

# Five Ways Primary School Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

Summer Term  
Begins,  
Monday 17th April  
2023

May Day Bank Holiday  
Monday 1st May 2023

Bank Holiday for Kings  
Coronation  
Monday 8th May 2023

Half Term  
Monday 29th May -  
Friday 2nd June 2023

Inset Day's  
Friday 23rd June  
Monday 26th June  
2023

Last day of Summer  
Term  
Tuesday 25th July  
2023

### Nursery News

The Nursery children have had a very busy second term at school.

We have enjoyed reading traditional tales and watching a performance of 'The Gingerbread Man'.



We have been looking for signs of spring, planted seeds, created rainbows and helped look after our own Easter bunnies, Bambi and Thumper.



### Nursery News

As part of our Mother's Day celebrations, we made presents and cards for our very hard working mums!



We talked about the life cycle of a sunflower and enjoyed decorating our own Easter eggs.



Reception News

# 新年快樂

## Happy Chinese New Year



During the week commencing Monday 16th January, Reception learned all about 'Chinese New Year' and celebrated by tasting different Chinese foods and creating their own Chinese lanterns.



Reception have been learning all about 'The Jungle' and have been reading the story 'Elmer'. We finished the topic off by hosting an 'Elmer Day' where all children came dressed in different colours. We made our own 'Elmer' toast and made it super colourful!



**Bertie O'Reilly**  
(Mrs Ball)



**Erin Statham** (Mrs Ball)

Here is Harper Aston dressed as Elmer the Elephant.





## Reception News

Reception children took part in 'Active Maths Day' on Friday 3rd February. They had to see how many of their twenty beanbags they could throw into the bucket. Each child enjoyed taking part and received a certificate to take home.



**Minnie Harris (Miss Owen) Georgia Martin (Mr Ferguson)**

Reception really enjoyed celebrating 'World Book Day' on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. All the children looked fantastic dressed up as their favourite book character. We read the story 'The Gingerbread Man' and then enjoyed a performance of 'The Gingerbread Man' by the Aesop Theatre Company. We finished off the day by making our own gingerbread men to take home to eat.

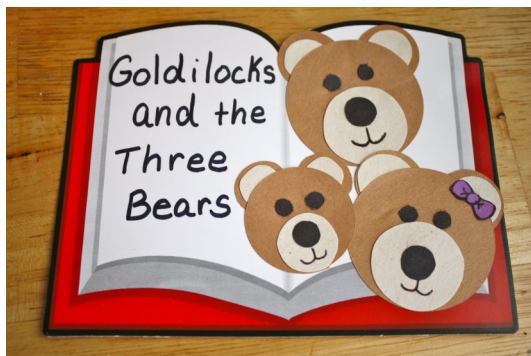
**Guy Stevens and Ruby Maddox (Miss Owen) and Grace Robinson, Scarlett Peace, Antonio Marotto (Miss Owen) are seen here making some gingerbread.**

## Reception News





### Reception News



Reception looked at a range of 'Traditional Tale' stories to complement 'World Book Day'. They read the story 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' and enjoyed tasting porridge. Their favourite porridge was 'sweet'.



Angel Enriquez (Mr Ferguson)  
Finn Evans (Miss Owen)  
Ruby Maddox (Miss Owen)

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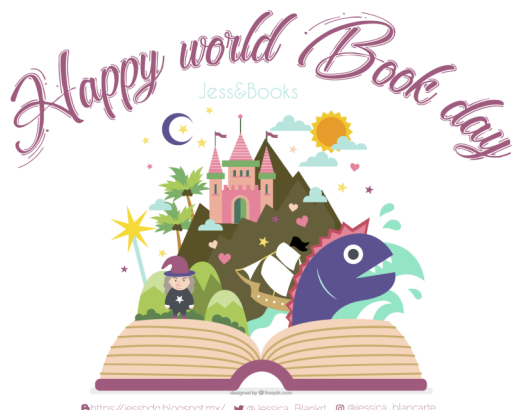
We also read the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and created the different scenes from the story. We even went on a real Bear Hunt around school!



*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury





Year 1 News

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, Year 1 had a special visit from 'Tom the Tale Teller'. He shared some fantastic stories with us, using his suitcase of props and his story stick. We loved listening to his stories and sharing some of our own stories with him. We had so much fun!!



Here is Orla dressed as Cruella DeVill, Jake dressed as Harry Potter and Ivie dressed as Neila from Space Band, who are all from Year 1.

Year 1 News

We celebrated Comic Relief by wearing something red. We enjoyed wearing some funny red noses! We raised lots of money for this fantastic cause.

Here is Jake O, Isla B, Charlotte S, Maxwell M and Arlo P.



Mr Tony Charles visited us in Year 1 as part of our Active Maths day in February. He spent time with each class and shared with us some amazing 'Magic Maths'. He showed us how maths and magic link together. We extended our learning on number, measure and shape! We had great fun during the workshop and absolutely loved all of Mr Charles' magic tricks!



### Year 2 News

We really enjoyed our Maths day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. We took part in lots of different Maths challenges. Some children played 'Hit The Button' on the Chromebooks and challenged themselves to speed up their mental recall of number bonds and times tables facts. Some children took part in 'shape and space' challenges and tried to beat their partner to build tangram and pentomino pictures. Our sponsored event was a number hunt. The children worked in pairs to answer mixed arithmetic questions using different apparatus and strategies to help them. Some children also faced the 'triangle' challenges and investigated how many different shapes they could make using triangles and how many different triangles they could build from strips of different lengths. Some children revised their knowledge of 2D shapes and 3D shapes and played 'shape' games such as 'What shape am I?' We had great fun!

Here are Dylan and Darcey and Jack and Ethan from Miss Wright's class:



### Year 2 News

Year 2 celebrated World Book Day in style! The children looked fantastic dressed up as their favourite storybook characters. We saw princesses, Harry Potters, Mary Poppins, super hero characters and many more! We based our week on the story of Greta and the Giants using Greta Thunberg as our environmental inspiration. We compared the setting of the forest and the city, researched information about Greta and some children even did some Japanese forest bathing! We had a fantastic time!



Scarlett as Alice in Wonderland and Anabelle as Dorothy.



Leighton as Willy Wonka and Brody as Fantastic Mr Fox.



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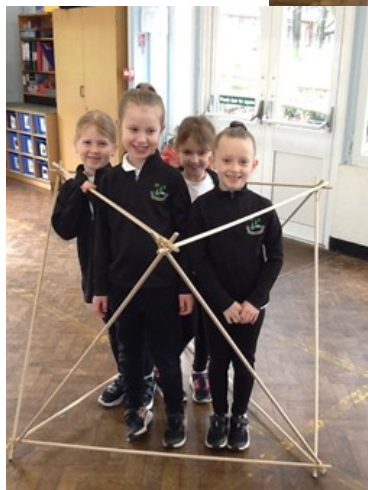
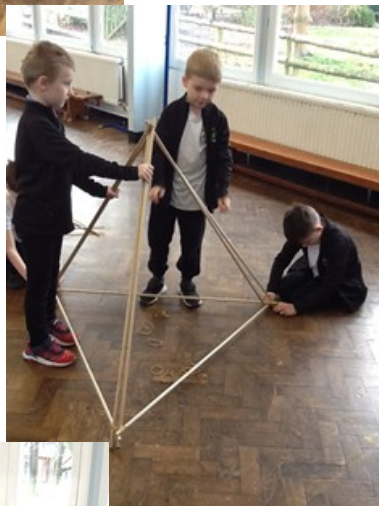
### DT Workshops

On 7<sup>th</sup> March Year 2 enjoyed a Design and Technology workshop. Martin showed us how to work as teams to produce triangles and then pyramids using bamboo sticks and elastic bands. We then gradually joined more and more pyramids together until we had a pyramid large enough for our whole class to fit inside! We had to use lots of maths skills too. We had a fantastic time!



Sophia, Phoebe and Thea.

Jorge, Jack and Ronnie.



Ila, Esmee, Freyja and Amelia.

## Year 3 News

During World Book Day, Year 3 children read 'Mother Earth is Weeping' by Claire Donald. In our mixed classes we wrote poems contrasting 'Our beautiful Planet' and 'Our Damaged Planet'.

### Our Beautiful Planet

*Oh what a beautiful planet!  
I can see the exciting, exuberant  
fish.  
The bright, pink flowers.  
The blue, clear ocean.  
The orange, fluffy fox!  
The fast, spotty leopards  
What a wonderful sight to see!  
The pink, orange coral  
The leafy, green trees.  
What a beautiful planet, looking  
back at me.*



### Our Damaged Planet

*Our damaged planet, our damaged  
planet.  
What a sad sight to see.  
The sticky, red oil spill.  
The thunderous, terrible war damage.  
The trapped, hurt turtle.  
Can anyone help these sea creatures?  
The dead, mouldy trees.  
The black, foggy sky.  
The lonely, sad polar bear.  
If we don't help these creatures soon,  
we all risk extinction.*





Year 3 News

The children then completed artwork to complement the contrasting ideas. Here are some examples.

Year 3 News

Also, children in Mrs Darby's class took part in a workshop delivered by Entrust Music Service and the Manchester Camerata.

The children composed their own original song about Miss Trunchbull, ready to perform at the Prince of Wales Theatre on the 27<sup>th</sup> March.

The Trunchbull

Can you imagine the most despicable teacher?  
With a crocodile green suit, and socks pulled up  
to her knees.

She's the size of the great Titanic,  
She's strong and fierce and athletic

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She'll put you in the chokey guarded with bars  
If you've got pigtails she'll swing you to Mars  
A shout so loud she can move the clouds,  
Booming and hissing she stomps through the crowd!

The Trunchbull!  
She'll crunch you!  
She'll hunt you then munch you,  
Be careful she might punch you!  
The Trunchbull!

Children shake when they hear her shout  
But once you're in there's no way out!  
She'll give you a fright with her evil glare,  
She's a horrible character, gives you nightmares.

The Trunchbull!  
She'll crunch you!  
She'll hunt you, then munch you,  
Be careful she might punch you!  
The Trunchbull!

Children shake  
when they hear  
her shout  
But once you're  
in there's no way  
out  
No way out, no  
way out....





### Year 4 News

Year 4 have been studying Greek Myths in English lessons. They have created their own mythical creatures and used these when writing their own adventure story in the style of a Greek myth which typically include Gods, monsters and a quest by a brave hero. Their grammar focus has been fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. Here are two of the wonderful mythical creatures Year 4 created:-

#### The Evilosaurus by Darcie B (O4ER)

The Evilosaurus had enormous wings sticking out of her scaly back. Her wings had cherry red feathers and some sky blue feathers as well. On her fat body, were red and blue diamond scales. The diamond scales were as shiny as rubies. Sticking out from her head, was one really long ear. Inside her long ear, was a long blush pink ear hole. Her face was lilac coloured with red rubies in it. Her back legs were grass green coloured with blush pink stripes on them. Her front legs were also grass green coloured but with blush pink circles on them.



#### The Megabus

By Hollie-Rose H-L (O4SM)

The Megabus had a body of a green, scaly snake. She had a sharp, poisonous stinger. Under her body, she had orange, long, fast legs. On her back, she had wings as blue as the sky. On top of her head, she had horns as red as blood. Her hair was soft, black and plaited. Megabus had eyes as shiny as diamonds and long black eyelashes. Dangling from her mouth, she had long, white fangs. Megabus had the powers of a poisonous stinger and sharp fangs to kill her prey.



### Year 4 News



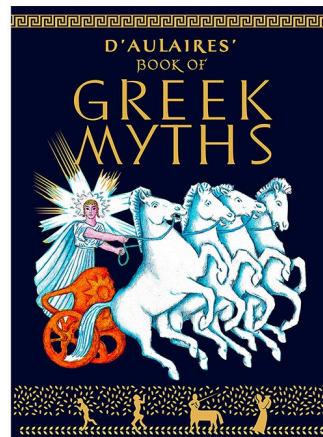
Here is the introduction to Esmae E-A's (O4KM) story. I think you will agree, it makes you want to read on!

#### Melodyius and the Mystery Monster

Many years ago there lived an evil queen in a big city. The queen was called Flames. Anybody who told her she was wrong would be put to death. Everybody was afraid of her. Flames had really long, blonde, wavy hair. Even without wearing make-up she was as pretty as possible. The queen hated anyone as pretty as she was. In the same city, there lived a girl called Melodyius. Melodyius was super brave. She was never afraid to do anything.

The queen knew there was a monster and knew just the person to get rid of it. That person was Melodyius. If Melodyius did not bring back the dead monster's arms, Flames would kill her. Melodyius said yes to the command. For the first time ever, Melodyius was nervous. She knew how scary the creature was, and so far anybody who tried to kill it got eaten. She was on her own but she liked it that way. She knew the monster would be tough to beat.

The next morning, Melodyius went to where she knew there was a boat. She flipped the boat over. It was hard, but she managed it. She pushed the boat next to the water. She got in the boat and set off. The waves were splashing over the boat and Melodyius was getting super wet. The waves were so big, she nearly fell off the boat. Luckily, she didn't fall off. She looked at the sky. It was black, so she knew there was a storm coming. That was not good. She was a few minutes away from the island. Would she get there before the storm hit?





### Year 4 News

For World Book Day 2023, Year 4 studied the book 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl. In the story, a small boy named Billy goes into the forest and is chased by a terrible creature. Billy climbs a tall tree to escape and meets the tiny little creatures called Minpins who live in the trees. The Minpins care for the forest and the birds that live there. During World Book Day, Year 4 found out about different types of British birds and identified the ones in the book from their illustrations. The children discussed why trees are so important and looked at the lifecycle of a common British tree - the sycamore. They investigated sycamore seeds and how these seeds are like mini helicopters. The children planted their own sycamore seeds to take home and grow. They also created their own Minpins from dolly pegs and Minpin doors from lollipop sticks which they took outside into the school grounds for photos.



Some of the finished Minpins from 04ER



Nancy A and Isabelle B (04SM) with their Minpins and doors.

### Year 5 Food Technology

Year 5 pupils are currently half way through their Food Technology project with Mrs Peters and Mrs Jackson. Pupils have learned how to be safe in the kitchen using sharp knives and hot equipment. They are making Mediterranean vegetables, mini omelette cups, pasta bake and fairy cakes. They are all working so hard during this term, focusing on safety, team work and cleaning skills. We definitely have some exceptional 'Star Bakers' in our midst. Do you like cooking? What recipes do you do at home?





## Year 5 News

During Children's mental health week, Year 5 were visited by local published author, Pep The Poet. The children enjoyed hearing a selection of funny poems before reflecting on their own wellbeing and writing poems based on the theme of Happiness.



Here is Georgia Capewell's (556) poem about Happiness.

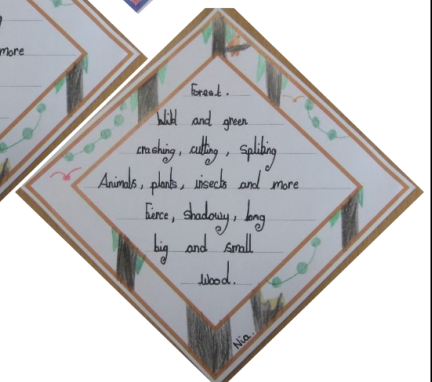
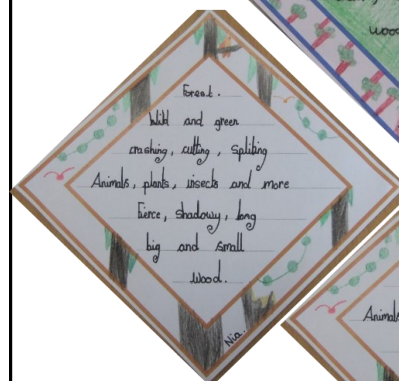
### Happiness

Happiness is going on holiday with family,  
 Happiness is watching a buzzing bee,  
 Happiness is stroking my cat,  
 Happiness is wearing a winter hat,  
 Happiness is walking around the town,  
 Happiness is never seeing a frown,  
 Happiness is hearing a dog's happy bark,  
 Happiness is playing at the park,  
 Happiness is doing art,  
 Happiness is riding a go-kart,  
 Happiness is when my nan bakes,  
 Happiness is when I eat cakes,  
 Happiness is texting my dad and mom,  
 Happiness is playing with a pom pom,  
 Happiness is my Grandad's jokes,  
 Happiness is when the BBQ smokes,  
 Happiness is when my teacher smiles,  
 Happiness is chocolate in piles,  
 Happiness is reading Demon Dentist,  
 Happiness is writing a party list,  
 Happiness is watching my phone,  
 Happiness is not being alone,  
 Happiness is having a sleepover,  
 Happiness is finding a four leaf clover,  
 Happiness is being me.

## Year 5 News

### World Book Day

During World Book Day, we explored the picture book 'Mother Earth is Weeping' by Claire Donald and discussed the environmental themes that were highlighted in the book. Inspired by the artwork, we created our own 'Eyes of Mother Earth' and wrote environmental diamante poems.





## Year 5 News

All of Year 5 took part in a March Marathon Challenge to raise money for our Year Group's chosen charity, The Katherine Allport Foundation, who create care hampers for people receiving treatment for Cancer within Staffordshire. Collectively, the children ran, jogged or walked an incredible 813 miles over the week, which is equivalent to approximately 31 marathons! Well done Year 5.



Harris Fleming,  
Evie Tooth,  
Frankie Craddock-Cook,  
Jessica Askey.

## Year 6 News

### Theatre Trip to see Alice

In January, Year 6 travelled to the New Vic theatre to watch Alice in Wonderland. This inspired setting and character descriptions in English lessons as well as a theatre visit recount.

Here is Sasha's (from Mrs Lindsay's class) description:

As I walked through the enchanted forest, I could see wild flowers swinging around like a swing being thrown around red roses, that I could tell they have been painted and signs that nobody could read.

With no notice, I then saw the Mad Hatter...

The Mad Hatter had a large funky tie; the face as white as a ghost; a gigantic decorative top hat and eyes as neon as a disco. I could tell he was mad. His hair was thick and red, you could see it from a mile away.

"Hello," I murmured hesitantly.  
"Well hello there!" exclaimed the Mad Hatter.

## Year 6 News

### World Book Day

In March, Year 6 enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and wrote environmental themed poetry based on the poem 'One Broken Planet'. Here is Lucy's poem (below) from Miss Lane's class and some super examples of the artwork produced in the afternoon by Harry, Emelia and Evie from Mrs Lindsay's class.

### One Littered Planet

If just one more habitat ceased to exist,  
Why would it matter?  
There are lots on the list...

TEN popular beaches, the sea was divine,  
Then came pollution and now there are NINE.  
NINE dense rainforests taken in hate,  
Now come the farmers, now there are EIGHT.  
EIGHT exciting parks located in Devon,  
Here come the builders and now there are SEVEN.  
SEVEN mysterious woodlands, full of leaves and sticks,  
Here come the diggers and now there are SIX.  
SIX blue skies, all looking alive,  
Here come the smokers, now there are FIVE.  
FIVE nature reserves waiting for wildlife and more,  
Here comes litter and now there are FOUR.  
FOUR coral reefs alive as can be,  
Here comes the plastic so now there are THREE.  
THREE lively farms all fresh and new.  
Here comes the chickens and now there are TWO.  
TWO small oceans a lot needs to be done,  
But oil is spilt and now there is ONE.  
ONE remaining planet, oh what a shame,  
I guess there is only YOU to blame.

If just one more habitat ceased to exist,  
Why would it matter?  
There are lots on the list.



## Year 6 News

### Marvellous Mask Making!

In design and technology this term, Year 6 have been busy designing and making masks 'with a meaning'. Here is Allicia's and Ruby's mod-roc mask under construction. They moulded mod-roc around a mannequin head to form the shape, then began to paint and secured details on with the hot glue. I can't wait to see the finished mask!



### Amazing Artwork!

Our Year 6 corridor is currently filled with this term's wonderful artwork. The children have used superb shading techniques to create pencil drawings of famous people including sports, movie and music stars.

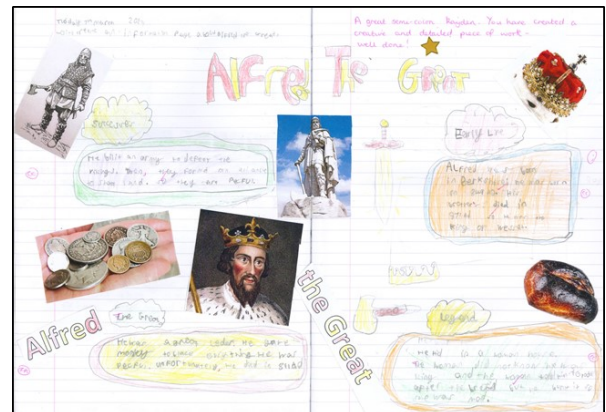
Here is 'Beyonce' drawn by Adanna in Miss Berry's class.



## Year 6 News

### Vicious Vikings?

In history this term, Year 6 have been finding out about the Vikings and evaluating how they are represented in history. Children in Miss Berry's class also found out all about Alfred the Great and why he was considered 'great'. Here is Kayden's fact filled page:



### Learning the Ukulele

In music, Mr McFarlane has been teaching Year 6 how to hold and strum the ukelele as well as learning basic chords to allow them to play along with songs. Let's hope there will be a song to maybe share at the Leavers' Concert in the summer term!





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



## Reception

Leo A, Issac A, Zayn A, Goergie B, Dylan C, Finn E, Leonard E, Blake F, Minnie H, Ivy H, Alfie H, Emilia J, Nellie K, Freddie M, Scarlett P, Grace P, Olivia S, Erin S, Guy S, Oscar W.

## Year 1

Mila-Rae A, Lila B, Isla B, Theo B, Ellie B, Bodhi B, Chloe C, Megan C, Isla F, Ivie F, Arden G, Poppy H, Charlie H, Aubrey G, Joseph K, Quinn L, Eva M, Lilly-Rose M, Tobias M, Kai N, Arlo P, Evelyn R, Harry R, Ronnie S, Gracie S, Mia S, Jack S, Isla-Rose T, Olivia W, Ellie W.

## Year 2

Jack A, Ethan A, Thea B, Elise B, Bradley C, Harry C, Oliver D, Edward D, Emily G, Charlie G, Jack H, Isabelle H, Darcey H, Roman K, Ewan L, Harriet M, Renee M, George N, Kaylee N, Isabelle N, Rafe O, Noah P, William P, Olivia R, Jack R, Joel S, Freddie S, Sofia S, Tyler S, Elijah S, Alexandrina T, Sophia W, Colby W, Evany W, Leo W.

## Year 3

Kai B, Joshua C, Elliot D, Eadie F, William G, Roman G, Florry G, Noah H, Isabella H, Oliver L, Leah M, Finn M, Cecilia N, Tobias P, Harry R, Noah R, Georgia R, Ceire S, Jack S, Lilly S, Penny S, Daniel T, Logan W, Madeleine W, Jack W, Jacob W, Huw W.

## Year 4

Nancy A, Finley B, Bradley B, Ava-Grace B, Max C, Sophie C, Harrison D, Evie E, Ethan G, Eva G, Oscar H, Ethan H, Logan J, Yaroslava K, J Lloyd, Evie P, Holly S, Charlie S, Jessica S.

## Year 5

Lucy B, Louis B, Luke C, Michael C, Amelia C, Jacob D, Charlie D, Lexie D, Benjamin G, Charlotte G, Leo H, Katie H, Erin H, Holly H, Jacob H, Dylan H, Joseph I, Hudson K, Dylan L, Corban M, Harvey M, Kylan M, Scarlet P, Ethan P, Emily P, Poppy R, Oscar R, Charlie R, Isabelle S, Rose W,

## Year 6

Ahmed F, Jack A, Jenson B, Charlie B, James B, Harry C, Ruby C, Noah E, Willow F, Emelia F, Lucy G, Jack H, Zach H, Max K, Beatrice L, Maisie M, Olivia M, Sasha M, Jenson O, Harriet P, Isabella R, Ava S, Stanley S, Olivia S, Brodie T, Macy T, Calum W, Hugo Y

## **Mrs Mander would like to say...**

I am very impressed with all the work that has happened this term. Lots of lovely things have been taking place and everyone should be very proud. I hope parents enjoy reading our 'INFORM' magazine and feel that they are getting a good 'flavour' of the outstanding work going on at Five Ways. I would like to thank all pupils, parents, staff and governors for their continued support this term. I wish everyone a lovely, relaxing Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone in the summer term.

