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Diary Dates

New/Changed

INSET Days

24.02.25 23.05.24 23.07.25

Holidays 2024 - 2025

Open	Close
Autumn 2024	
Thu 05.09.24	Fri 25.10.24
Mon 04.11.24	Fri 20.12.24
Spring 2025	
Mon 06.01.25	Fri 14.02.25
Tue 25.02.25	Fri 04.04.25
Summer 2025	
Tue 22.04.25	Thu 22.05.24
Mon 02.06.25	Tue 22.07.25

DEC

Fri 13.12.24 6pm Children to perform at Lane End Village Lights

Fri 20.12.24 Christmas service in the school hall 12.45pm

Fri 20.12.24 School finishes at 1.30pm

JAN

Mon 06.01.25 School opens

Words from the Woods!

Friday 13th December 2024

'From small beginnings come great things'
The parable of The Mustard Seed. Matthew 13: 31-32

Dear Parents and Carers,

This marks my final newsletter for the academic year, and what a busy and successful year it has been! A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to our dedicated staff and governors for their tireless efforts in fostering a thriving and nurturing environment, enabling our pupils to flourish and achieve their full potential both personally and academically. We also extend our gratitude to parents for your unwavering support throughout the year.

This week, Class 2 delivered a fantastic performance of their Nativity play, *Prickly Hay*. They did an outstanding job with no forgotten lines or actions. Well done, Class 2!

Next week, we are excited for our Christmas service, which will be held in the school hall on Friday 20th December at 12.45pm. Class 4 will be leading the service, with special performances from our Drama Club and Choir. We hope you can join us!

Attendance and Punctuality – Important update

As emphasised in the news this year, there has been a strong focus on improving attendance and punctuality in schools. While illness is sometimes unavoidable, punctuality is an area that can and should be addressed. Arriving late not only creates unnecessary stress for children but also disrupts the important learning that takes place at the start of the day.

To support this, we have updated our Attendance and Punctuality Policy, which is available [here](#). The updated policy involves Buckinghamshire Council in addressing persistent lateness or unauthorised absences. Parents whose children are consistently late or absent may face a fixed penalty notice or, in some cases, prosecution.

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To help ensure all pupils are in school by 8.45am, the gates will now open at 8.30am, with the EYFS doors opening at 8.40am. The gates will close at 8.45am promptly. These changes, along with the updated policies and procedures, will come into effect from January 2025. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

News From The Classrooms'

We have had a busy term in Class 1! We have covered lots of different topics including 'All About Me', 'People who help us', 'Nursery Rhyme Week' and 'Celebrations'.

Before half term, the children were very excited to welcome a police officer into Early Years to talk about his role and all of the uniform and equipment the police require. The children thought of some interesting questions to ask and this inspired lots of police-themed role play in the days that followed!



During our Nursery Rhyme Week, the children learnt about floating and sinking, based on the rhyme 'The Big Ship Sails'. They experimented with which materials could be used for a boat and then used junk modelling to create their own. We learnt lots of other nursery rhymes, including 5 Currant Buns and Old Macdonald.

During our topic on celebrations, the children have learnt about bonfire night, Diwali and are now fully immersed in Christmas themed activities



(all of the glitter everywhere may have been a clue!!). In our maths lessons, reception have begun learning about part-part-whole models and the different components of each number. They have also become experts at identifying and continuing a repeating pattern. In Nursery, the children have been learning about shapes as well as practising careful counting. Class 1 have even had a go at making 'counting wands' to encourage careful by touching each object as they count.



What a busy and exciting term we have had in class 2. We came back to school after half term to find our classroom had been broken into!

We also welcomed a new class member Mr Lynch our student teacher.



What a mess!
 We looked for clues and we think it was 'The Wild Things.'
 'Where The Wild Things Are' was our book for English.

English we:
 Book Talked
 Drew our own Wild Things and described them.
 Made 'Bouncy Body' characters to describe Max.
 Made Wild Thing mask and wrote instructions.
 Wrote about what we do when we feel wild!
 Retold the story.



In Forest School, we made 'Wild Thing' faces using clay and stuck them to the trees. Thank you Mrs Hazell.

In maths -
 Year 1 have been adding, subtracting and finding missing numbers.
 Year 2 have finding out about Place Value and how to exchange.

Science - Seasonal Changes - autumn to winter.

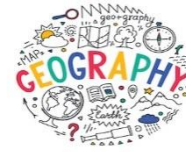


We made Weather Vanes and Rain Gauges to help us study the wind direction and record rainfall, we have used this data to make graphs

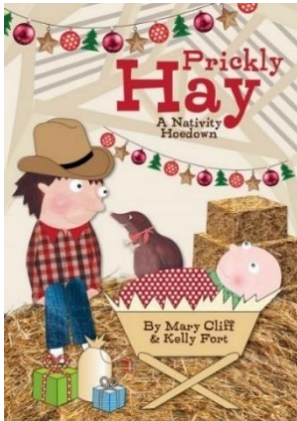


Magical Mapping.

We know to draw Sketch maps of our local area and how to find where places in the UK using an Atlas.



RE
The Christmas
Story.



Finally are Nativity.

A little bit different this year!

The children have worked incredibly hard to learn songs, their lines and dance moves.

A big thank you to Miss Dani, Mrs Sims and Mr Lynch for their help with this production.

Also to all parents for helping children learn lines and providing costumes.

The biggest 'Thank you' goes to the children you are all superstars.



The Class 2 team would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.



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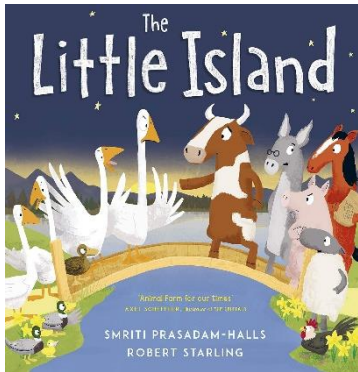
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This term in Class 4, the children have been busy exploring the fascinating world of fables. They have enjoyed reading and discussing *The Little Island* by Smriti Halls, which inspired them to write their very own fables. Through this, they have been developing their storytelling skills, focusing on moral lessons, character development, and creative expression. It's been wonderful to see their imaginations come to life in their writing!

In science, the children have been learning about light, exploring how it travels, reflects, and helps us see the world around us. They have been engaged in hands-on investigations, fostering curiosity and understanding. In maths, the focus has been on developing confidence and precision with multiplication and division. The children have been working hard, using various strategies to deepen their understanding and solve increasingly complex problems.

As part of their music lessons, the children have been learning African drumming. Their enthusiasm and progress have been remarkable, and they've developed a strong sense of rhythm and teamwork. It's been a joy to hear their rhythmic beats echoing through the school!

In class 4, the children are now very much looking forwards to the Christmas break after what has been, a very busy term. We have just finished our study of *Goodnight Mister Tom* and yesterday, the children really enjoyed watching the film. As we come to the end of our 'Rivers' geography topic, it was great to see the children using all of their new knowledge and understanding to write a short story about the journey of a river from its source to its mouth. There were some really original, descriptive and fun pieces of writing! We have now also come to an end of a very 'practical' study of forces in science. The children have made and investigated air resistance in parachutes, water resistance of different shapes in water and the effects of friction on shoes – not for the faint hearted that investigation! In maths, the children



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have been immersed in the world of fractions and I'm sure most will be relieved to know that we will be starting a new unit of work in January. Finally, in art and DT the children have had lots of fun with Mrs Caine being creative with our WWII topic – some of their fantastic work can be seen on our wall display below!

Celebration Assembly

Class	Award	Name	Reason
1	Star of the Week	Beau	For trying really hard to follow classroom expectations.
	Writer	Mikey	For being super with alliteration at carpet time.
	Values	Cody Primrose	For trying to deal with conflict to show respect for his peers wishes. For having faith in herself when learning to write her name.
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2	Star of the Week	Everyone	For their brilliant Nativity performances. Well done!
	Values	Sophie, Tanner & Renzo	For showing courage singing their duets and solos in the Christmas production.
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3	Star of the Week	Emma	For good progress in phonics.
	Science	Declan	For his excellent contributions during science.
	Maths	Lukas	For excellent perseverance in maths
	Writer	Hendrik	For writing a fabulous fable in his best writing. Well done!
	Values	Lucy	For being extremely helpful around the school
Class	Award	Name	Reason
4	Star of the Week	Sophie	For your ongoing fantastic attitude to learning and contribution in all lessons.
	Science	Riley	For always completing your written work to a good standard and your contribution in lessons.
	Maths	Ernest	For your excellent attitude to learning and focus in class.
	Writer	Thea	For your excellent determination and effort during our 'River' writing activity.
	Values	Phoebe	For always being polite towards others in and around school.

As always, have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Groom
Headteacher

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