



Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week, the children enjoyed celebrating our annual book week to coincide with World Book Day. Every class enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities linked to the theme of '**non-fiction texts**' alongside various events to promote a love of books and reading. These included:

- The sponsored Readathon
- D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read)
- Class teacher swap sessions to share the teachers' favourite classic children's books and stories
- Dressing up day on World Book day linked to the great reading challenge
- Book Oscars – books will be nominated by pupils and a final vote will result in the **Book Oscar Awards**
- Lots of exciting reading and writing activities linked to the chosen class author
- 'Poster' competition
- Read with my 'book buddy'
- Read with My Grandparent Day

Please see below for summaries of the work enjoyed by the children:

- The children in Reception looked at a range of non-fiction books about the oceans. They learnt lots of amazing facts about the different oceans of the world, which linked nicely with the Amazing Adventures theme.
- During Reading Week, Class 1 focused on the book 'Looking After Our Planet'. The children were inspired to write a letter to Earth about how spectacular our world is and how we can improve the ways in which we look after our planet.
- Class 2 focused on 'plastic pollution'. The children enjoyed reading a range of non-prototypical non-fiction texts all about this issue and found out that lots of single use plastic is being dumped into the oceans. They then wrote their own stories based on 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. Dressing up as our favourite characters from our 'reading challenge' books was a highlight as well as reading with our grandparents and buddies in year 6.
- Class 3 explored the fascinating world of trees and learned how they can be tree heroes to protect our planet. They read the lyrical book, 'What Do You See When You Look At A Tree?' and wrote about the wonderful things they could see. They finished by looking at sections from the book 'Let's Save Our Planet: Forests' which inspired the children to think of ways in which they could help protect trees.
- Class 4 read the book 'Energy Island' by Allan Drummond as they learnt all about renewable energy. The children discovered the story of Samsø, a Danish Island, where 100% of its energy is produced through renewable sources. This inspired the children to write letters to our prime minister to try and persuade him to do the same in the UK.
- Class 5 based their work around the non-fiction book 'Old Enough to Save the Planet' which is a collection of real-life stories about children taking action against climate change. They wrote letters from Earth to humans to advise them of how to make changes now to protect the planet for future generations. Class 5 also studied 'The Vanishing Rainforest' by Richard Platt which was about the effects of deforestation on the Amazon. This led to thought-provoking debate around the reasons deforestation happens and how it can be reduced so that we do not destroy the rainforest completely.
- Year 6 read the book 'Climate Action' by Georgina Stevens and were inspired to write persuasive arguments all about food waste and how they could personally contribute to the climate crisis.

On Wednesday, the children delivered a wonderful presentation for parents where they showcased all the brilliant reading and outcomes achieved during reading week. Please enjoy the selection of photographs from this special week overleaf.

Dance Competition

On 28th February, the dance group took part in the Rossendale Sports Partnership Dance competition. Their piece was called 'Freedom in Motion' and was based on the two hundred and seventy one thousand homeless people living in the UK and the thirty six million refugees worldwide. The dance was the story of how dance can help every one of us to feel free, even in times of darkness. It specifically focused on the feelings and thoughts of five refugees trapped within the confines of a refugee camp. The performance was highly emotive and demonstrated that Dance is such a powerful medium for joy and that everyone should have the opportunity to feel free. Well done to all our dancers on such a beautiful performance!



Staff Update

Mrs Davis will be leaving her post as TA3 at the end of this term as she has secured a new post at another primary school. Whilst we are very sorry to be losing her, I am sure you will join me in wishing her every success in her new job.

We were also recently very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Devi who has reluctantly resigned from her welfare post due to additional family commitments.

We will miss both Mrs Devi and Mrs Davis!

We are currently recruiting to fill two TA posts and I will keep you updated on any new appointments. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested in these positions, please see the LCC vacancies website or contact the school office for more information.

EPIC

This week Class 4 are EPIC because ...

They have been thinking about how we all have the ability to change and improve. The children reflected on the metaphor that 'Jesus is the vine' (John 15. 1-2) and thought about how Jesus can take away any mistakes that we may make whilst also helping us to improve and grow. The school vision reminds us all that God is always here to guide us and his word is given to us through the Bible. The children have enjoyed the many different parables told by Jesus in the Bible and they continue to try and live out these important messages in their school lives.

The children have also enjoyed the transition into spring and the new possibilities that this season brings us. They reflected on the changes over winter and the opportunities we have to grow further in spring. The children noticed the signs of new growth in nature and the brighter days that remind us, on a daily basis, what a special world God made. The new signs of life help us to focus on our spirituality as we appreciate the awe and wonder in our natural environments.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Warm wishes,

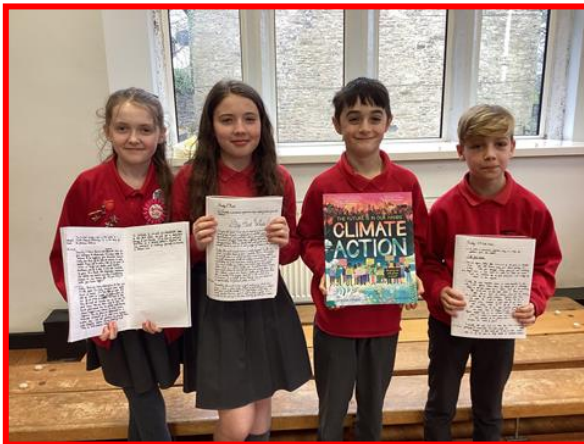
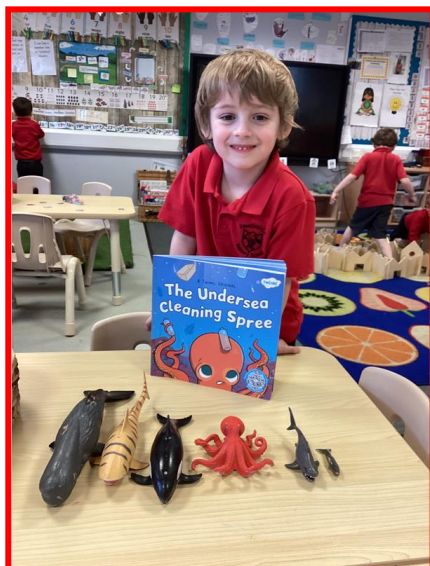
C. L. Garner

Guided by God, following in his footsteps

Our vision is theologically centred on Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path

Reading Week

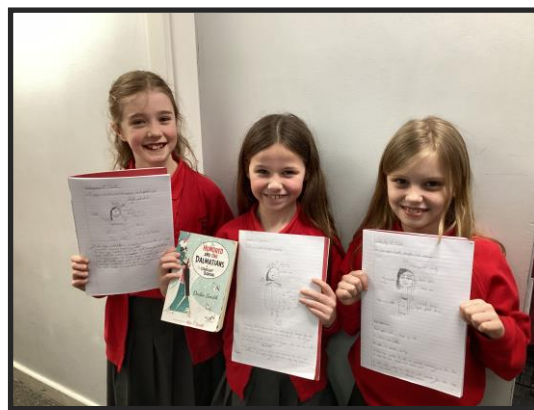


A Week In Pictures



Class Reception

Class Reception learned all about France and enjoyed sharing the story Kiki and Coco in Paris.



Class 3

Class 3 enjoyed reading 101 Dalmatians and justifying opinions about Cruella de Vil based on descriptions from the book.



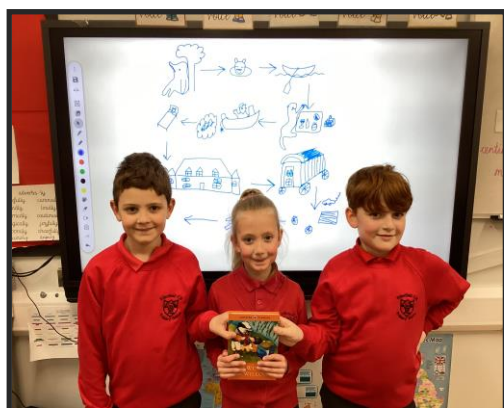
Class 5

Class 5 used a force meter in science to investigate which shoes have the best grip including recognising and controlling different variables.



Class 6

Class 6 completed information pages all about blood. They researched the different components of blood and how it travels around the body.



Class 2

Class 2 enjoyed reading Wind in the Willows. They created story maps of the main events in the story and can't wait to write their own versions of the story next week.



Class 1

Class 1 made an origami fish. This was very tricky but as Young Leader's, they knew how to persevere and succeed.



Class 4

Class 4 enjoyed completing teamwork games in PE this week.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Spring Term 2024

Clubs take place from the end of the school day until 4.15pm unless otherwise indicated.

Day	Activity	Year Group
Mon	Equality Champions	Year 6 (Lunchtime club)
Tues	Ethos Champions	Year 6 (During school day)
Tues	Netball	Years 5 and 6
Tues	Skiing	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tues	Boys Football	Years 5 and 6
Weds	Lego Club	Year 2
Weds	Chess Club	Years 5 and 6 (Spring Term 2)
Weds	Singing Club	Year 4, 5 and 6
Thurs	Mindfulness/Wellbeing	Year 1
Thurs	Horse Riding	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 (until 5pm)
Thurs	Digital Leaders	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Lunchtime club)
Fri	Infant Multi-Sports	Years 1 and 2

STARS OF THE WEEK



Friday 1st March

Class 1: Lily Carter, Albie Rowbottom

Friday 8th March

Reception Class: Ailey Chadwick, Delilah Howard

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Class 2: Polly-Primrose Taylor, Emre Petek

Class 3: Elliot James, Heidi Elmer

Class 4: Jack Seal, Ivy Hooper

Class 5: Cohen Barker, Lily Callaghan

Class 6: Aoife Morris, Harrison Watson-Hoy

Friday 15th March

Reception Class: Reuben Watkinson, Molly Phillips

Class 1: Jessica Lucas, Evelyn Hamer

Class 2: Jack Bowler, Sophie Denton

Class 3: All of Class 3, Ailsa Schofield

Class 4: Maya Harris, Connie Formby

Class 5: Tomas Higgins, Sol Robinson

Class 6: To be announced next week

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SO FAR

Thurs 21 st Mar	Class 2 visit to Chester Zoo
Fri 22 nd Mar	Last Choir Singing Heat at King George's Hall
Mon 25 th Mar	Class 5 and 6 Tower Wood residential visit
Tues 26 th Mar	Class 5 and 6 Tower Wood residential visit
Wed 27 th Mar	Class 5 and 6 Tower Wood residential visit
Thurs 28 th Mar	Whole School Awards, 9.15am via MS Teams
Thurs 28 th Mar	Easter service at Edenfield Parish Church, 1.30pm
Thurs 28 th Mar	Cake Sale (after school)
Thurs 28 th Mar	School closes for Easter
Mon 15 th Apr	School re-opens
Fri 3 rd May	Inset day
Mon 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
Tues 7 th May	School re-opens
w/c 13 th May	Year 6 Testing Week
Wed 15 th May	Class 1 visit to Smithills Farm
Fri 24 th May	School closes for half term
Mon 3 rd Jun	Inset day
Tues 4 th Jun	School re-opens
Wed 5 th Jun	Class 4 visit to Queen Street Mill
Mon 10 th Jun	Class 5 Taster Day at HHS (pupils only)
Wed 19 th Jun	Leavers' Service at Manchester Cathedral
Fri 21 st Jun	Class 5 visit to Tatton Park
Tues 25 th Jun	Class photographs
Wed 26 th Jun	Class 2 visit to Blackpool Tower and Sea Life

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)

Thought of the Week

Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful".

Cake Sale

Young Leaders in Class 5 will be holding a cake sale at school on Thursday 28th March after the Easter Service. The proceeds will go towards 'Saving the Planet' initiatives.

All offers of cakes and biscuits gratefully received. Please bring donations to school on the morning of the 28th.

Readathon

Thank you to everyone who supported the Readathon, sponsorship monies can now be paid through ParentPay.

Red Nose Day 2024

Thank you to everyone who bought a Red Nose, you raised an amazing £256 for Comic Relief.



Toast

If you would like your child to receive toast for the next half term, the cost is £5.60.

Please make payment via ParentPay, by 9.00am on Monday 15th April. If you make payment after this deadline, please contact the school office to make us aware.