



## e-news @ Leigh & Bransford

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**A lot of dressing up coming our way very soon – get your creative hats on!**

**Timetable Rockstars, Miss Hutchinson** - To support our children's learning of the multiplication tables, we are excited to announce the launch of 'Timetable Rockstars'. This is an online platform which allows children to practise their times tables in school and at home, and has been proven to improve children's multiplication skills. Children will be issued with a personal online login shortly from their Class Teacher. In line with its launch, we plan to partake in the NSPCC Number Day on the 7th February. Children will be invited to come in fancy dress as a 'Rockstar' for a £1 donation to the NSPCC charity. We will use this day to promote the launch of TT Rockstars.

**Trips & Slips** – Thank you for embracing the Payment 4 Schools payment system, in the office Mrs Foreman is doing a daily happy dance (slightly uncomfortable!) Jokes aside, it is far more efficient so thank you. Please remember that we still need consent slips even when you pay online.

**Dress up Day Class 1 & Class 2** – This is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February and is for our term topic 'Let's Conquer Castles' We would love the children to come dressed as knights, princes or princesses.

**World Book Day** – Put it in your diaries, this is coming up on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. More info to follow.

**SEN Questionnaire** – Any parents with outstanding questionnaires please return them to the office by today or Monday at the latest. These are really useful to us when we are improving processes to work with you so please do return them.

**Bus List** – Important stuff, this is next week! (w/c mon 26<sup>th</sup> Jan) Remember, we cannot put a child on the bus without weekly written confirmation from a parent/guardian that is what we need to do. We request you all email in by Monday morning to the office the arrangements for the week ahead, even if it is to confirm 'same as last week' or 'remain the same' Additionally, anyone NOT using the bus list anymore please do confirm with us this is the case.

**Parents Evening** – These will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> March. The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> are 10 minute slots from 3.30pm to 5pm and on the 4<sup>th</sup>

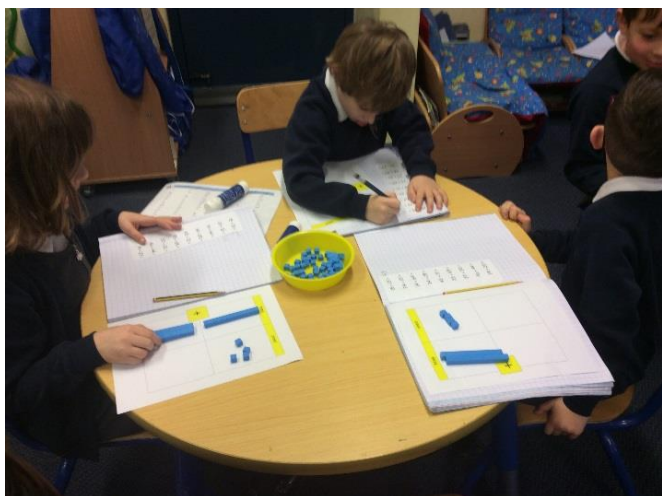
**Reception Class, Mr Powney** - This week Reception have been continuing to learn and map out the Gruffalo story creating our own 'story maps'. Some children even built fantastic Gruffalo traps in the outdoor area to try and catch him! In our maths we have been looking at sharing in a practical context, investigating how to share a quantity fairly between different numbers of people. In science we investigated how rainbows are formed and even created our own rainbow within the classroom!

**Class 1, Miss Knight** -This week, we realised one of the beans we planted last week was magic and it grew into a very tall beanstalk! It goes all the way through our ceiling. We received a letter from the giant explaining that we have got the story wrong and that he is a kind giant really. We have been working on describing what the kind giant looks like as well as thinking about what he might



want to say to Jack if he had the chance. The other beans have started to grow nicely and we have been checking on them every day and learnt about how to look after them and what they need to grow. We are very proud of our beans!!

**Class 2, Mrs Tedds** - We have been working very hard on addition and subtraction of two 2 digit numbers over the last two weeks. We have got very confident with using base 10 resources to support their thinking. We have been working out when there is a missing number, using the greater than and less than signs and having a go at word problems. We have begun creating our shields following our designs and we look forward to showing them off at our parent banquet at the end of our topic. The children in Class 1 and 2 will also be dressing up, I wonder how many knights and princesses we will have in school that day???



**Class 3, Miss Radford** - This week we have been working really hard in Literacy, planning and beginning to write our character description of Toothless the dragon from the story 'How to Train your Dragon'. The children have been working exceptionally hard on their vocabulary and their sentence structure. In History we have been learning about Vikings runes and how the Vikings used them to create labels and write receipts. We even had a go at writing our own secret messages using Viking runes for each to translate. During Art this week the children have been working on their painting technique and using lots of bright colours to paint a dragon eye.



**Class 4, Miss Albutt** - We have been busy transforming the classroom into a news room and hosting a news broadcast. We have been reporting on the different types of electricity, after investigating which sources of energy are sustainable for our planet and have identified and evaluated how they are used.



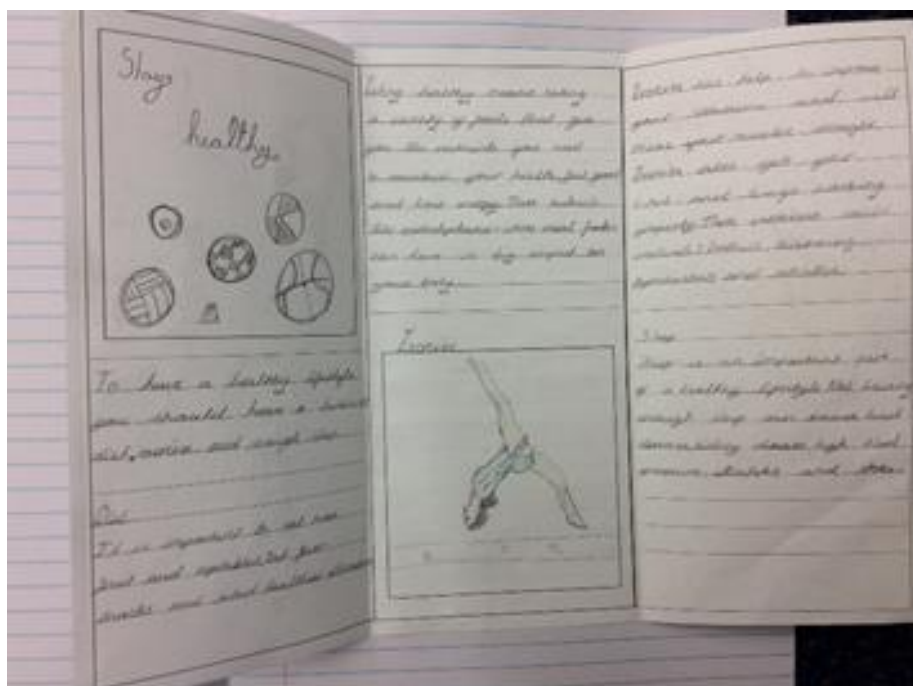
**Class 5, Mrs Sage** - In class 5, we have been learning how to correctly punctuate speech in order to improve our own mythical character descriptions and enhance the action of our myths.

In maths we have been applying our understanding of place value in maths to multiply and divide whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

These last couple of weeks in PSHE, we have been learning the importance of collaboration and teamwork in order to sketch a design of a desert island. The main focus was on everyone agreeing on the design and having discussions about differing opinions in a cathartic way. In doing this, it has enabled us to improve our patience and cooperative learning skills- an important life lesson.



**Class 6, Miss Hutchinson** - This week in class six we have been thinking about healthy lifestyles. We have worked hard in groups to discuss factors that can affect this, and how we can improve our mental and physical wellbeing through factors such as: diet, exercise and through social activities. We have used this knowledge to produce informative leaflets to help others make positive lifestyle choices, some of which we hope to share around school.



## School dates for your diary

Spring Half Term – School closes Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February & reopens Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Easter – School closes Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April & reopens Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

Summer Half Term – School closes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May & reopens Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. (Inc. Whitsun Bank Holiday – Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May)

End of Summer Term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

May Day Bank Holiday – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (Anniversary of VE Day)

TED Days

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 –Police Commissioner Elections – school used for polling, TBC by MHDC

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### Our reasons to feel proud this week .....

Dylan R – Outstanding phonics work.

Sienna – Having courage to try things that you find difficult.

Martha – Fantastic counting & number recognition work.

Jamie MM & Esmail H- Effort with handwriting.

Harriet R – For always being kind & helpful.

Lucia GG – For an excellent letter written as a character.

Jude TR – For working hard at learning his phonic sounds to use in his writing.

William S – Always being an incredibly helpful & thoughtful member of Class 3.

Aoife F – For always having an excellent attitude towards learning.

Skylar R – For an amazing character description in literacy.

Neve T – Excellent commitment to learning at home.

Issy M – Outstanding effort & progress in maths & literacy.

Beth R – Being an extremely positive & helpful member of class 4.

Rosie R – Always having a kind & considerate attitude to others.

Oliver C – Excellent work in writing & spellings.

Lottie T – Hard work & determination.

Bryn L – Excellent effort in writing.