



# February



## AJA News – 16.02.24

### A message from Mr Dunn

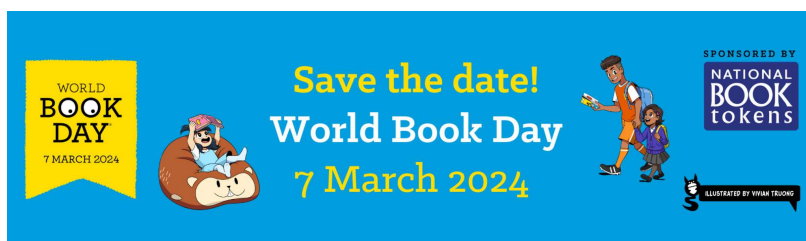
I hope that you have all had a good week. As spring is approaching and the temperatures start to get warmer and the days longer, I'm sure that the boys and girls will be out and about playing with their friends. Could I remind them all to keep safe and especially remember the green cross code when it comes to being near roads.

I will look forward to seeing everyone bright and early on Monday 26th!

### A message from Mrs Bower

This half term, we are pleased that Miss Greasley will continue to teach 5CB in Mrs Boerder's absence. Mrs Farley will be absent for a while due to an operation. Starting this week, Mrs Haroon (a supply teacher familiar with the school) will be teaching Mrs Farley's classes.

World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils are welcome to come dressed as a book character. Children in each class will vote for one costume to win Best Costume and that child will receive a certificate and a new book in assembly. If you are unable to arrange a book character costume do not worry, your child can come in non-uniform and we will have plenty of interesting book activities in school. Some staff will also be dressed as a book character, see if you can guess who they are!



### A message from Mr Scott

I have some online safety to share with you and your children on news: ALL NEWS ISN'T ALWAYS GOOD NEWS! We need to be mindful that as young people spend much more time online, they will come across many types of news including fake, real, biased, exaggerated and AI generated news. I've attached a leaflet below that may be of some use for you at home. If you scan the QR code, it will provide additional information on this subject. If you feel that you need any support with online safety, please do let us know and we'll be happy to support you in any way that we can.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you in our next Spring half-term.

### Important Dates

#### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

First day of term

#### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Information for Year 4 parents on the multiplication times table test that Year 4 children will sit in June 3.30pm – 3.45pm in the assembly hall

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March

SATs meeting for Year 6 parents  
Come and find out what your child is expected to do in May 3.30pm and again at 5.30pm in the assembly hall

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day  
Option for pupils to dress as a book character

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3 visiting the church linked to their RE learning on Christianity

#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Parents' Evening

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Parents' Evening

#### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Whole school visit to the church for Easter service

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Last day of Spring term

# What's been happening this week?

## Year 3



We have reached the 'half-way' point! Time goes so quickly, we are half way through year 3 and it is incredible how amazing your children are doing with their learning and behaviour. This half term has been brilliant! The work on the volcanoes was excellent, as were the learning logs too. Next half term we are starting a new topic - The Mayans! Within this topic, we read and create our own story based around Charlie and the Chocolate factory, learn about the Ancient Maya community, we design chocolate bar wrappers and create a new chocolate bar, we learn about plants and their life cycles and in PE we start net games.

We are also incredibly lucky to have booked a Mayan Workshop on the 12th March. More details will be sent out about this after half term! Very exciting news.

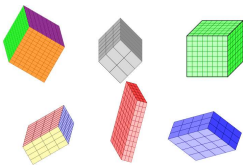
## Year 4



This term, Year 4 have been learning about the rainforest. We will continue this learning in English next term by reading The Great Kapok tree. Our reading and writing will continue along the theme of the rainforest, but our geography will focus on map skills, reading coordinates and using Ordnance Survey maps. Pupils are enjoying the new non-fiction books in the classroom and have been reading widely about science, geography and history topics.

Next term, the other half of Year 4 will be going swimming and we look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening in a few weeks! Have a lovely half term and see you soon.

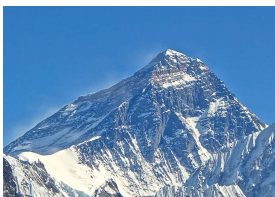
## Year 5



We have made it to half term! This week, we have thoroughly enjoyed exploring 3D shapes and their nets in maths. In English, we have been working extremely hard towards our King Lear playscript and they look fantastic! In geography, year 5 have all shown their creative side and designed 3D masterpieces of a river and all its features. Check these out on dojo!

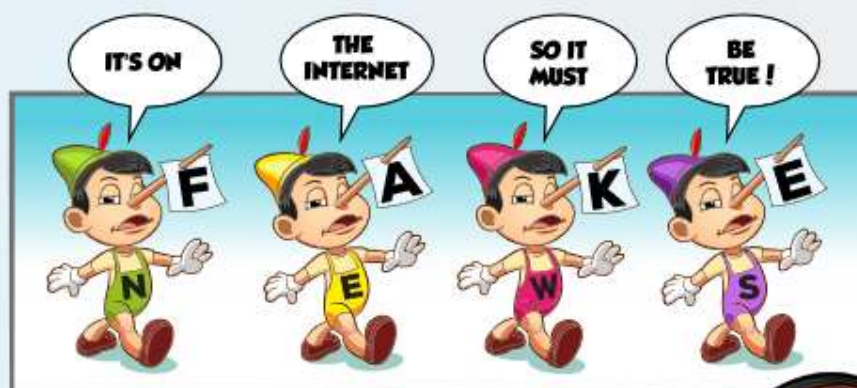
Lastly, we have enjoyed a fantastic finish in English watching the Wind in the Willows! You've worked hard this term year 5, have a well-deserved half term!

## Year 6



Wow what a term! The children have worked so hard this term. We began our new topic all about mountains around the world. Did you know there was a mountain on every continent? In addition to learning about how mountains are formed, where they are, locating their countries and cities and investigating the climate we have used the topic as inspiration for our reading and English. The book 'My Side of the Mountain' by Jean Craighead George has been our reading book as well as our inspiration for our diary and short story writing. In reading, we have learned all about Mount Everest, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay. In science, we have learned all about animal and plant classification, the scientist Carl Linnaeus (responsible for the classification system) and micro-organisms - fantastic topic. This term we introduced the CGP books for homework. Most children have responded really well and we hope that the extra practice gives them an added layer of confidence with their learning. Next term, we really need to think SATs so we are inviting you in to find out more about what the SATs expectations are. There will be two meeting times: 3.30pm and 5.30pm on Monday 4th March. The children were very keen for you to 'have a go', there will be no expectation for you to do so but it will give you an idea of the expectations and why we would like you to encourage children to read and complete the homework. We have had a really positive term and we wish you all the very best for a relaxed week off. Enjoy!

## A Parent's Guide to Fake News



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online.



**Don't believe everything you see online!**

Young people can very easily be dragged into things without parental guidance and support.

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**