents to drop off at the church in the morning) 9.00am Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome)
Wednesday 31st January	Elm Class Cosford Trip
Friday 2nd February	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
Monday 5th February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th February	Oak Class Think Tank Trip Rob Holmes (Author) Mindfulness Q&A
Thursday 8th February	PTA Valentines Film Night
Friday 9th February	9.00am Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome) Non Uniform Day (Wellbeing Champions)
Mon 13th Feb – Fri 16th Feb	HALF TERM
Monday 19th February	School Re-Opens to pupils
Tuesday 20th February	Open the Book Assembly (Pupils only)
Friday 23rd February	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
Tuesday 27th February	3.30pm – 5pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Wednesday 28th February	3.30pm – 6pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Thursday 29th February	Drama Workshops
Friday 1st March	9.00am Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome)
Monday 4th March	PTA Mothering Sunday Donations
Tuesday 5th March	(am) Basketball Player Experience (WOW Basketball) All Year Groups (pm) Beekeeper visiting Brambles
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Friday 8th March	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
Monday 11th March	Assessment Week (All Week)
Tuesday 12th March	2pm Parent Voice Meeting
Thursday 14th March	1.30pm – 4.15pm Year 5/6 Girls Netball Tournament (RGS)
Friday 15th March	9.00am Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 20th March	Deaf Awareness Day 9.30am-10.30am Reception Hearing Tests (for those who failed previously)
Thursday 21st March	World Poetry Day
Friday 22nd March	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter PTA Easter Event School Closes for Easter

Attendance



Thank you so much to everyone for making a big effort to be in school. We really want to make the most of every opportunity to help your child reach their full potential, so by ensuring that they are in school, you will be supporting us in achieving this. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on our school website.

Attendance Breakdown Between 04/09/2021 and 08/03/2024

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