



Leatherhead Trinity School and Nursery
Inspiring Learning, Unlocking the Future

Spring Term

Newsletter No. 18

Friday 27th January, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon saw the reintroduction of reading buddies (paired reading) into our weekly timetables. Each class is linked with another - the older pupil listens to the younger pupil read, then the older pupil reads aloud the younger pupil's library book. Here are the pairings:



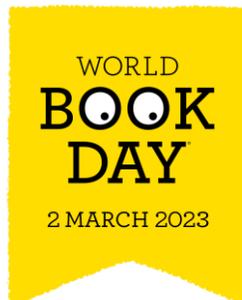
Hawk and Badger
Kestrel and Fox
Eagle and Squirrel
Oak and Hedgehog
Maple and Ladybird
Chestnut and Bumblebee



What are the benefits of Paired Reading?

Paired reading is an incredibly useful and important tool in school. By working in pairs, children learn from each other and as well as improving reading; this also targets communication, teamwork, empathy, understanding and responding to another person's needs.

Improving reading fluency helps children to feel comfortable reading aloud to larger groups, contributing to an overall boost in confidence. As children read more books and other literary materials including poetry and plays, their imagination and love for reading is ignited leading to a great lifelong relationship with reading and books.



World Book Day, 2nd March

Please watch this video for the official campaign reveal and the books on offer this year in exchange for the book tokens.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdcagpayek8>

This year, 'reading for pleasure' is a big focus and we will be sharing with parents and carers elements which support a child reading for pleasure, over the coming weeks.

Mrs Elizabeth Killin
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

THESE ARE SOME OF THE DATES FOR THIS TERM

Friday 3rd February - FOLT Secondhand Uniform Sale

Friday 10th February - Valentine Bake Sale and Pyjama and Onesie Mufti Day

Monday 13th - Friday 17th February – Spring Half Term

Wednesday 22nd February - 6pm Year 6 SATs information meeting for parents

Thursday 23rd February – Year 1 trip to Brooklands Museum

Thursday 23rd February – Year 6 Junior Citizen Event

Monday 27th February – Year 2 trip to Brooklands Museum

Tuesday 14th March - Year 1 9am Phonics workshop for parents

Tuesday 14th March - Year 5 and Year 6 visit to the science museum

Tuesday 21st March – 9am Year 2 SATs information meeting for parents

Christian and Learning Values

Well done to the following children who received a values award this week:

Commitment: Gracie L (Hawk), Zoe E (Kestrel), Jack B (Eagle), Jack J (Oak), Grace D (Chestnut), Nathan F (Fox), Richard O'B (Hedgehog), Mushy S (Maple), Elouise P (Squirrel), Neveah (Squirrel)

Reflectiveness: Radha F (Badger)

Perseverance: Grace D (Chestnut), Zoe E (Kestrel)

Jude's Book Exchange

I would like to set up a book exchange for children in school to bring in books they have read and borrow new ones. If you have any books at home that you are happy to donate to the book exchange, please bring them in next week and we will put them into the exchange. They can be books for any age group and they don't need to be in tip top condition. I think it will be great for children to have this so they can read lots of different books.

Thank you
Jude in Oak Class



Attendance



Class	Week Ending 13/01/23	Week Ending 20/01/23	Week Ending 27/01/23
Bumblebee	97%	96.8%	100%
Ladybird	84.45%	92.4%	85.60%
Hedgehog	93.15%	86.5%	89.60%
Squirrel	91.7%	93%	90%
Badger	93.3%	93.3%	93.30%
Fox	98.10%	96.3%	95.20%
Chestnut	90.85%	92.6%	95.15%
Oak	90.40%	90.3%	87.90%
Maple	95.3%	98.15%	92.20%
Eagle	98.4%	95.65%	86.55%
Hawk	91.75%	94.05%	87.50%
Kestrel	86.5%	86.3%	89.10%
100 % Attendees	263	266	253

Our first 100% attendance of 2023 goes to Bumblebee! Well done to them – a prize each and the hamster for the week is their reward. Please remind your children that there are only 2 school days left in January and then it is time to give out our first attendance wristbands! This is what the wrist bands look like for the term.



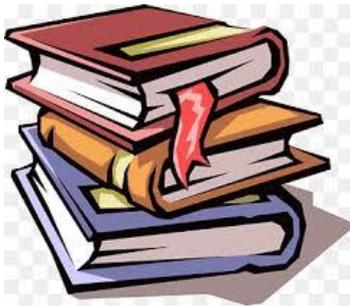
Mrs Gray
Deputy Headteacher

Words of the Week

Vocabulary!

As a school, we have done lots of work with the children on developing their vocabulary. Each week we share our words of the week (linked to our topic and curriculum learning) and unpick what they mean. We use the word in different contexts, find synonyms, act them out, draw pictures and many more strategies to help us to remember them.

Developing children's vocabulary really impacts their speaking skills as well as their reading and writing. Listed below are next week's words of the week so you can discuss these with your children at home!



Words of the week next week:-

Year 5 and Year 6 – Ignorance and Malevolently
Year 3 and Year 4 – Condensation and Legend
Year 1 and Year 2 – Monoprint and Legend
Reception – Weather & Weather Cycle

Top Classes for using TTRS this week



1st Oak
2nd Maple
3rd Eagle

Highest number of coins this Year

1st Mason V
2nd Shariq
3rd Victor

Most Improved Studio Speed

1st Ezra
2nd Oleksandra
3rd Jack J

Numbots (Key Stage 1) – highest number of coins earned this year

1st Keaton
2nd Arthur
3rd Imogen

Congratulations for passing the next stage on Numbots:

Arthur, Keaton, Yevhenii

HOUSE POINTS

1st Unicorn 2nd Phoenix 3rd Dragon 4th Griffin

Swimming Achievement

Hi I'm Ellie and I would like to tell you about my swimming competition. I was picked to do a swimming event because I was improving so much in my swimming lessons. I knew these lessons helped me get stronger for this garter competition. The competition was held in City of Freeman's School at the weekend. I was frightened and although it was tough, as I was competing against children who were up to 3 years older than me. I pulled through though and managed to get first in all three races!

We are so proud of you Ellie!

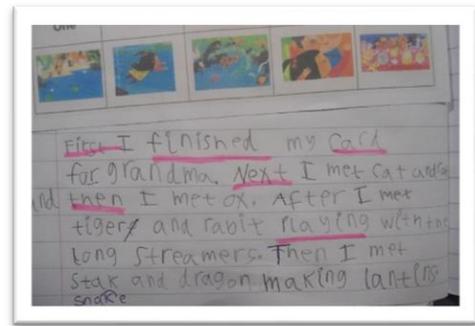
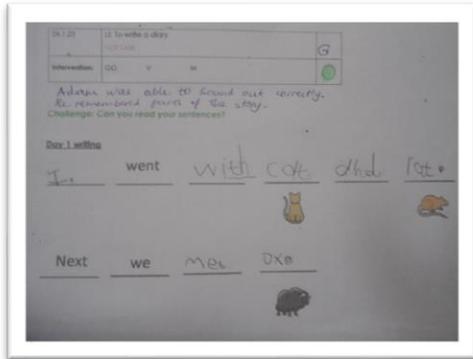


Learning in Squirrel Class

This week has been a very busy week in squirrel class! In **maths**, we have been ordering numbers from greatest to smallest and smallest to greatest. We used numicon to help us make the numbers. Together, we also solved some challenging problem solving and reasoning questions.



In **literacy**, we finished writing our diaries based on Ruby's adventure in 'Ruby's Chinese New Year'. The children have been extremely committed to their writing. In their diaries they included time conjunctions, wrote sentences in the past tense (adding -ed) and used their phonics knowledge to write phonically plausible words. They were all superb!



In **guided reading** we have been reading a lovely book called 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson. Shen, a young girl, is gifted a magic paintbrush and what she paints comes to life! In the story she encounters an evil emperor and she has to think fast about



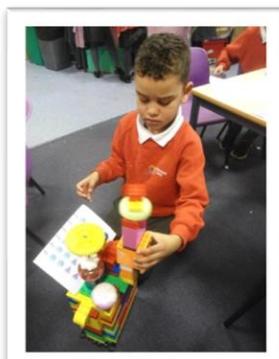
how she can escape from him! In class we talked about the vocabulary: seize, emperor, scowls, wealthy and oysters.

In **PSHE**, we learned about how we care for people and animals in different ways. We had a special visitor in class to help us with our learning: Lindy Williams Crystal Gattety! We talked about what you need to do to care for a hamster and how to keep it healthy and safe. Some of the children had a cuddle, a stroke and fed her. She was a little tired later in the afternoon and snuggled into her bedding for a good sleep.



During **free flow**, the children have been making models (homes for Lindy!), using playdough and sticks to make 2D and 3D shapes and painting and decorating some Chinese lanterns for our class display.

Mrs Ingle and Mrs Inci Squirrel Teachers



Young Carers

Last year, Surrey Young Carers celebrated their 30th anniversary from being set up as a charitable organisation which supports young carers. Currently, they have over 2,000 young carers registered with their service.

Surrey Young Carers have created new resource packs to help you in your caring role. There are 8 packs:

- ✓ Belong
- ✓ Believe
- ✓ Trust
- ✓ Hope
- ✓ Connect
- ✓ A Life Beyond Caring
- ✓ Wellbeing
- ✓ Building Resilience

These can be requested at svc@actionforcarers.org.uk



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