



NEWSLETTER

6th May, 2022

Love – Honesty – Forgiveness – Respect

Collective Worship:

This term we are focusing on our Christian Value of HONESTY, alongside British Values. The very first worship session, will introduce our RSHE focus for the term, 'Relationships' as we reflect on how we can all be good friends to other people and how we can show kindness in our families. This theme is reinforced weekly in our Good Citizen awards every Friday. The rest of the term will focus on the value of HONESTY as we think about being honest with others – becoming a trustworthy person; being honest with ourselves; saying no to lying and cheating; owning up to mistakes; being honest with friends and family – agreeing always to tell the truth.

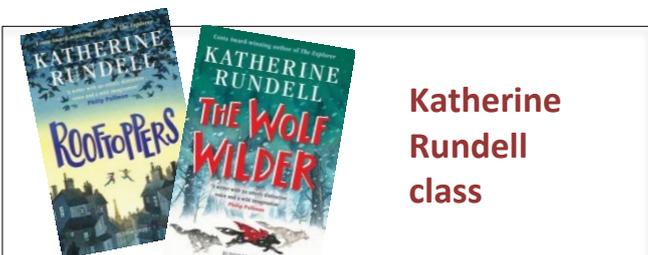
Important Dates

w/b Mon 9 th May	KS2 SATs week
Fri 13 th May	Playden's Got Talent for Comic Relief
Mon 16 th to Wed 18 th May	Y5/6 Residential trip
Mon 23 rd May	R & KS1 Movie night
Fri 27 th May	KS2 Movie night
Fri 27 th May	End of Term 5
Mon 6 th June	INSET DAY
Tues 7 th June	Start of Term 6
Fri 15 th July	The Reading Festival

To relieve the stress and anxiety around this for the children, we are experiencing a wonderfully sunny Beach School day today, focussing on mindfulness strategies; enjoying the outdoor environment and using this as a means to support our mental wellbeing. We are as prepared as we can be academically, and this opportunity rounds off our mental preparation.

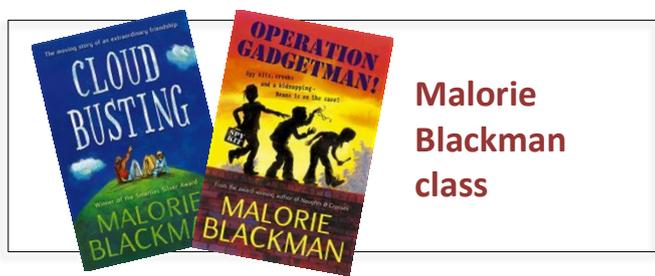
Advice for Year 6s this weekend is to get outside; go for a walk or run; climb a tree; enjoy a game of football or whatever sport you prefer; relax and have fun. These tests are simply designed to assess your learning and this year in particular, to see the impact of the pandemic on this learning. Do not let them worry you. You have worked hard and we cannot ask for more – doing your best is all that matters.

Here's to less test preparation and back to fun, curiosity and excitement in our learning by the end of next week!



Katherine Rundell class

Apologies for the lack of a 'news' entry from Katherine Rundell class this fortnight. Suffice it to say, we have been working hard towards our preparation for the upcoming KS2 SATS tests which take place next week!



**Malorie
Blackman
class**

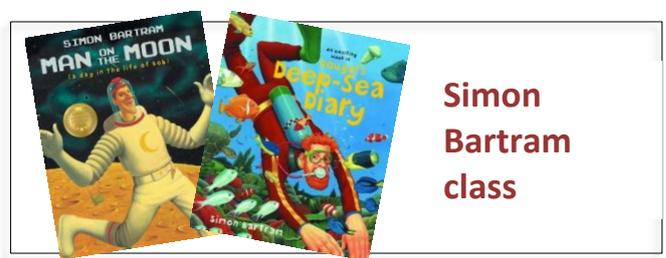
In Malorie Blackman Class we have begun our new big question - What Makes a Place Home?

In English we have begun reading and analysing a fantastic children's novel, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. We will be using this text to hopefully answer, in part, our big question, but for now we have just met a rather pompous china rabbit who thinks a great of himself! Greater things will come though...

In our writing we are really trying to focus on remembering to punctuate with consistency and accuracy. As a class we have developed excellent ideas over these past two weeks and written some really engaging texts - now to make sure the punctuation is absolutely spot on!

In maths we have completed our learning on division - we have found it very helpful to know our times tables and division facts, this has made the calculating much easier. We are currently learning about time. We have been looking at calendars and clocks, learning to navigate these day-to-day tools! If you can, please ask your children to look at the calendar at home to see when events are taking place in the future, when people's birthdays are, etc., and to tell the time on an analogue clock - the more these tools become day to day for them, the easier it is to utilise them.

We have been looking at key aspects of Geography, learning about the lines of latitude and longitude and why they were created. We have also been looking at the difference between Physical and Human geography, identifying geography related to human activity versus geography that is entirely natural.



**Simon
Bartram
class**

In English, Simon Bartram class have been carrying on with their report on the layers of the ocean. We are now completing our section on the Abyss and the children have really enjoyed learning about each layer. Year 1 have really tried hard to become more independent writers by trying to attempt their own amazing sentences and year 2 have really thought about the technical elements of their writing, by focusing on punctuation and vocabulary.

In maths we have been looking at positional language and directions. We even had to challenge ourselves by directing our partners around the playground with their eyes closed, so that they really had to focus on the directions given to them. This has also reminded us of our recent work on fractions as we have been looking at full, quarter and half turns.

In DT we have just started to design our own sea creatures, by thinking carefully about what tools and equipment we might need when we make our creatures out of clay. We can't wait to start making them!



**Eric
Carle
class**

We have made an amazing start to the new term. The children returned to school full of life and enthusiasm for their learning. Thank you all for attending the parent consultations. It was so nice to see you in person and share the children's achievements.

Our big question this term is, 'What if I didn't live in England?' We are going to have a whistle-stop tour around some other countries around the world, to compare what life is like somewhere else with our lives in England.

We had a fantastic start to this topic by spending the day at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. We are so lucky to have this on our doorstep and we would like to say a huge thank you to Lucy Bowyer for helping us to arrange this. We started our day by looking at minibeasts and other creatures hiding in the long grass. We did some fabulous bird watching using real binoculars, then after lunch we spent the afternoon on the beach. Back in class, we read a story about a little boy from Kenya and thought about how different his life was. We created a house which is on display in our classroom. We looked at Google Earth to find out where Kenya was.

In phonics, we have moved towards the end of the initial code. The children have done incredibly well in learning letter sounds, which has meant that some of them are able to write completely independently. Next week, we will be looking at the ff, ss, zz and ll sounds before we start to build longer words.

In maths we have had an introduction to time and learned how to use the small clocks to make an 'o'clock' time. We have also begun to look at 10 and how we can represent 10 using equipment and classroom objects. We will be moving on to look at how we make 10 by combining 2 smaller numbers. Once mastered, the children will know the patterns to help them add much higher numbers.

In RSHE, we have been looking at the jobs we all have in our family. We are beginning to understand that we can all play our part and life runs more smoothly when we do. The children have also been sharing what they would like to become when they are older.

Playden's Got Talent: Friday 13th May

Playden's Got Talent will take place on **Friday 13th May**. Auditions will be held in each class on Monday and participant lists finalised so, if your child is participating, please support them to practise this weekend!

The 'show' is scheduled to begin at **1.45 pm in the school hall** and parents are all invited to attend. The purpose of this event is to raise money for Comic Relief (having been postponed due to Covid) and rather than sell tickets, we request that you **put a donation in the bucket at the door** for what in the past has been a very entertaining afternoon. There will be a prize for the winner in each class and additional runner-up and/or special prizes. However, no child will go without as each entrant will receive a little something.

Pop the date in your diaries, support your children to participate and bring your donations on the day! We look forward to this hotly anticipated event!

PSA Movie Nights revisited...again...and again! – Monday 23rd & Friday 27th May

We remind parents of the NEW DATES for the postponed PSA movie nights as advertised in our last newsletter:

- Reception & Key Stage 1: Monday 23rd May
- Key Stage 2: Friday 27th May

Pupils already signed up would be expected to attend.

The Reading Festival: Friday 15th July

We will be holding an event later this summer to celebrate reading in school and at home. The event will be an opportunity for children and parents to engage with one another and school around reading. There will be a range of opportunities for joining in including sessions to help parents understand more clearly how reading is taught, information on how you can assist your

children outside the school gates and question and answer sessions about strategies for teaching reading, from phonics through to reading strategies in Year 6.

More details will follow and we hope that many of you will be able to drop in on this event that should be fun and informative.

We will be holding a second-hand book sale at The Reading Festival, if you have any children's books that you are able to donate for this, these would be gratefully received. Please leave any donations in the school office at your convenience.

Keep an eye on the newsletter and email for more news nearer the time.

Governor vacancy

The school has a vacancy for a co-opted governor. Attached is the advertisement for this post. Please feel free to share with members of the community who may be interested.

School Uniform

We have noticed some slippage in terms of wearing the correct school uniform. Tracksuit bottoms, track pants, leggings and trainers are not appropriate school wear. Please can parents be mindful of this and ensure that children are correctly attired.

Inset Days: 2022-23

To assist you with your forward planning, we share with parents our planned inset days for the forthcoming academic year:

- Thursday 1st September, 2022
- Friday 2nd September, 2022
- Tuesday 3rd January, 2023
- Monday 5th June, 2023
- Friday 21st July, 2023

Please note these in your diaries.

