



Chestnuts Primary School



NEWSLETTER

4th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our parents and carers this week who have supported us through this difficult time. It has been a challenge with so many staff absences due to Covid.—I have also been off myself! Fingers crossed that things will be better next week!

Please be aware that next week is Children's Mental Health Awareness week which is based around the theme "Growing together". We will be having conversations around resilience and encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow.

Please keep reading the newsletter as it is a great way of keeping up to date with events happening at school.

Have a lovely weekend

Katie Horwood



Be Safe
Be Engaged
Be Respectful
Be Ready

Dates for your Diary

W/C Monday 7th Feb

Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 9th February

Staff/Parent Netball Match 4.15pm

Thursday 10th February

Y3 Trip to Wigmore Hall for School's Concert

Monday 14th—Friday 18th February

Half Term

Monday 21st February

Back to school

Children's Mental Health Week

7th-13th February 2022

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place next week, from 7th-13th February 2022. This year's theme is Growing Together.

Over the course of the week, we will be encouraging children (and adults) to think about what mental health means, why it is important and how we can look after it. In line with this year's theme we will also consider how we have grown, and how we can help others to grow.

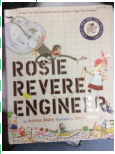
Nursery

This week, we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. The children decorated the class with lanterns and made paper fortune cookies for their friends and family.



What we have done this week

Ahlberg

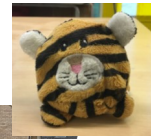


Our book of the week is *Rosie Revere Engineer!* Rosie sent us a letter asking us to make a flying machine for her pet Bertie the bunny.

Here are some pictures of children making various flying machines and parachutes that we tested to see how well they worked. It's been a lot of fun!



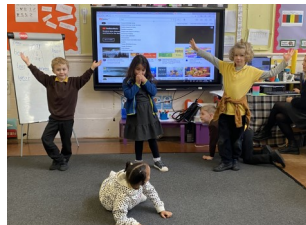
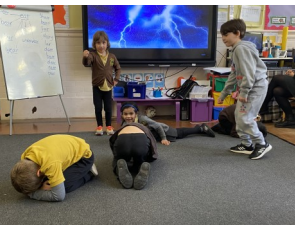
Donaldson



As part of our continued efforts to help Bobble to fly, we tried to power him up with air on a stomp rocket! He flew a little way but we discovered that adding his weight to the rocket meant that he could not go very high. Back to the drawing board!

Mozart

In science we have been learning about different seasons and the weather. We have learnt about thunderstorms and how to stay safe if you find yourself in one! Here are some images of our role-plays showing how to stay safe in various weather conditions including thunderstorms!



Hadid

We have been learning about Chinese New Year. We even made a Dragon!



Seacole

This week we enjoyed making silly putty, as part of their learning about the uses of everyday materials in Science. They were able to mix the ingredients and explained how they could change the shape of the putty, by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching the solid object.



Bolt

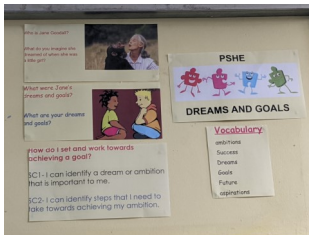
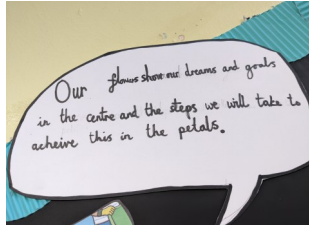
This week, Bolt class used lots of different methods to solve word problems in Maths.



Dahl

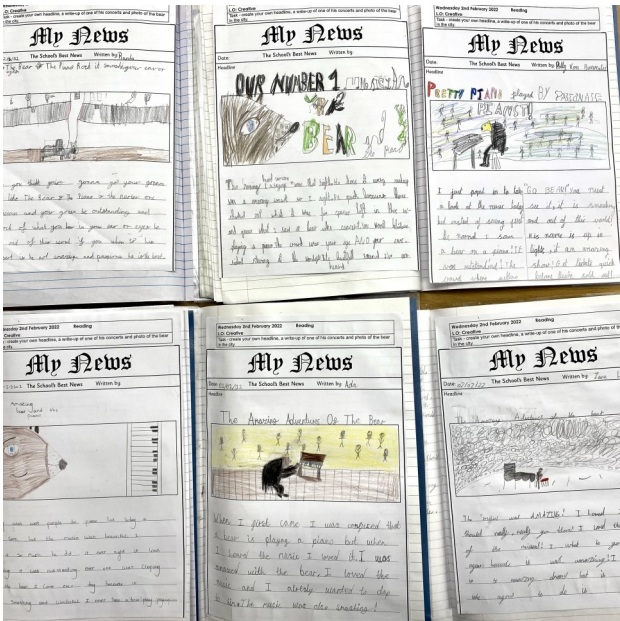


In PSHE we have been thinking about dreams and goals. We have learnt about some inspirational figures and how they worked towards achieving their dreams. Then we created this display of our 'Garden of Dreams.' It shows what we aspire to achieve and the steps we will take to get there!



Attenborough

This week we have been reading the story *The Bear and the Piano* by David Litchfield. In this lesson we wrote a news paper article as if we had just watched the bear play in one of his sold out concerts in the city.



Fibonacci



This week we the pupils grouped up to come up with different ideas on why zoos are bad, in preparation for their balanced argument next week.



Gandhi



We are currently working on animals in art. It is a project that covers a few weeks, but it is plain to see the finished articles are going to be magnificent.



Thompson



This week we have been learning about Emergency Aid in PSHE. We had a detailed discussion about how to stay calm in emergencies and what we should do. We looked at the recovery position and discussed in what situations we might use it in. We had turns in placing each other in the recovery position.



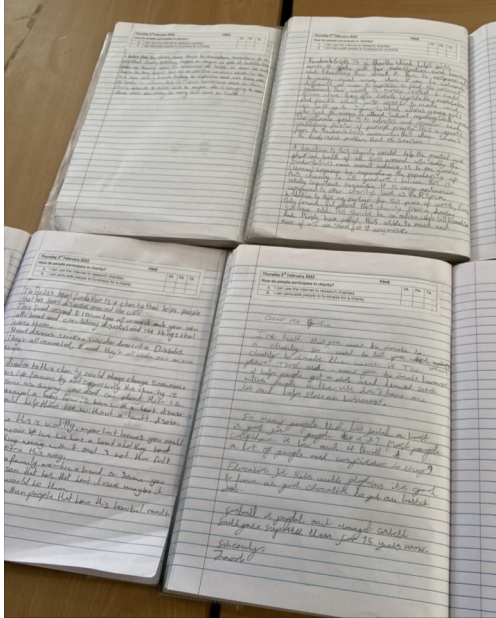
Pankhurst

This week, will be our final week of working on Macbeth. The children in year 5 have worked really hard to write their own scripts, perform sections of the text, decipher Shakespeare's use of language and create their own green screen project. Year 5 parents look out on Google Classroom next week to see their finished pieces.



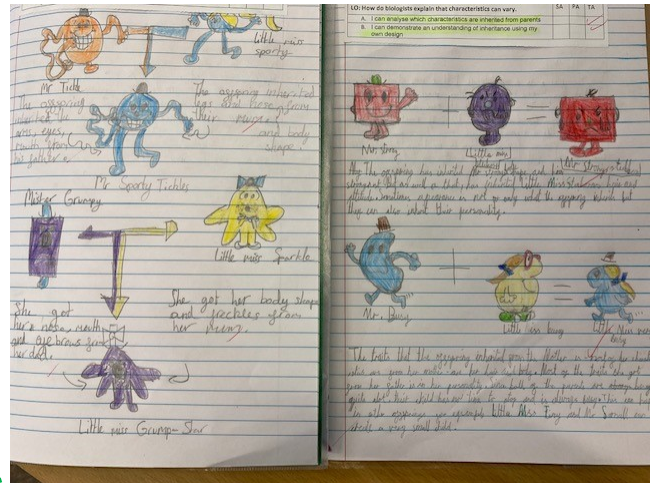
Malala

In our PSHE lesson we were looking at charity. After half term we will be doing 2 runs around Chestnuts Park to raise money for a charity. The children researched different charities and wrote a letter persuading us that their charity should be chosen. We will decide the winner after half term!

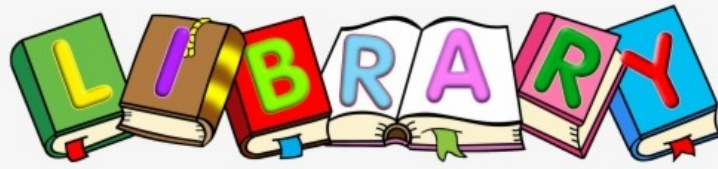


Mandela

To evidence our knowledge about inheritance we created Mr Men characters and described the characteristic traits the offsprings inherited from their parents.



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Zone

The library is now closed until the building works in it are completed.

If you find any library books at home, please do still arrange for your children to bring them in – there is a blue box outside the library for them.

I have been encouraging children to use local libraries – St Ann's, Marcus Garvey or Wood Green are nearby. If you are not already a member, follow this link: <https://www.haringey.gov.uk/libraries-sport-and-leisure/libraries/how-join-haringey-libraries>

A big thank you to the parents/carers who have offered to help with updating book labelling on Tuesday and Thursday mornings after half term. I still have capacity for more volunteers – do get in touch if you can spare an hour or more!



Our Year 6 reading group has been really enjoying the Bibliobuzz Alexandra Palace Children's Book Award shortlist of 6 books. They will be voting for their favourite next month!

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Art Classes

Creating compositions of 'Starry Nights' using wax resist. Children decorated the page using wax crayons and candle wax, then a thin coat of blue/black ink wash was applied with a sponge to reveal all the detail.

