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Upcoming Events

Summer Term begins:
Monday 13th April 2026

May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 4th May 2026

Polling Day Thursday 7th
May 2026 (School closed
to pupils.)

Half Term
Monday 25th May -
Friday 29th May 2026

Inset Days
Friday 19th June
Monday 22nd June 2026

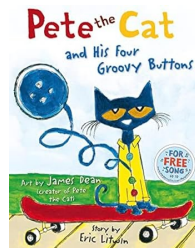
Last day of Summer Term
Friday 17th July 2026

Nursery News

Maths Day

What a fantastically busy spring term we have had in Nursery!

During Maths Day, the children took part in an active Maths challenge where they had to turn over as many cones as they could in 30 seconds. The children's activities that day were based around the story of Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons!



Nursery News

Lunar New Year

We explored the celebration of the Lunar New Year, we tried on traditional clothing, talked about how people around the world celebrate the Lunar New Year with festivals and dragon dances and even tasted some delicious Chinese food! We learned all about 'The Great Race' and why each year is named after a different animal. This year is the year of the Horse.



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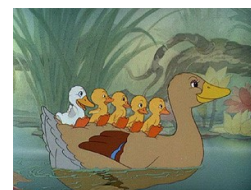
Mother's Day Afternoon Tea



We loved welcoming with our Mums and Nans into Nursery when they came in to join us for a special afternoon tea to celebrate Mother's Day. In preparation, the children made and iced cakes for their grown-ups to eat. Nursery children enjoyed crafting with their Mums and Nans, spending time in the sensory room, and enjoying some sweet treats.



Nursery News



Traditional Tales

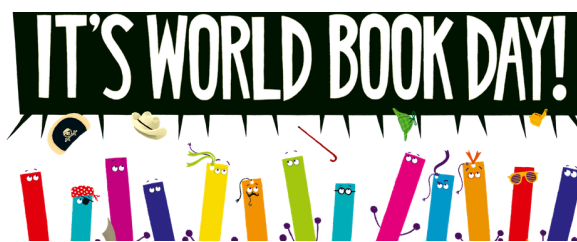
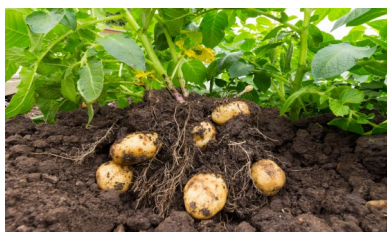
This term, we have enjoyed reading traditional tales of The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and The Three Bears. To help us celebrate World Book Day, Nursery enjoyed watching a performance of 'Not Such an Ugly Duckling' by Aesop's Theatre Company.



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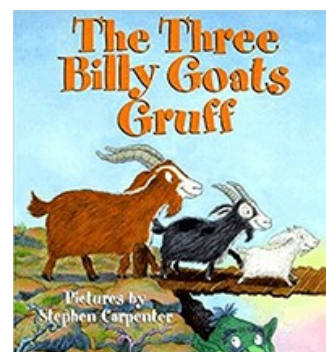
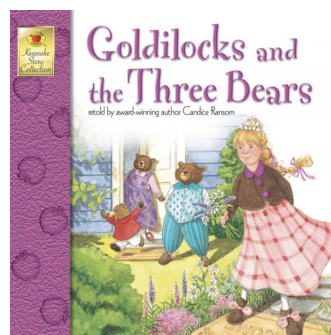
Grow Your Own Potatoes

We are so excited to take part in Grow Your Own Potatoes this year. We received our seed potatoes in February, and our first step was to chit the potatoes so that we will hopefully get a better crop. We chitted the potatoes for 2 weeks and then planted them, making sure they were covered in soil. The children have been keen to make sure they have been watered regularly, and have come up with lots of ideas for tasty snacks once we have harvested them.



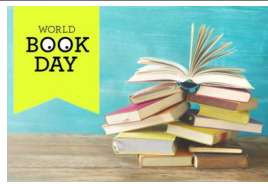
World Book Day

This year, Nursery children had the option of coming in their pyjamas and bringing their favourite bedtime story with them. It was great to see so many children looking cosy, and hearing all about their favourite books. We also had some fantastic costumes.



Reception News

For World Book Day, the children came dressed as their favourite story characters and spent time sharing their much loved books with a friend. A highlight of the week was watching a theatre performance of *The Not Such An Ugly Duckling*.



Reception News



Minibeasts

Our minibeast topic has been full of curiosity and discovery. The children designed bug hotels and natural habitats, searched for minibeasts in the garden, and learned how to look closely and handle them with care. They also created colourful minibeast paintings inspired by what they found.



Reception News

Lunar New Year

Reception have loved learning about Lunar New Year. They explored real artefacts, discovered different traditions, tasted new foods, and even performed their own lively dragon dance.



新年快樂
Happy Chinese New Year



Reception News

Reception have been exploring a range of traditional tales this term, including *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *The Three Little Pigs*, *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and *The Gingerbread Man*. The children enjoyed getting to know the characters and story patterns, joining in with repeated phrases, and retelling the tales through role play and small world play. They particularly loved building houses for the pigs, creating bridges for the goats and chasing their own gingerbread men, bringing each story to life in imaginative ways.

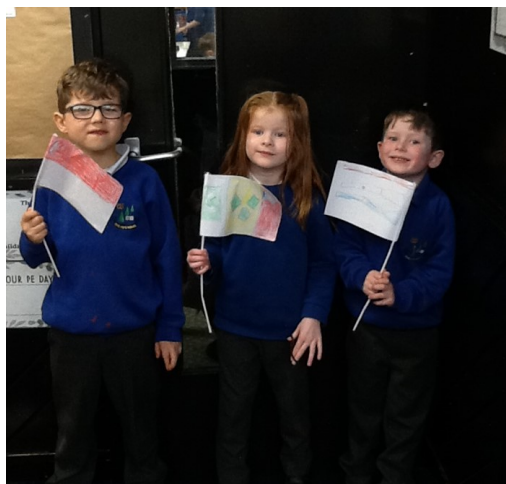


Year 1 News

Albie and Archie had fun in their Science lesson learning all about the processes of 'melting' and 'freezing'.



Archie, Minnie, Luca and Kobi enjoyed having tea, biscuits and marmalade sandwiches for an afternoon tea with Paddington Bear. Year One especially enjoyed the marmalade sandwiches!

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Lucas, Erin and Max

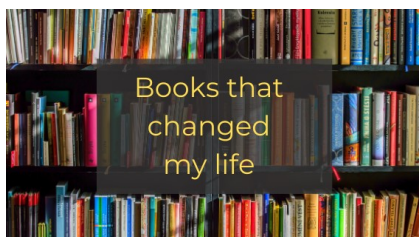
Year One made flags for Paddington Bear to take with him on his trip to London to see the Queen. They wrote a diary entry about their day in London.



Year One had a lot of fun dressing up as their favourite book character on World Book Day. Here is Charlie dressed up as Charlie Bucket from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Year 2 News

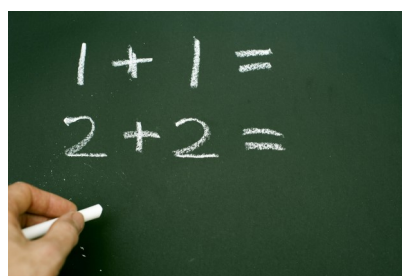
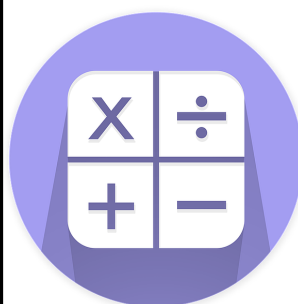
For World Book Day, we had an amazing workshop delivered by Lucy Chaplin, who is the author of the story 'The Toot Fairy Tales'. We loved listening to the story and looking at all the characters. We even drew our own character for a story. We had so much fun!



Year 2 News

Maths Day

Following our fantastic sponsored number event, we were lucky to welcome back Mr 'Tony' Charles for a magical maths workshop. We completed lots of activities which showed, and challenged our mathematical knowledge. We even learnt some magic tricks of our own!



Year 3 News

On Monday 2nd March, Year 3 children experienced their first school residential trip. The children visited Laches Wood to support their learning in history lessons all about the Stone Age. The visit was a tremendous success and the children had an amazing time participating in so many fun activities, including: spear throwing, den building, flint and fire, baking flatbread, cave painting and more. The children impressed the instructors so much by their wealth of knowledge and we were incredibly proud of them all. Here are just a few photos from our stay:



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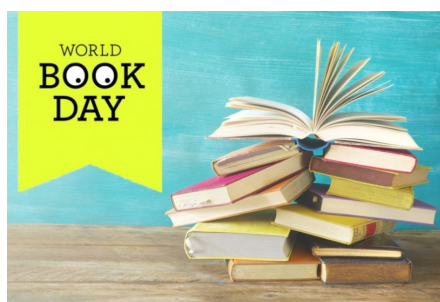
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Year 3 children participated in a range of activities on World Book Day to try to identify their own reading identity. The children also shared some of their own favourite books and expressed what made them special to them. We explored a range of different genres and talked about how developing a healthy reading habit could be incorporated into their bedtime routines.

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Year 4 News

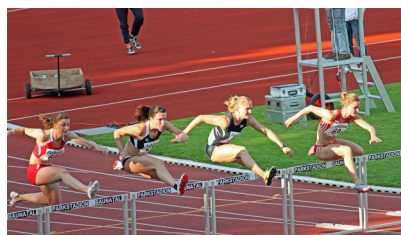
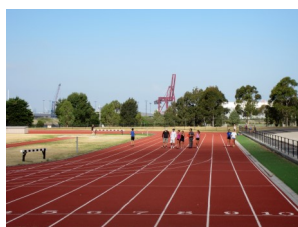
Year 4's Interschools Athletics Competition



On Wednesday 4th February, twelve Year 4 children were invited to take part in a Sports Athletics event at Aldersley Leisure Centre. Both the girls team and the boys teams won their obstacle course races and the whole team came second overall in their heat. We have been informed that we are the school that will represent Cannock area at County level at Fenton Manor. Well done to all that took part, a superb performance!! Miss Myatt and Mr Ferguson accompanied the children and were very impressed by their efforts and their fantastic sporting attitudes.

Miss Wright's class: Arden, Jake, Lily, Eva, Megan

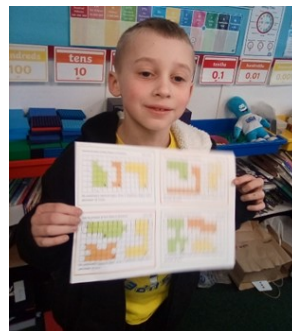
Miss Emery's class: Tobias, Arthur, Poppy, Jack, Miss Myatt's class: Joey and Aubrey



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Friday 13th February was Maths Day

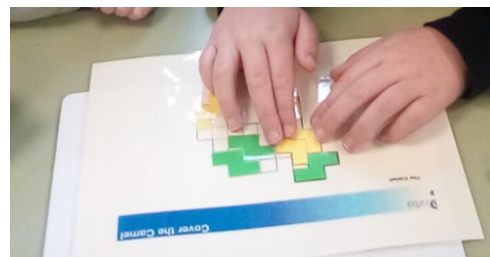
Here are some photographs of children from Miss Wright's class.



Jake



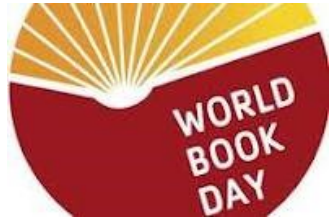
Catherine



The children enjoyed taking part in some length, perimeter and area-related challenges. During our sponsored challenge, we worked in small teams to use trundle wheels to help us calculate the perimeter of some of our playgrounds. We played 'Cover That Camel' in pairs, calculating the area and the perimeter of a camel image and then attempting to cover it with tessellating shapes. Well to Charlotte and Eva, our 'Cover the Camel' champions. We worked with a buddy to calculate the perimeter of a range of rectilinear shapes. We also calculated the perimeter of our initial or first name when drawing the letters on geometric paper.

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Thursday 5th March was World Book Day

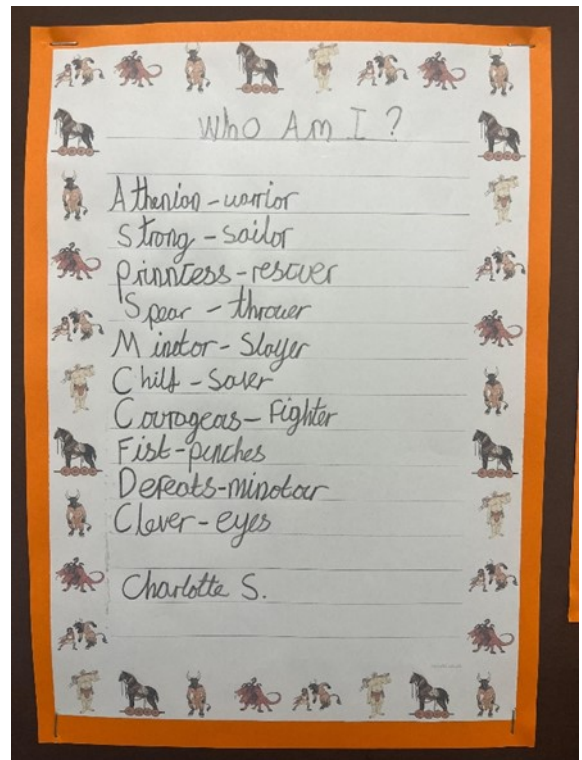
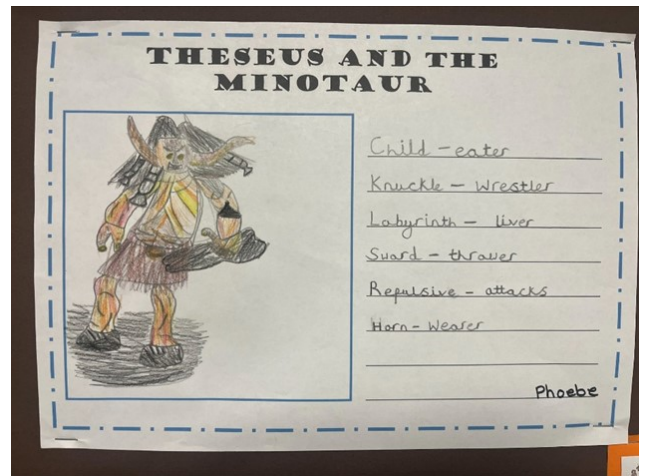


Photographed: Ajay, Max, Ellsie, Freya, Olivia, Alice, Mila-Rae, Lorcan, Albie, Arlo and Poppy (from Miss Emery's class)

On World Book Day, the children in Year 4 dressed as some of their favourite book characters. During the day, the children engaged in reading Ancient Greek myths, such as Theseus and the Minotaur. Using characters from these stories, the children created Kenning poems. These poems combine nouns, adjectives or verbs to create some wonderful pieces that give clues to the subject's identity, as shown below. Well done to all of the children for their creativity and their wonderful effort into creating their costumes!



Year 4 News



Year 5 News

Under the sea...and off to the theatre!



On Wednesday 21st January we travelled to the New Theatre in Hanley to watch the performance of The Little Mermaid. We studied the written version prior to the visit and completed a theatre review based on the performance.

Kingsmead will rock you!

On Monday 2nd February, Y5 walked to Kingsmead to be part of the 'primary showing' of their musical We Will Rock You. It was wonderful to see lots of past pupils performing on stage.



BIKE RIGHT **Brilliant Bike Right!**
 During February, lots of Year 5 children completed their Level 1 and 2 Bikeability course. This was delivered by Bikeright and gave the children the opportunity to cycle around the local area.

Ready, Steady, Cook!
 As part of their Design and Technology lessons, Year 5 have been completing Food Technology lessons with Mrs Peters. They have concentrated on chopping skills and were even asked to complete some washing up for homework!



All things Dragons...
 In our English lessons, we have been reading dragon inspired poetry including Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll. This has inspired us to write our own!

Portrait of a Dragon

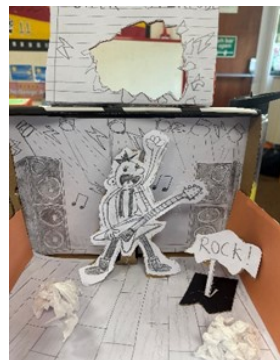
If I use an artist, I'd paint the portrait of a dragon.	For his colossal head, I'd use a strawberry from the tallest strawberry plant.
For do a proper job, I'd borrow colours from around the world.	For his curly tail, I'd use the vines from the longest Ivy vine.
For his gleaming teeth, I'd use two sharp bits from the dearest chocolate.	I'd keep the best for last...
For his shimmering eyes, I'd use tiny ice beads from the deepest cave.	For his deadly breath, I'd use spit from the biggest forest gnat that is deadlier than a snake's venom.
For his gold claws, I'd use golden strands from the side of humans.	By: Akianna Stanley
For his entangled wings, I'd use the lava from the most active volcano.	
For his pointed scales, I'd use the petals from the tallest daffodils.	

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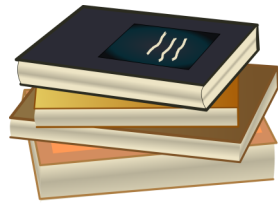
World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, which was World Book Day, Y5 enjoyed lots of book themed activities including watching the BBC Live Lesson and reading stories to Y1 children.

The children also produced some wonderful 'Book in a Box' projects for homework. Can you guess any?



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**



Year 6 News

This term, our Year 6 children especially enjoyed their World Book Day celebrations. The focus of our day was themed around the book, 'Dirty Beasts' by Roald Dahl. During the morning, the children were given the opportunity to read a variety of different poems from the book within their groups and then, they had a go at using performance techniques to perform their poem to the class. Following this, the children designed their own dirty beast and mimicked techniques used by Roald Dahl to write their own poems in this style. The children also had a go at illustrating their poems using inspiration from Quentin Blake. At the end of the day, all of the children's poetry and artwork was collected in ready to form a whole class poetry book that can be looked back upon for years to come.

6HW- The Bee by Penny Stone and Isabella Holland

One day in the hive,
There was a bee that wanted to thrive,
She loves her job, that is true,
But it is not what she wanted to do.

She wanted fame,
That was her aim,
The lights on her face,
Whilst she sings with grace.

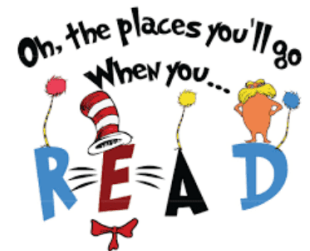
She needed to escape the hive fast,
Because the world out there is a real blast,
She took flight into the sky,
Off she goes flying high.

On her journey, she heard a sound,
She believed her dream had been found,
Someone singing a beautiful song,

6LM- The Electric Rat by Emelia Rowley

There is a village,
That's just been pillaged,
The rat crossed the road,
With his best friend Toad,
Just then he was sucked in by a car,
The little rat didn't get very far.

When he came out,
There was a big shout,
When he awoke,
Toad gave him a poke,
The rat's tail had turned electric,
He thought it was very eccentric.



6LL- The Lovebird by Elsie Sweeney

Don't be fooled by its innocent name,
The Lovebird is impossible to tame,
The only think its beak will seek,
Is the tender meat on a child's feet.

Using its long twisting tongue,
It strangles the child, it can taste how young,
It will then start to nibble the fingers,
Until the smell of blood lingers.

Finally, it will end with the head,
And it won't stop until the child is dead,
When it starts biting, it's already too late,
Turns out that Lovebirds are full of hate.



The following children have achieved 100% attendance during the Spring Term. Congratulations!

Reception

Leo A, Wren A, Ollie B, George B-K, Ralphie B, Darcie C, Harry C, Eden D, Isla-Mae E, Evlyn E, Ava F, Luna F, Niall F, Reene F, Bear G, Samuel G, Willow H, Poppy H-H, Isla H, Dawson H, Alfie H, Harriet H, Wynnter M, Logan M-S, Darcy M, Lillie M, Margot N, Eliza P, Edith P, Eden P, Harper R, Jack S, Riley S, Elliot T

Year 1

Isabella A, Teddy A, Beau A, Evie B, Lewis B, Max B, Danny B, Skyla-Rae B, Alex B, Isabella B, Albert C, Rueben C, Leo D, Esther E, Jacob G, Darcey G, Layla H, Lucas H, Sophia H, Mehar K, Everleigh K, Chester K, Loken L, Isla M, Zander M, Amber P, Jack P, Paisley-Grace P, Greysen P, Henry R, Archie R, Alexandra S, Anaishe S, Charlie S, Finlay S, Finley S, Cody S, Clayton T, Layla V-S, Amelia W, Ella W

Year 2

Jessica A, Eleanor B, Edie C, William C, Florence C, Amelie C, Gracie C, Teddy D, Roman E, Freddie F, Isabella F, Matilda G, Betsy G, Frankie H, Poppy H, Maddison H, Charlie H, Alice J, Jessie-Anne J, Lorian L, Brendon L, Eliza L, Olivia M, Frankie-Lei M, Charlie N, Ada P, James P, Harlee P, Toby R, Margot S, Louisa S, Romi S, Iris T, Isla V, Amelia W, Jaxon W-C, Phoebe W, Max W, Mila W

Year 3

Jack B, Heath B, Georgie B, Mollie C, Tommy D, Oscar D, Leonard E, Rory E-A, Rudy G, Ivy H, Ivy-May H, Oscar H, Lily-Jane J, Eleanor L, Ruby M, Freddie M, Toby M, Bertie O'R, Millie R, Harriet R, Ethan S, Olivia S, Lily S, Poppy S, Aston Y

Year 4

Phoebe A, Evelyn B, Lila B, Ellie B, Poppy C, Isla F, Daisy F, Arden G, Charlie H, Harry H-J, Albie H, Alex H, Joseph K, Annabelle L, Skyla L, Eva M, Kai N, Catherine N, Jake O, Ajay P, Betsy R, Evelyn R, Harry R, Gracie S, Phoenix S, Orla S, Jack S, Lily W, Olivia W

Year 5

Jack A, Charlotte B, Harry C, Noah D, Darcie F, Scarlett G, Emily G, Laila H, Isabelle H, Darcey H, Chase K, Roman K, Ewan L, Poppy L, Mollie L, Harriet M, Reggie Mc, George N, Kaylee N, Noah P, William P, Frankie R, Kobie R, Jacob R, Jack R, Iyla R, Kaleo R, Luca S, Freddie S, Charlie S, Gabriel T, Millie T, Amelia V, Sophia W, Freyja W, Esme W

Year 6

Isla A, Thomas B, Primrose B, Faith B, Joshua C, Elliot D, Ava D-Y, Eadie F, Rosie H-G, Nancy-Marie H, Alex H, Dexter L, Oliver L, Harrison M-S, Myleigh Mc, Finn M, Grace P, Jessica P, Tobias P, Preah R, Harry R, Noah R, Georgia R, Jack S, Millie S, Penny S, Elsie S, Isaac T, Daniel T, Bobby T, Cate W, Esme W, Madeleine W, Seren W, Huw W

Mrs Mander would like to say...



Thank you to everyone for another wonderful term. I hope you all have a lovely Easter break with your families. I look forward to seeing you when we return to school on Monday 13th April.

