



# March



## AJA News – 01.03.24

### A message from Mr Dunn

Hi everyone - I hope that you have all had a great week!

I would just like to take a little bit of time to remind parents of our school uniform. Please follow the guidance regarding this as we always want our pupils to look smart. A couple of things that I'd like to highlight - black school shoes are appropriate and black school trousers please, not sports or jogging trousers. I would also like to draw your attention to the Parents' Evening letters that have gone out tonight. Please send them back as soon as possible so that teachers can begin to allocate appointment times.

Have a super weekend - see you bright and early on Monday morning!

### A message from Mrs Bower

Parents' Evening letters will go home today for every class except 3MK and 5CB. Parents' Evening for these two classes will happen in the summer term. I have sent a Dojo to these classes separately. Please let us know your preferred time slots and ask your child to bring back the form on Monday.

Next Thursday is World Book Day! Children are most welcome to come to school dressed as a book character. Each class will vote for their favourite costume and that child will receive a certificate and free book in assembly. The staff will also be dressing up to! If you are not able to dress up, please do not worry. Come to school in non-uniform – we will have plenty of fabulous World Book Day activities for everyone to take part in.

This term, each class is aiming to read a million words! We can track how many words each class reads on Accelerated Reader. We will be running a whole school competition where pupils will be looking at a running total of words read each week.

To develop the values of courtesy and respect across school, pupils can earn CARROT tokens. This can be anything from walking sensibly along the corridors, helping others, saying please and thank you or even holding a door open for someone and showing courteous behaviour. We are changing how we count CARROTs. Starting this term, CARROTs will be counted each week and a running total will be shared with the children weekly in Friday's assembly. Once a class has reached **200 CARROTs**, a class treat will be rewarded which will link to the curriculum. Examples may include:

- Art/DT afternoon linked to the topic
- Sports activities
- Film linked to the topic
- Creative crafts such as cross stitch, weaving, clay, junk modelling

Have a lovely weekend! I look forward to looking at reading across the school next week, taking part in the World Book Day activities and looking at reading records.

### Important Dates

#### Monday 4th 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

### Attendance

This week's attendance

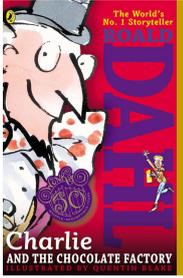
**94.99%**

Highest class attendance

**Perfect Pandas 99.6%**

# What's been happening this week?

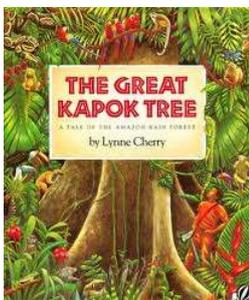
## Year 3



It has been a productive week with lots of excellent learning taking place. This week, we introduced our writing task that links to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, our history (the Ancient Maya), D and T - designing and making a chocolate bar and wrapper, and in computing we started coding. It is a short but exciting half term. The main events of the half term are: Tuesday 12th March for our Mayan Day and Thursday 7th March for our visit to the church to support our learning around the topic of 'Festivals'.

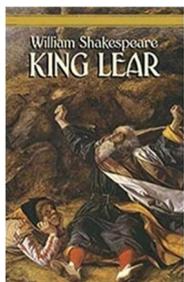
Reminders - iPad in school every day, with at least 80% charged. We don't use our iPad all day every day, but it is used in small snippets of the day - quizzes, research, computing lessons etc. Reading 4 times a week and reading diaries in school every day - they have the passwords in! Thank you and have a super weekend! The Year 3 Team.

## Year 4



Year 4 have had a great first week back, displaying excellent work ethic and persistence! We are studying the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' in writing, and discussing reasons why we need to be more considerate about the nature we are taking from the Earth. Maths this week has focused on multiplication skills, with division next week. Science is investigating the teeth and digestive system, learning what all our digestive parts do to help us get nutrition. We look forward to another great week next week, with some fun activities on World Book Day! The Year 4 Team.

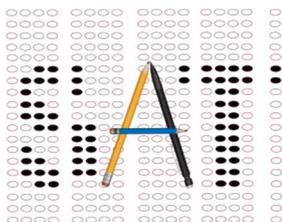
## Year 5



What a fantastic start Year 5 have had! In English and reading, we are exploring the Three Musketeers. Focusing on D'artagnan to write a biography all about him! In maths, we have all worked incredibly hard at converting decimals to fractions, you are all decimal ninjas! In geography, we have thoroughly enjoyed the hook to our topic 'France and French speaking countries'. We have sampled a variety of foods, such as Roquefort, Brie and Poutine - this was a firm favourite for the children!

Last, but not least, we have started our drama project from the Northwest Drama group. Our play this year is King Lear and on Tuesday we had a visitor, Sue, from the group to introduce us to the story and different drama techniques. We have been able to implement these skills into our drama lessons on Thursday. Have a lovely weekend! The Year 5 team

## Year 6



It has been a very positive start to this new term, an important one in the run up to SATs. We have begun focusing on test technique in reading honing our skills for answering retrieval, inference and vocabulary questions. In English, we have spent the week refining, editing and improving our stories. We have been so impressed with the resilience and dedication shown during this process. Groups in maths have been shuffled again but we have all settled into the new groups and are working well. Anyone who feels they need support is welcome to join Booster groups on Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8am. Also, the Tuesday after school Booster group will run until 4.15pm; each week we will focus on a specific skill which will be shown on Dojo. Wishing you a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday for the SATs meeting at 3.30pm or 5.30pm. Have a brilliant weekend! The Year 6 team.