



Newsletter - 23rd February 2024

## Our Learning





In Forest School this week, Brambles made the most of the windy weather and made kites which they flew on the field! In class, they have been learning about Chinese New Year and reading 'We Are Going On a Bear Hunt!' They have also been learning about Vincent Van Gough and re-creating his artwork.

In Oak Class, Year 1 are now taking part in Forest School every Friday. The children go out in all weathers, and despite the wet ground they had a wonderful time exploring! They have also been learning about Chinese New Year in RE and have enjoyed doing Yoga in PE lessons.

In Computing lessons, Willow Class the children have been creating stop motion animations inspired by chicken run and Morph! Barney even used stop frame to demonstrate his understanding of how we hear sound. He has showed how molecules vibrate and travel through the inner ear to the brain via the auditory nerve. In Art, the children in Willow have been studying the work of Barbara Hepworth, exploring 3D shape and her use of space within sculpture.

In Elm Class, the children have been learning about different forces in Science and conducting Scientific Enquiries. They have also been creating poetry and making mixed media portraits in Art lessons.



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Chinese New Year!  
Lizzie enjoyed  
playing with the rice  
and making a  
lantern.



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Chinese New Year  
2024



We have been learning about the Chinese New Year and how to make a lantern. We have been using red paper and sticks to make our lanterns. We have been having a lot of fun making them and we are very proud of our work.



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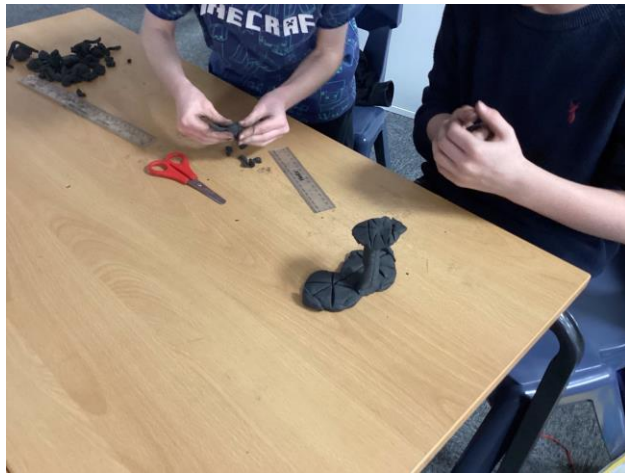


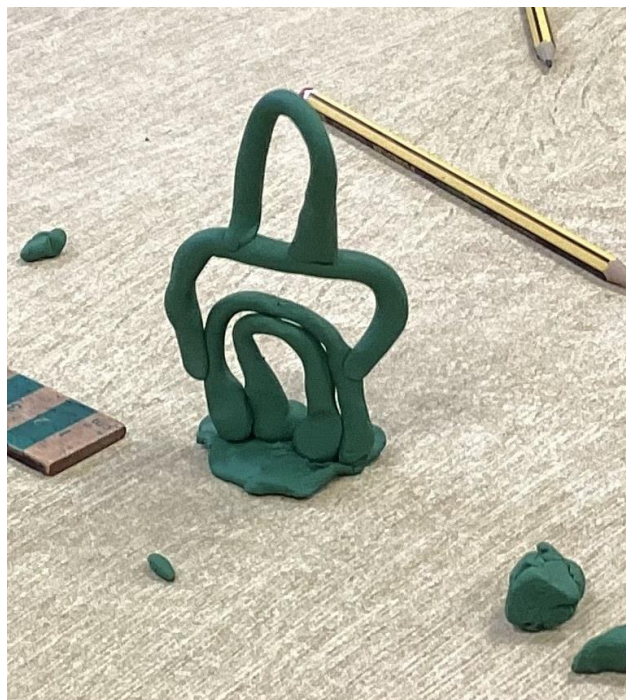


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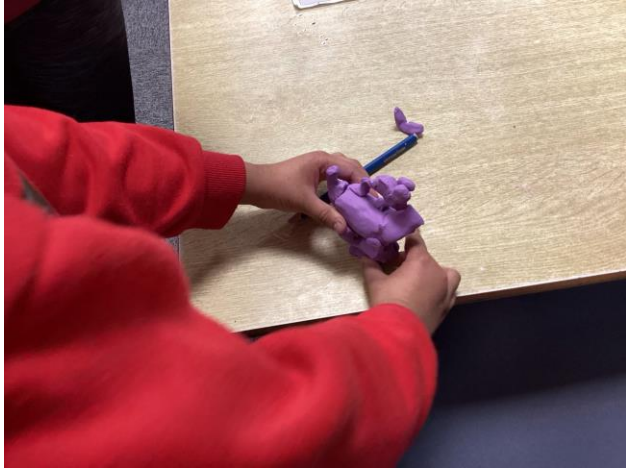
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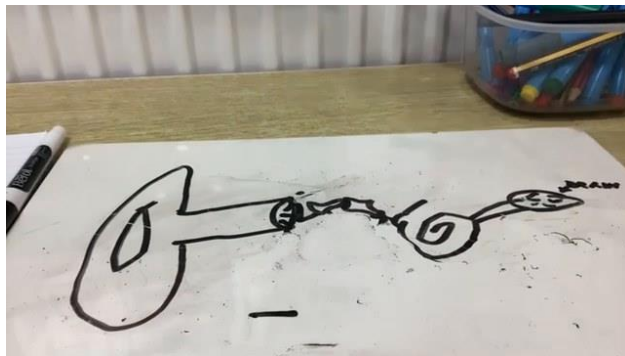












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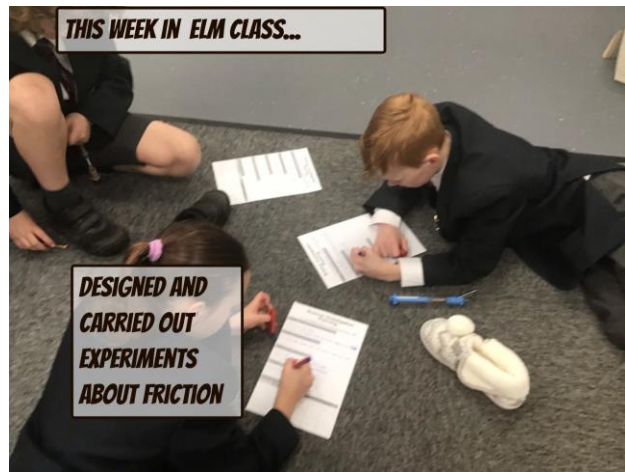


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## Trips and Experiences



Just before half term, Oak Class visited the Think Tank museum in Birmingham. They had a wonderful day, exploring over 200 science and technology hands-on displays and the outdoor Science Garden.

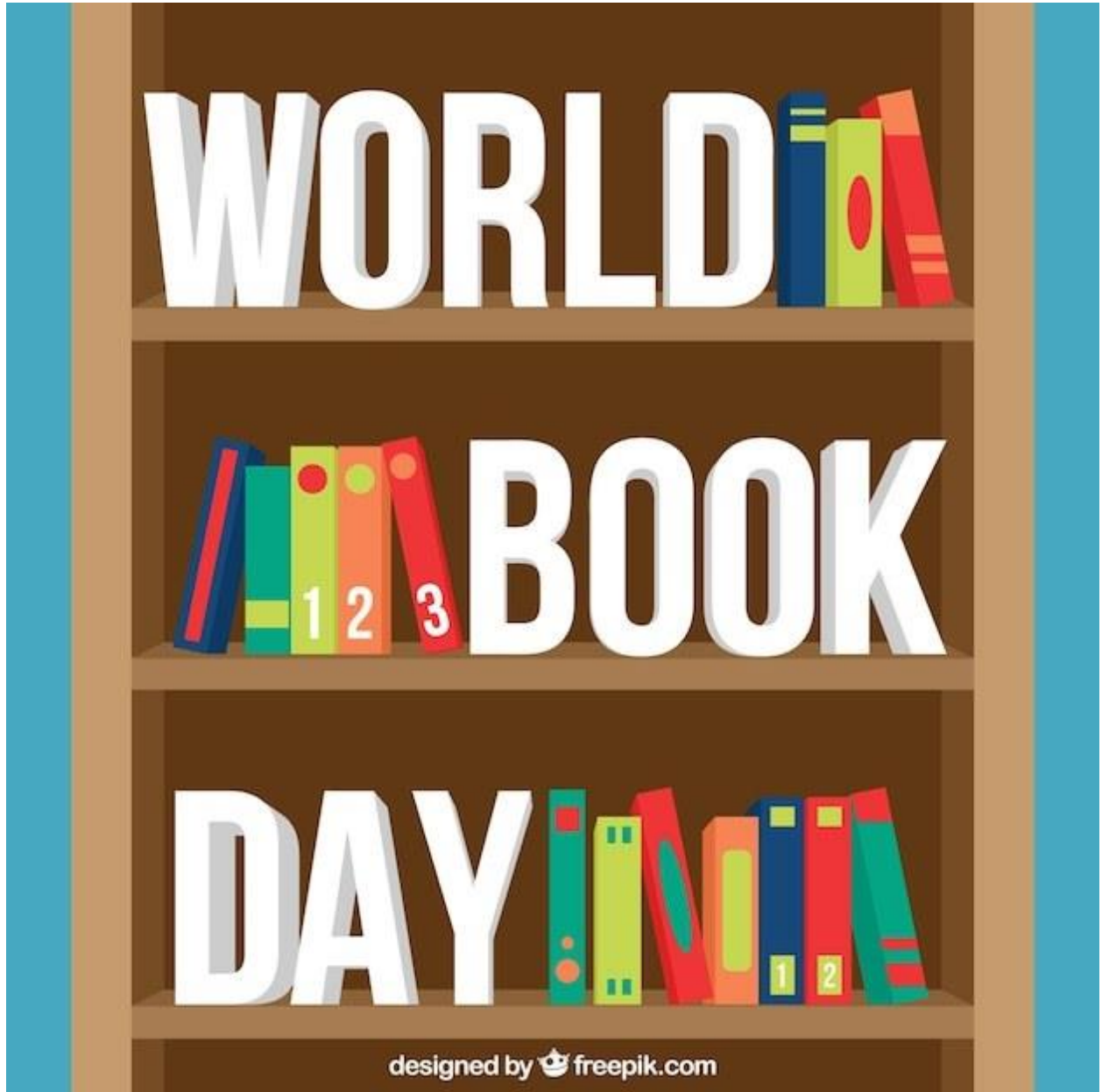


In Nurture Club this week, the children played with bubbles, as this can be a great way to calm and re-regulate.





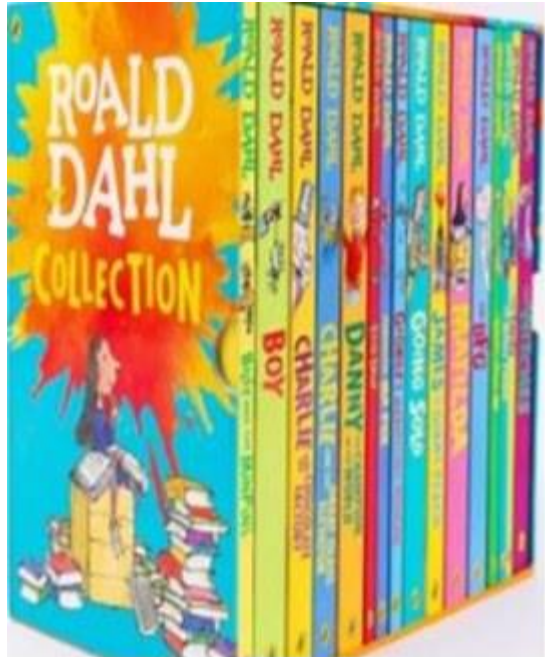
## World Book Day



## WORLD BOOK DAY

Dear parents and carers,





This year, World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March and we hope you'll join us to celebrate our World Book Day. The theme for this year's world book day is 'Read your Way!'

Every year on World Book Day, we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We are however aware of the cost of living and do not want our celebrations to be an additional burden. Therefore, as the theme is 'Read your Way' **we would like the children to come into school dressed in an outfit which they would feel comfortable reading in- this may be their pyjamas. The choice is yours.**



We are running a competition for you to take part in before the day: **create a potato character from your favourite book.** We hope that you will bring in your potato character, along with your favourite book on the day and we will admire these in the assembly at the end of the day. Each class will be given

time to show their class-based creations/activities of the day and their potatoes may be used for storytelling during the day. You can decorate your spud with: paint, wool and other pieces of material.

Throughout the day, the children will be taking part in many different activities surrounding reading their way and these will be showcased at the end of the day assembly and uploaded onto Seesaw throughout the day.

Also, before the day arrives, On Thursday 29th March, we have booked a drama company called '**West End in schools**' to come into school and spend time with each class. The company aims to bring books to life with a drama workshop based on the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk (Reception and KS1) and The Firework-Maker's daughter (KS2). We are kindly **asking if you could donate £2.00 towards the drama workshop** and for this donation to be brought in on the workshop day (Thursday 29th March).



On the theme of reading, we would like to signpost you to an opportunity to earn a Blue Peter Reading Badge. How exciting! We would love for as many children as possible to earn their badge and wear it with pride! All the details can be found at: [Blue Peter Book badge | Find out how to earn the Book BP badge - CBBC - BBC](#)

Finally, ahead of World Book Day, each child will receive a free £1.00 book token. Simply take this voucher to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day book or get £1.00 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at [www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers](http://www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers)

You can also check out the World Book Day Family Hub for more exciting ways to get involved at home.

Thank you for your continued support in creating excitement towards reading; we can't wait to celebrate again.

From Beatrice, Holly, Josie and Libby (KS2 pupils).

## SEND Coffee Morning

Mrs Lawson and Mrs Hothi would like to invite parents of children with SEND to the next coffee morning at 9.00am on Friday 8th March!

## PTA



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 3.15pm in the Staff Room at school.

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

Mother's Day – gifts in Monday 4th March & wrap Wednesday 6th March

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

Dexter - for trying really hard with his writing and showing real determination even when it gets tricky. Well done, Dexter. We all believe in you

- Oak

Year 1 Ellie Broomhead for her determination to improve her handwriting. Good girl!

Year 2 Sam Baylis for his fantastic independent writing in English. Good boy!

- Willow Class

Year 3: Barney Steele for a fantastic stop-motion project showing his in depth knowledge of how we hear.

Year 4: Matilda Jackson for consistent determination - striving to improve across all subjects.

- Elm Class

Year 5 - Nastia for her determination to follow feedback and improve.

Year 6 - Archie H and Thomas for determination to excel in writing.

## Portacabin Rebuild Project



This week we took delivery of our new Library furniture and it is looking fabulous!

We are still awaiting the National Grid to do the work for the Heat Pump but permissions have now all been given, so we are hoping it won't be too much longer.

We have made plans for the block paving to be re-laid in the Sensory Garden along with our named bricks and as soon as the ground is a little less wet, we will get this done along with the re-seeding of the field and surrounding areas. We have also met with two volunteers from the Lloyds Trust who will come in and help clear the back of the old Growing Garden ready for us to develop our sensory area.









## Forest School Area



You may have noticed that our Bird Hide in the Forest School area gave up recently and has rotted away. So, Mrs Bishop has done a fantastic negotiating job to source a replacement Summer House from Oldfields, in which Mrs Hothi can store the Forest School boxes and equipment. We will be having a concrete base laid as soon as the field is a little drier and we can get the equipment across, then we will install the new Summer House! It will need re-painting, so be warned, we will be asking for volunteers!









## 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](http://www.sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk)



Spring Term 2024

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<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	TED Day – School Closed to Pupils
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School Opens to pupils
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.30am – 10.30am Reception (Brambles) Hearing Tests Willow Class Trip to Bishops Wood (Vikings and Saxons)
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.00am Celebration Assembly (Parents are welcome!)
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School Census Day
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	1pm – 2pm Oak Class Gymnastics Festival (Westacre Middle School)
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Brambles Trip to Ombersley Church (Parents to drop off at the church in the morning) 9.00am Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome)
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Elm Class Cosford Trip
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children’s Mental Health Week
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Oak Class Think Tank Trip Rob Holmes (Author) Mindfulness Q&A
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	PTA Valentines Film Night
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.00am Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome) Non Uniform Day (Wellbeing Champions)
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School Re-Opens to pupils
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Open the Book Assembly (Pupils only)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	3.30pm – 5pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	3.30pm – 6pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Drama Workshops
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	9.00am Celebration Assembly (Parents Welcome)
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	PTA Mothering Sunday Donations
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	(am) Basketball Player Experience (WOW Basketball) All Year Groups (pm) Beekeeper visiting Brambles
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Barnabee Tea/Parent Newsletter
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Assessment Week (All Week)
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	2pm Parent Voice Meeting
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	1.30pm – 4.15pm Year 5/6 Girls Netball Tournament (RGS)
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.00am Celebration Assembly
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Deaf Awareness Day 9.30am-10.30am Reception Hearing Tests (for those who failed previously)
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	World Poetry Day
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	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 04/09/2023 and 23/02/2024

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