



FRIDAY NEWCHURCH

10th January 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to wish all our children, friends and families a very happy new year. May 2020 bring you joy.

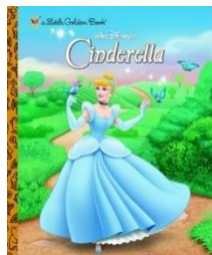
We have already had a very exciting start to the school year and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their new learning.

PRESTO MUSIC ASSEMBLY

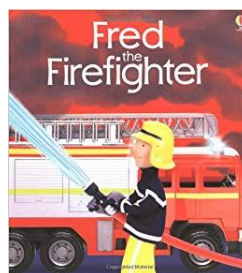
On Thursday morning, we were extremely excited to welcome Presto Music into school and all we can say is what an amazing performance!! Presto Music performed a range of music to the highest of quality, the whole performance was outstanding. Both children and staff alike loved every second of their performance and we can't thank Presto Music enough for putting on such an amazing experience.

NEW TOPICS AND CLASS TEXT

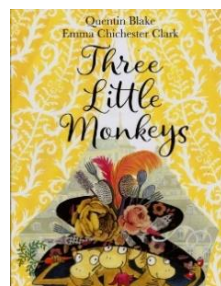
Following a staff INSET day on Friday 3rd January, we are developing a new approach to the teaching of English, with a strong focus on the journey from reading into writing. A greater use of picture books will be seen whilst the children continue to experience novels from amazing authors when the teachers read aloud to them each day. Here is a taste of the text the classes are working on over the next few weeks:



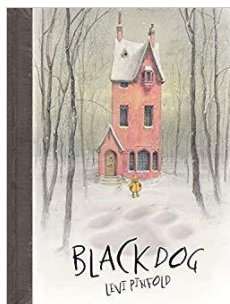
Reception are currently reading the fairy tale of Cinderella which is linked to their visit to the Theatre on Tuesday. The children can retell the story and name all the characters.



Year 1 are reading the book 'Fred the Firefighter.' They are learning all about firefighters to link to their new topic 'The Great Fire of London.'



Year 2 are reading 'Three Little Monkeys' by Quentin Blake and Emma Chichester-Clark. So far, the children have developed their predicting and inferencing skills and are full of anticipation to hear the rest of the story.



Year Three are currently reading 'Black Dog' by Levi Pinfold. The Black Dog is a great picture book that promotes a growth mindset, open-mindedness, risk-taking and courage. As each family member spies a dog through their window, it grows in size and menace. It is the smallest member of the family who discovers the dog is not what the rest of the family imagined.

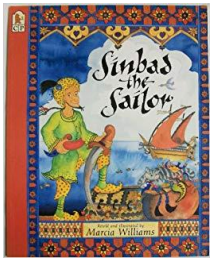


Year 4's reading for Pleasure text this half term is called The Dragon with the Chocolate Heart by Stephanie Burgess. The text that they will be using to support their English work is called 'The Wizard, The Ugly and The Book of Shame' by Pablo Bernasconi. The children have made a great start using their inferences skills and being vocabulary detectives.

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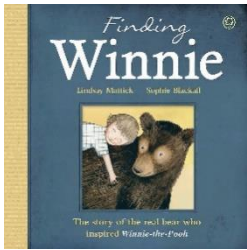
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Throughout this half term, **Year Five** are studying myths and legends. They have already looked and tales from Greek, Norse and Anglo-Saxon culture. The tale they will be using as their class text follows Sinbad on his many adventurous voyages around the world, the creatures he meets and lessons he learns.

The children will be applying their reading to their own mythical texts.



Year 6 are reading two texts this half term which are 'An Eagle in the Snow' by Michael Morpurgo and 'Finding Winnie' by Lindsay Mattick. The books are

very different in their appearance with 'An Eagle in the Snow' being a traditional-looking children's fiction book and 'Finding Winnie' being a picture book. Both stories contain very similar themes of war and animals and through this, the children have already been making comparisons between the two texts. As well as this, children have been inferring the thoughts and feelings of characters and predicting events and supporting them with evidence from the text.

The children have engaged really well with the texts so far and we are all looking forward to continuing to use these books over the next few weeks to support our learning.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

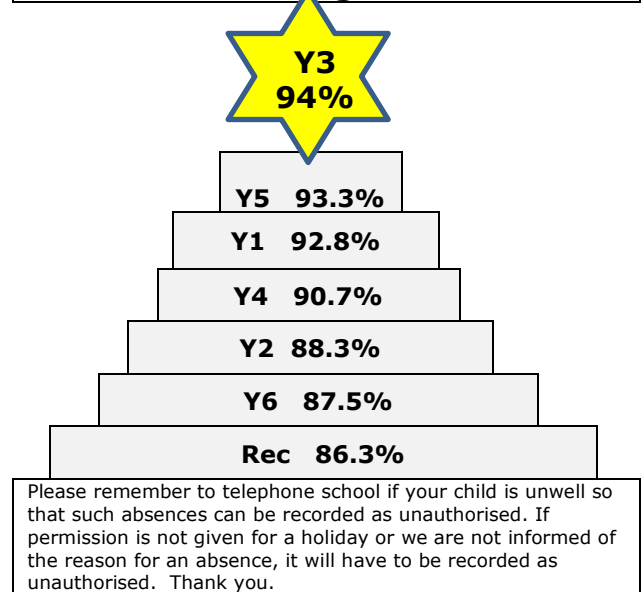
Yesterday, the School Council met to organise the judging of the reading corner competition. Check out Friday News next week to see which class was the winner!

They are also canvassing their classes to see how they can promote the use of Reading Plus by the KS2 classes.

KS1 THEATRE VISIT

On Tuesday Key Stage one went to the Parr Hall to watch the pantomime Cinderella. All the children thoroughly enjoyed it and they thought that the ugly sisters were hilarious. The behaviour of all the children was exceptional. Thank you to all the adults who came along it was much appreciated.

Attendance w/e 20th December 2019
Our whole target is 97.5%



READING LADDER w/e 10th January 2020

	Y1 88%	+
	Y6 86%	+
	Y5 83%	-
	REC 83%	+
	Y4 74%	-
	Y2 73%	=
	Y3 63%	+

SCHOOL DIARY DATES	
15.1.20	PTA meeting 7pm
22.1.20	Parent Board(6pm) – change of date
27.1.20	Rec, Y1, Y2 and Y3 Library visits
28.1.20	Y4, Y5 and Y6 Library visits
30.1.20	Quiz Night
12.2.20	KS1 and KS2 SATs meeting (6:30pm)
5.3.20	World Book Day – Reading Picnic
6.3.20	Circus Skills Day
20.3.20	Thank you Service (all invited)
23.3.20	PAN Performance Evening
27.3.20	Easter Bingo
3.4.20	Easter Extravaganza
23.4.20	Parents' evening
W/C 11.5.20	KS2 SATS
W/C 18.5.20	KS1 SATS
10.6.20	New Starter Meeting (7pm)
19.6.20	Sleepover
3.7.20	BBQ
6.7.20	Sports' Day
17.7.20	Leavers' Assembly (all invited)
To help with family financial planning, please be aware, pupils in Year 6 will be going to Kingswood in October and Y4 will be going to Beeston in July.	

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Jayne Narraway