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Children who demonstrate an acceptable standard of behaviour are awarded points. To be awarded a point the children would have to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing.

This week 389 children have been GREEN all week.

WELL DONE!

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we had some special visitors coming into our school to spend time with children in classes and leaders in school. They were incredibly impressed with the children and their exceptional attitudes to learning. The children that talked about their learning were fantastic. We have also celebrated World Book Day this week and it was amazing to see all of the children in their outfits celebrating a love of reading. Thank you as always for your continued support.

Upcoming Dates

Tue 12/03-SEND Coffee Morning 9am-10am

Wed 13/03-1KR Stay and Read

Wed 13/03-Parents Evening

Thur 14/03-4MM Stay and Read

Fri 15/03- Red Nose Day (Red to Toe - Dress in Red)

Wed 20/03-RRS Stay and Read

Thur 21/03-EYFS Easter Stay and Read

Thur 21/03-3SM Stay and Read

Fri 22/03-Half Term

Mon 08/04-School Open

Tue 09/04-Nursery Stay and Read 8.30am and 12.15pm

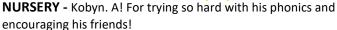
Wed 10/04-RJD Stay and Read

Thur 11/04-3ED Stay and Read

Wed 17/04-2KW Stay and Read



Stars of the week



NURSERY - Kayde. A! For joining in with Talk for Writing and

having really great ideas!



RRS- Stanley for amazing listening and attention skills.

RJD- Jacob for fantastic efforts in Maths.

1DP- Jax for an amazing shared write and a positive attitude towards his learning.

1KR- Bruce for showing a fantastic attitude towards his learning and trying hard to be the best he can be in 1KR.

2KW/LH- John- Thomas for always being green, sharing ideas and trying his best in every lesson.

2SG- Axl H for been green all the time and doing some amazing work with his arithmetic.

3ED- George for making amazing progress with his handwriting.

3SM- Blake for showing fantastic green behaviour this week and a great attitude towards his work.

4MM- Jemimah M for settling into school really well.

4KR- Hunter for coming back to school working hard and doing some super reading.

5LR- Nathaniel C. He has put 100% into all his work this week and his progress is really starting to show.

5CT- Charlie W - for showing determination in his maths work this week and helping around the classroom.

6SW- Kian for his fantastic attitude in the problem solving activities on World Book Day.

6SC- Lincoln for showing off the very best of our school to this week's visitors.

















Nursery

This week we explored our Talk for Writing story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' further. We have gone into more detail with what he did and more importantly what he did wrong! We learned that plants need sun, water, and space to grow. The children were not happy when they realised that Jasper was not doing the right thing when he was digging the seed up! We decided he needs some instructions to help. In Phonics we have worked closely on alliteration sounds and finding sounds in words. Some of our friends have been amazing at hearing the sounds and building on their existing knowledge to segment the words into sounds. Other friends have been exploring rhyme in more detail and getting more confident with identifying specific rhyming words. This week was World Book Day, it was so lovely to see everyone come in with so much enthusiasm for their stories and the characters they were dressed as. It was exciting to hear some new stories we haven't read before and talk about any characters we did not know together. How exciting to enjoy books all together as a class. They received a book each to continue the excitement at home.



Reception

This week the children have enjoyed watching the chicks grow even bigger. Our focus words have been 'silky', 'fragile' and 'feathers.' The children held the chicks and looked closely at the changes to their feathers. We ended the week by writing letters to send with them to their new home. In Maths we have been learning about height and length, which has involved developing our measuring skills. We loved coming to school as our favourite characters for World Book Day and our teachers were super impressed with our costumes!



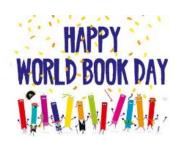
1DP

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day and immersed ourselves in a range of books throughout the day. We started the day off with an assembly, had a slot in the KS1 library and took part in a carousel of creative activities throughout the afternoon, each activity based on a story. What a fun filled day we had!









1KR

1KR have had a super busy week so far! They had so much fun reading stories and completing fun activities yesterday for World Book Day. In the afternoon they enjoyed visiting new classes to read new stories. In writing we have been writing our Magic Porridge Pot up all together and remembering our verbs, adjectives and exclamation marks! In maths we have been challenging ourselves to find missing numbers and to count in 10s by grouping sets of 10. Well done 1KR another fabulous week!



2KW/LH

In Maths this week we have continued with our topic of shape with a particular focus on the edges, faces and vertices of 3D shapes. In DT we have been learning about how fruits and vegetables are different, we have also learnt how to prepare different fruits and vegetables using the peeling and cutting techniques that we have learnt previously in Classroom Kitchen. In Art we have been experimenting with different materials to see which is the best to use for printing when using a stencil, to do this we used the techniques that we learnt last week in sketch books to help us.



2SG

It has been an amazing week in Year 2, we have been moving full steam ahead in our curriculum lessons looking at healthy eating and our pattern printing. The class have enjoyed forest schools on Mondays not to mention the fabulous world book day where we had fun dressing up as characters from stories we love.



3ED

We had a brilliant World Book Day on Thursday! We created comic book strips, weighed different objects from The Firework Maker's Daughter, and visited different classrooms to do some fun activities. In science, we have continued learning all about plants. We conducted an experiment to show how water is transferred through the stem of a plant. We used food colouring, so all our flowers turned different colours! In writing, we have been planning our own portal stories. There are some amazing ideas, such as a portal back to the Titanic and a portal into Minecraft!



<u>3SM</u>

This has been a super exciting week in Year 3. The children have taken part in World Book Day with a range of creative activities centred around children's books, from creating their own colour monsters to comparing the mass of items in The Firework Maker's Daughter. In art this week, the children developed their understanding overprinting and expressed the way they feel through colours. In writing, the children have planned and written their own shared write for a Portal Text which uses features from an Action Toolkit.



4MM

This week we have been practicing our cooking skills! We have had classroom kitchen where we cooked lentil soup. We had lots of fun chopping, mixing and cooking the soup! We have also had lots of fun during World Book Day where we all came dressed up as characters and we had a fun filled day of reading!



4KR

This week we have had a jam-packed week. In maths we have begun looking at how to subtract fractions from whole numbers and it has been very tricky. We have also been working hard in Reading, looking at how different characters show different emotions and relationships with others depending on how they speak. We have been writing our innovate discussion text about the most unlikable character in our novel, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. In REC we have looked at the Ancient Greeks and the fact they invented the Olympics, we also had classroom kitchen this week and we made a tasty Lentil soup, perfect for the cold weather and finally towards the end of the week on Thursday we had World book day, where we dressed as our favourite book characters whilst reading in the library and completing a series of activities based around some books. We have had so much fun!



5LR

The children absolutely loved celebrating world book day this week! We completed a reading carousel and went to three different classrooms to enjoy reading activities. In science, we have been looking at forces and measuring them with newton meters. Then in french, we have started to discuss what siblings we have at home.



5CT

This week in Year 5, in science, we have been looking at different pulley systems and what we need to use so we put less effort it to lift the load - they children had fun doing this experiment. In RE, we have looked at the service of Mass in the Roman Catholic church and what is important. In French, we have continued to look at our sentence building to answer questions about our families. We have continued our journey with Jim in the book the Street Child, looking at meaning of words and reading fluency marking. We have been smashing our maths learning of thousandths and fractions and decimal representations. In writing, we have been showing off our learning of our to write a suspense story in our shared write and hot write. On Thursday, we enjoyed dressing up and exploring World Book Day with the rest of UKS2 in the afternoon.



This week we became scientists and investigated light! We saw how shadows are created in the absence of light and how the surface of an objects affects how much light is reflected. In Maths, we finished off our algebra unit looking at pairs of values and then moved on to working out angles on a line and around a point. As it was World Day on Thursday, we went Reading mad! We read an extract from a new book each day in our lesson and visited different classrooms on Thursday afternoon to learn about even more books! We continued our tag rugby unit in PE and learnt some new skills.



This week we've been focussing on Science. We've looked at how we see as part of our light topic. We've also investigated how a surface affects reflection and explained our findings using scientific diagrams.

Eventually we planned our own experiment using a light meter to take accurate measurements. In Maths we've come to the end of our work on algebra and begun to look at calculating angles - ask your child how many degrees angles on a straight line total? The second part of our week saw the highlight with World Book Day on Thursday. As always, it was great to see the children in their costumes and they had a brilliant time visiting different classrooms to be introduced to some new books. Every child has been given their free book too so hopefully you can enjoy this with them!



WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

To walk outside for 1-hour.

Take a video or picture of this and put it on X or Seesaw so we can show your teacher and class.

Simpson's Lane Academy Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child or member of staff, please contact one of our safeguarding team. Our safeguarding leads are —

Mr Colley (Head of Academy DSL)

Mrs Silburn (Well-being Lead and Deputy DSL)

Mrs Ellis (Vice Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Coopey (Assistant Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Simpson (Attendance Officer and Deputy DSL)