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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a great spring break and are ready for the Summer Term. We have lots of exciting things happening this term including school trips, school plays, rock project performances, Year 6 residentials and special assemblies. We also have a week of sports, creative arts and our whole school carnival to look forward too! We are all excited about a very busy and eventful term.

KS1 football festival

On Monday 25th March our boys squad headed to Parkhouse for a tournament with Miss Drew, Mrs Smith and Mr Smith. The boys played fantastically, finishing in 2nd place! Well done boys. Look how pleased they are – Rudy had to leave early so missed the photo.



School Phone Systems

This week we have updated our phone systems. The current phone numbers still work for both schools but now when you call either number you will be connected to the Calcot schools phone menu with different options. Option 1 is the absence line, option 2 is Infants and option 3 is Juniors.

Junior Library

We currently have a lot of overdue library books on our system. It is important that we have items returned so that more children can borrow and enjoy them. We would ask that all of our families please have a good look at home for any books which you may have borrowed and forgotten about - there should be a small barcode sticker inside the front cover if it is from our library. There is no fine for returning an overdue book but we would ask you to let your child's teacher know if you believe that a book has been lost or damaged, so that we can remove it from our system. If the book has been lost or damaged, we do ask that you make a £5 contribution to replacing the book. This can be done via WeDuc and a payment will be set up for you under offers. The office will be happy to assist should need support with this system.

At the start of this year, we had spent around £1000 replenishing the books in our library. We always try to ensure that children have new and exciting books available to read. If these books do not get returned, it makes it harder for us to keep our library well stocked, and the children have access to less books. The school cannot afford to keep replacing books, with costs rising and budgets tightening.

Weduc Digital Library

Our digital library on Weduc is now live, this area of the site currently holds copies of curriculum letters and previous newsletters. This can be accessed on the website using the icon along the top of the screen, if your using the app you can click on the 3 lines and choose digital library.

Florence Rostron

Headteacher



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Book Reviews

A reminder that we love to hear about what you are reading at home! Please complete the template (available on Weduc) or write your own review and bring it to your teacher. Thank you

Title of the Book:	Quiet Storm
Author / Illustrator:	Kimberly Whittam
I would recommend to:	
Review written by:	Bella.B
Star Rating:	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Three Words to describe:	Shyness Strength Empowering
I liked this book because :	This book is a great book about courage and helping each other. The characters build each other up and it is fantastic.
Who would you recommend this book to?	Somebody that is quite shy and doesn't like to speak out. This book can encourage them to be brave and strong too!



Title of the Book:	Demon Slayer (manga)
Author / Illustrator:	Koyoharu Gotouge
I would recommend to:	To my friends and people who enjoy anime or manga series. (I would probably recommend Joshua because we both love anime.)
Review written by:	<u>Shreya Varun</u>
Star Rating:	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Three Words to describe:	Interesting Amazing Funny
I liked this book because :	I love Demon Slayer, I have watched the whole series and I am getting all 23 books for my birthday and it is very interesting. I have been a fan for around 1 year and it is amazing. It's really nice to see how much people also agree with me and it is fun to talk to my sister especially about our favourite characters.





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On Wednesday 22nd May, we are hosting an inspirational workshop with Sean Conway, an ultra-endurance athlete, for team GB. Sean needs your help to raise funds for vital training, medical and competition costs. This money will also help your school and other athletes across the country. The sponsorship forms were sent home with the children at the end of March. All sponsorship money **MUST** be paid into the school's crowd-funder page, please also use your child's name when making the donation so we can track them correctly.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/calcot-junior-school-1>



Sean Conway— Ultra Endurance Athlete

How I started

I used to be a school portrait photographer, and after ten years of doing that I decided to sell my business for just £1, I wanted to go travelling but didn't have any money so I thought if there was a world record that has a travel angle to it, then I could secure sponsorship. So, the first thing I did was cycle around the world and that set me onto this new path!

My Greatest Achievement

My greatest achievements are that I was the first person to swim the length of Britain in 2013, then I achieved the record for the world's longest Triathlon which was 4200 miles, I then was the fastest person to cycle across Europe unsupported, and finally I hold the world record for the most number of Iron Man distance Triathlon's completed in a row. I have also cycled around the world!

My Hobbies

I enjoy woodworking, knife-making, classic car restoration, filmmaking, and looking after my vegetable garden! These hobbies keep my life interesting and fulfilling, and I think it's important that everyone has things they can focus their energy on!

My Greatest Challenge

My greatest challenge has been thinking of something that excites me enough to chase them. I love having these huge goals to follow and aim for in life, and it gives me purpose in more ways than one as they keep me in tip-top shape, and I can show people that everybody can set goals no matter how big or small and not only achieve them, but continue that momentum to build a fulfilling life!

My Future Aspirations

In the future I hope to begin competing at shorter distance competitions like double or triple Iron Man's, and some ultra marathons, and I hope to be aiming for more and more outrageous goals as time goes on!



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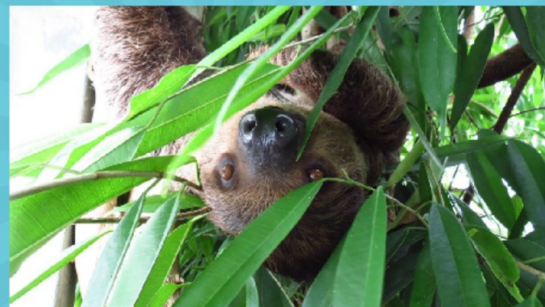
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TIME OUT FOR PARENTS



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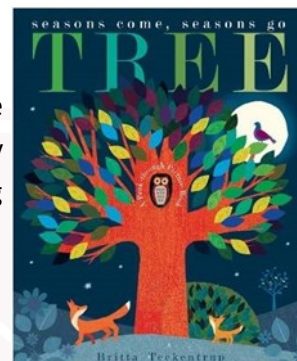
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Infant School Update

Nursery

Welcome back! It is good to have the children return full of enthusiasm to continue their learning. This week our book focus has been 'Seasons come, Seasons go Tree' by Britta Teckentrup. There have been lots of spring activities to enjoy and hunting around the garden for signs of spring. At forest school we made nests for birds.

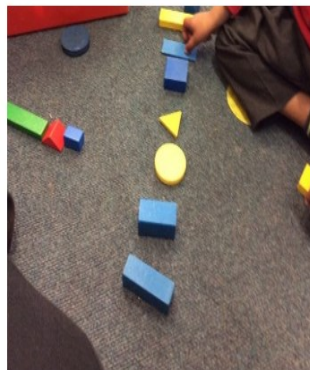


Reception

It's been lovely to welcome the children back and hear what they have been up to over the holidays. Thank you to those parents that have shared photos and information via tapestry as this supports the children when talking about their experiences. This week, in Literacy we shared the stories 'As we grow' and 'Once they were giants'. The children were keen to talk about the books and the different stages of growth as a human. Lots of them are keen to be adults already! In Maths, we have been learning all about the properties of 3D shapes including their names and which ones are suitable for building towers and which ones are not! We then had fun copying, continuing and creating repeating patterns using our body and a range of classroom resources. These included ABB, BBA, ABC and AABB patterns. In PE, we have started our dance unit and enjoyed dancing and talking about how the colour yellow makes us feel.

Reminders

- Please remember to get your child to read for 5 to 10 minutes daily to support their progress at school and sign their reading record.
- Please name all clothing and check regularly as some names have become quite faded.
- Please ensure children are coming into school dressed in school uniform and bring their PE kits in on Wednesdays.
- Please ensure children are coming into school daily fully equipped for outdoor learning and their Forest school session, especially with this changeable weather – Don't forget welly boots and puddle suits.





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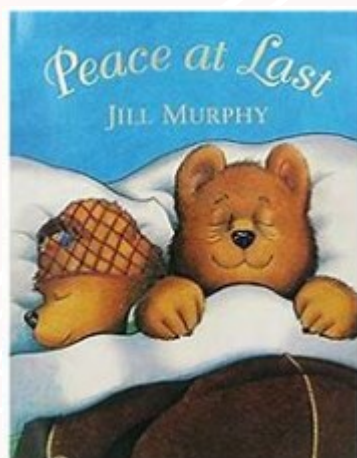
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Year 1

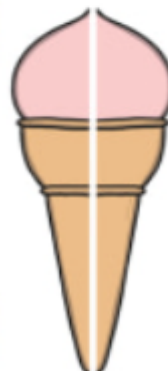
Welcome back to our Summer Term. We hope you had a restful Easter. It has been lovely to see so many smiling children raring to go! Well done to all the children who read a variety of different books over the holidays and practised their phonics.

We have had a busy week so far. In Literacy we are starting a new book by Jill Murphy called "Peace at Last". We began by making predictions about the story from the front cover. We then looked at the characters and tried to decide if we thought they would be a main character or not.



In Geography, we looked at the climate in the UK and compared it to Madagascar and Canada. We explored the weather forecast and used this to help us work out which was the hottest country and which was the coldest. We then made our own weather wheel so we can show others what the climate is like in the UK, Madagascar and Canada.

In Maths, we have begun learning about fractions of shapes. We have looked at finding halves and quarters of shapes and understand that a half is when the whole has been cut into **two equal** parts.



Reminders:

PE will remain on a Monday and Forest School will continue to be on a Friday. As the weather is getting warmer, please can we remind you that children need to wear long sleeve tops and bottoms for Forest School, if they do not have the appropriate clothing then children will not be able to participate.



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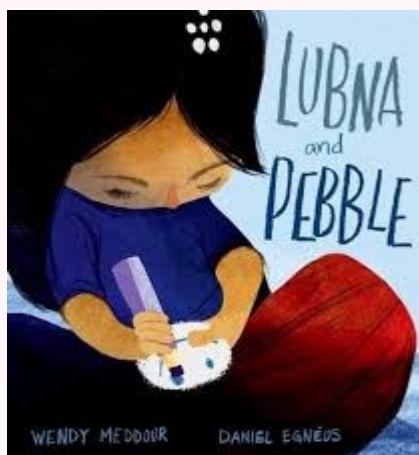
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Year 2

This week, in Literacy we have been working really hard on four of the subordinating conjunctions; when, that, if, because. We have been learning that a main clause makes sense on its own but that a subordinating clause does not. We have been using our knowledge to complete and write sentences, including some about our book 'Lubna and Pebble'. Next week, we will be writing postcards to the characters in the book.



We will also be writing postcards to our friends. Then, once we have written to our friends we will all go to the postbox to post our letters.

So that we can all enjoy this really fun activity we need each child to bring in:

- a self-addressed, stamped envelope!

Please bring these in by next Friday 26th April.

Our Maths this week, has been about securing our knowledge and recall of number bonds. Classes have also been learning how to measure in centimetres and metres. We even measured how big our classrooms were!

We kicked off our new Geography project learning about the 4 countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities, using atlases to help us. In History, we started our new local history unit, learning about medieval Britain and how it impacted Reading.





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Junior School Update

Year 3

Year 3 have really enjoyed their learning since their return to school for the Summer Term. They have immersed themselves in our new learning on instruction writing based on our texts about taking care of dragons. The children have written instructions about how to feed a dragon, and how to give a dragon first aid for a damaged wing. They have practised using inverted commas in direct speech.

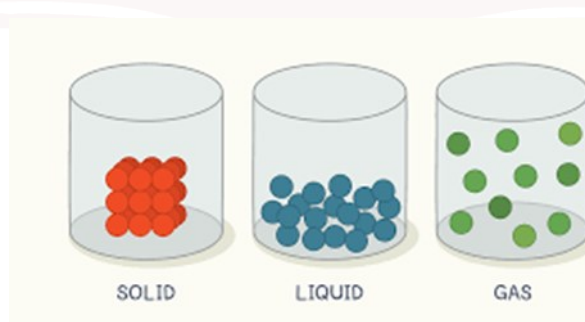
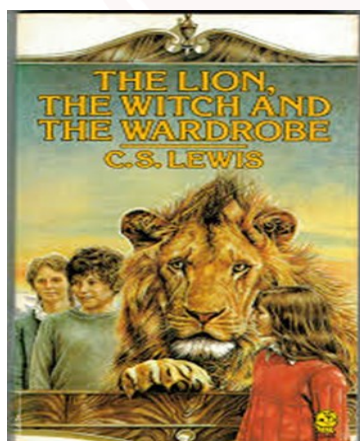


In Maths, the children have been so engaged with their learning about fractions and have been applying their understanding about numerators and denominators when learning about unit and non-unit fractions. In Geography, the children learnt about settlements and they compared settlements in the UK with settlements in Egypt. During Art this week, the children explored the colour wheel and learnt about primary, secondary and tertiary colours. Next week they will be mixing colours to make secondary and tertiary colours

We are all so looking forward to our first swimming lesson next week on Wednesday. The children are going to thoroughly enjoy every minute of swimming time. Please remember that no jewellery is to be worn on swimming days, and the children must come in to school in their P.E. kits and not their school uniform on Wednesdays.

Year 4

What a fantastic first week back! This week, Year 4 have begun reading *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* in Literacy. We have been looking carefully at the emotions of the characters and how we can describe these using interesting adjectives. We have also begun our new unit of states of matter in Science. The children had the opportunity to become solid, liquid or gas particles! Please remember that swimming starts on Monday so children will need their swimming kits. This should be an all-in-one swimsuit for girls (no bikinis please), swimming trunks for boys (no baggy shorts, they must be fitted), a swimming hat (these can be purchased through Weduc for £3.05) and a towel. They can come to school wearing their PE kit on swimming days.





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Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful first week back. The children have been introduced to angles in Maths; understanding what an angle is, estimating an angle and using a protractor to accurately measure.



We have begun to read *The Boy in the Tower* in Literacy, which is a very interesting and thought-provoking story. The children are very intrigued to find out what the 'bluchers' are! Continuing our Science topic of materials and their properties, we have investigated how various substances are soluble or insoluble. We have enjoyed predicting and experimenting today.





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Year 6

Year 6 have made a great start back since the Easter holidays. We are aware that some of the children are feeling anxious about their SATS but we are working hard to ease their worries.

Everyone should have received a letter for SATS week. Please ensure that you have filled out Breakfast Club information and returned the form. It is important that we have this so that we can purchase enough food and drink for breakfasts. Our curriculum letter is also due out next week so this will update you on what we are doing.

Please see important dates for this term:

PE and swimming	PE on Tuesday and Wednesday After half term: Swimming - Thursday
Dates for this term	SATS: WB: 13th May (SATS letter went out last week) Sports Week: WB: 20th May Sports Day: 24th May PGL information evening: 23rd May Half term: WB 27th June PGL: 7th- 10th June Y6 not in school (PGL recovery): 11th June Creative Arts Week: WB: 8th July KS2 SATS results into school: 10th July Reports out: 22nd July There will also be Secondary School transition visits happening in the second part of the term - more information will follow.

RSE begins next Friday. All information has been sent out to parents. Please be reassured that teachers will communicate with you should they need to discuss anything on an individual basis.

Please can we ask that you read with your children at home and really discuss texts with them. In addition to this, please ensure that the children are in school as much as possible. We will always send children home if they are not well enough to be here.





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Certificates and Attendance for week ending 22nd March 2024

Nursery: **Hana** for developing friendships and being kind to others and **Ellis** for beginning to follow simple instructions.

Reception:

RAM - **Jacob** for being a super Mathematician! **Caitlin** for making good progress with her Reading, Writing and using her phonics.

RJM - **Sohan** for becoming an enthusiastic learner particularly within his phonics and **Renaye** for being a proactive learner, always applying what she has learned into other activities, moving her own learning forward.

Year 1:

1VW- **Winter** for making fantastic choices even when things are a bit tricky - well done Winter! **Ali** for his brilliant progress in his independent writing - keep it up.

All of **1VW** for all of their hard work to put on fantastic performances of Chicken Licken.

1RT- **Kaiser** for his sensibly sitting during the Year 1 plays and **Charlotte** for her brilliant idea for a twisted tale "The three little teachers and the big bad monster".

All of **1RT** for all of their hard work to put on fantastic performances of Chicken Licken.

1SA - **Maddie** for fantastic effort in Literacy when writing her own twisted tale and **Aiza** for always coming into school with a smile and being ready to learn.

All of **1SA** for all of their hard work to put on fantastic performances of Chicken Licken.

Year 2:

2MD - **Luke** and **Eshaal** for working so hard on their spellings!

2LH - **Ilyess** for making super progress in your writing and **Ethan J** for a huge improvement in your handwriting.

2FD - **Imran** for super writing about "Lubna and Pebble" and **Alyssia** for always working hard in maths and making great progress.

Year 3:

3AB - All of **3AB** for their hard work and incredible performances of "The Jellicle Ball"

3ST - All of **3ST** for their hard work and incredible performances of "The Jellicle Ball"

3NC - All of **3NC** for their hard work and incredible performances of "The Jellicle Ball"

Manners Badges

Year 3— **Marwa**

Infant School Attendance 100% Attendance Certificate awarded to RAM - well done Year to date Attendance – 93.2%

Junior School Attendance 97.1% Attendance Certificate awarded to 3ST - well done Year to date Attendance – 92.7%



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OWL BADGES awarded on Tuesday 26th March 2024

Nursery - Mikey

RJM - Evie

RAM - Yazhini

1VW - Reeve

1SA - Jackson

1RT - Fifah

2LH - Mason

2MD - Aisha

2FD - Yushaa

3NC - Yusuf

3AB - Jorgie

3ST - Aria

4AM - Kai

4CL - Laavin

4MB - Tommy

5SL - Ali-Noah

5DP - Maisie

6RS - Mason

6MH - Grace

6DE - Dillon

Science Badges

Year 1 - Myla

Year 2 - Ollie

Year 3 - Wali

Year 4 - Eugene

Year 5 - Bethany

Year 6 - Rizwan

History Badges

Year 1 - Darcey

Year 2 - Aubree

Year 3 - Zaynab

Year 4 - Eliza

Year 5 - Diego

Year 6 - Shreya



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100% Attendance Certificate awarded on Tuesday 26th March 2024

Reception

Hayden

Renaye

Naiah

Chellappan Advait

Arrietty

Erin

Rayyan

Mia

Leah

Sofia

Eubridge

Frankie

Winter

Sophia

Khaza

Year 1

Aleksander

River

Archisa

Darcey

Ruqayyah

Lucas

Aiza

Eliot

Samiksha

Beatrix



Nursery

Onajite

Finley

Poppy

Rosie

Marley

Violet Aurora

Everlie

Mike

Lena

Hana

Year 1

Ruben

Kaiser

Charlie

Archie

Charlotte

Dylan

Sofia

Finn

Micah

Year 2

Gracie

Luke

Alexia

Tessa

Logan

Lila

Willia

Kiara

Fredderick

Shay

Rose

Ipek

Ilias

Freddie

Oliver



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Lexi-Mae

Wali

Louis

Taylor

Thomas

Aria

Aareez

Blake

Ugochi

Zaynab

Jacob S

Edna

Caelan

Hira

Zara

Noah E

Milo

Noah N

Rayaan

Louie

Year 4

Khadija

Eva

Eugene

Jessica

Martin

Year 6

Amra

Alistair

Hesali

Joshua

Charlie

Harry

Maisie

Samuel

Daisy

Harry

Issac

Leo

Sumayyah

Dillon

Harley

Bruce

Rizwan

Leona

Katellynn

Aria

Year 4

Laavin

Harley

Rossi

Lucas

Reuben

Adam

Alexander

Olivia

Morgan

Isla

Lucy

Year 5

Francesca

Noah

Jacie

Melania

Tommy

Aimee

Freddie Y

Samuel

Zoe

Amelia

Connor

Ali-Noah

Faye

Rubas