


February Newsletter



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It feels as if Spring has sprung, with the longer days and the appearance of snowdrops and daffodils, but we are most excited that all pupils will be able to return to school on Monday 8th March. We cannot wait to see you all and we have lots of exciting things planned to welcome the children back and to make them feel happy and safe in school.

We would like to say a huge well done to all the children who have been learning at home; you have all been superstars. We would also like to thank all the grown-ups who have supported them, we can see that you have

done such wonderful things together, following the interests of your children, but we also understand how tricky it may have been at times.

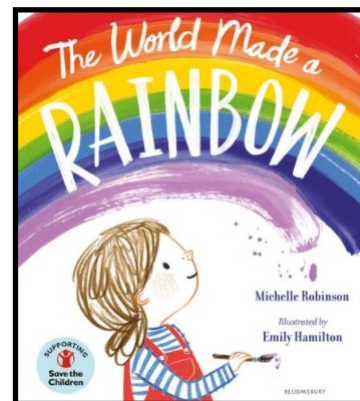
We look forward to seeing you on the 8th! Which greeting will you choose?

	Wave
	Thumbs up
	Hand on heart
	Namaste
	Shaka

World Book Day

We have decided to celebrate World Book Day on Friday 12th March when all of our children are back together. Teachers will be planning lots of book related activities throughout the day and we would like all the children to either dress up as one of their favourite book characters or wear their favourite colour or indeed a whole rainbow of colours because one of the fantastic stories we will be sharing is 'The World Made a Rainbow' by Michelle Robinson.

Keep reading for more ideas of how you can get involved in some of our World Book Day Activities.



Dates for your diary

Monday 8th March: We welcome all children back to school.

Wednesday 10th March: Wellbeing Wednesday

Friday 12th March: World Book Day

Friday 19th March: Red Nose Day

Thursday 1st April: School closes for Easter.

Monday 19th April: School Reopens for the Summer Term

What signs of Spring can you see around you?

There are lots of snowdrops and crocuses popping up, have you seen them on your walks?



Have you heard a curlew yet?
Click to hear their call

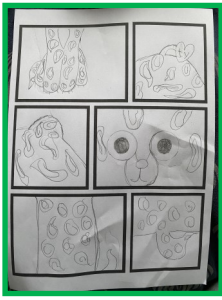
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These birds are one of the first to arrive at the start of Spring to build nests on the moors above Hebden Bridge.



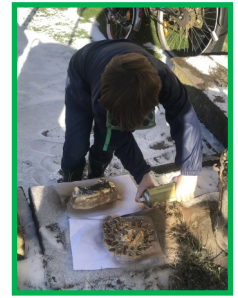
Saplings and Great Oaks

Last half term Saplings and Great Oaks went on a virtual trip to Africa. As part of their learning, they explored 'Sculpture' in art.

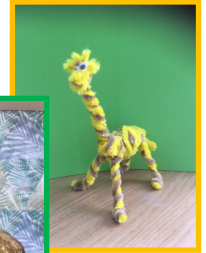


They began by learning how to create zoom drawings of their chosen African animal to enable them to really understand the shape and size of the body parts they would have to create.

They then learnt how to mould and sculpt using clay, salt dough and pipe cleaners to create their animal shape.



Finally, they learnt how to create animal patterns using line and colour before adding the finishing touches to their African Animal Sculptures.



Can you guess what animals they created?

Little Acorns

Little Acorns enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year before the half term holiday

Kung Hei Fat Choi! One of our Little Acorns learnt how to make Chinese lanterns by following the video instructions. She made them in lots of colours and also decorated her house with Spring decorations to prepare for Chinese New Year. Another planned a Chinese New Year feast, after finding out how Chinese New Year is celebrated. He wrote a list of what he would need, decorated the kitchen with Chinese lanterns, made noodles and dumplings and practised using chop sticks. In school we enjoyed painting Chinese New Year good luck banners and finding out how to write our names in Chinese Calligraphy.



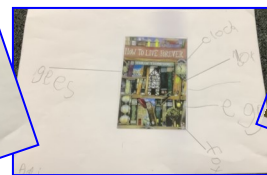
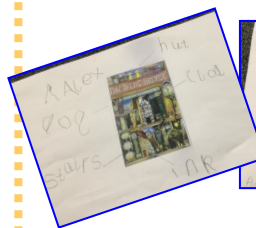
One Picture

Little Acorns have been enjoying looking really carefully at our picture to see what they can see.



What can you see?

We wrote labels for what they could see in the picture and looked at a piece of the picture and imagined how the picture would continue.

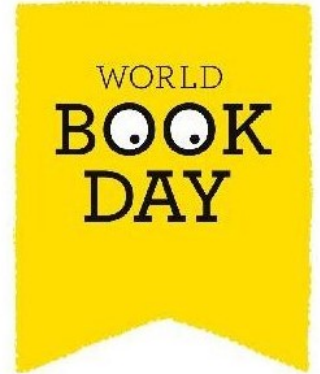


Look at this! What an interesting active way to learn how to read longer words by turning her Grandma's house into a river and reading each word in order to step on the next stepping stone and get from the chair to the sofa without falling in the water!



This is how you can get involved with our World Book Day Celebrations on March 12th

Get creative and decorate a potato as a famous book character. Send us a photo of your character potato on Class Dojo or bring it into school on the 12th.



Find a prop that relates to a children's story e.g. wand, teapot, compass. Write some clues so we can guess the name of the character or story they belong to.



Choose your favourite book to bring into school and have a good think about why you like it, when we get back to school we can recommend our favourites to our friends.



And don't forget to come dressed as a character or wearing your favourite colour...or the rainbow on March the 12th



Grown ups, do you have a favourite story? Film yourself reading it or telling why you like it so much, send it to us via class dojo and we can share these with your child's class during the first week back.

