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Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

Dear Families,

A blustery and temperate October Friday to us all. Thank you to all those who were able to make time for the PTA's Annual General Meeting last night, and in particular a sincere thank you to all those who put their hands up for election. The review of the year to begin the meeting was an inspiring testament, not least for the £44,935 raised by our community for the school over the previous year. Of course what can't be numerically defined is the community cohesion, togetherness and fun our PTA has brought us, and it is this that makes our school - and the PTA as an organisation - so special. On the shoulders of this tireless effort, we have a new committee, freshly elected and replete with optimistic enthusiasm, to take on the mantle of PTA leadership here forward. It's an exciting moment of both change and continuity, and particularly as many of our new committee members are from our younger year groups.

The torch is passed, and thus, for the coming academic year your committee shall be:

- **Chair:** May Alsop
- **Co-Chair:** Kris Augustyn
- **Treasurer:** Phillip Blundell
- **Events:** Sophie Fox and Maddie Morrell (with the support of ordinary members Ellie Okereke, Jacinda Fahey, and Sami Stevens)
- **Sports:** Danny Myers, Kieren Zeale, Yohann Foechterle, Sabrina Lawless
- **Grants and Bursaries:** Danusia Trestka
- **Fairs:** Celia Forsheew and Yuri Berchenko

Thank you all, very much, for your commitment to our school, to our families, and to our children.

And now, to the recommended read. If you'd like an uplifting tilt through a whimsical narrative, then I'm afraid you're out of luck. This week it's Frank Cottrell-Boyce (the current Children's Laureate) and his book, 'A British Childhood'. From FC-B's writing, you can see why he's the figurehead of children's books: he manages to make difficult and divisive topics into a gripping read, weaving narrative and personal experience and intrigue into what is ostensibly a review of children growing up at the business end of two major world crises. Somehow he's still funny while he does it, and somehow still curious and awed and alive to the human stories he tells. No it isn't particularly merry, but the glimmers of hope he finds are many and his optimism in the ability of ordinary people to do good hums constantly beneath the text. If that sounds like your thing, then FC-B's book is worth your time; he's genuine and inquisitive and - thankfully given his job title - really a very good writer.

Yours as ever,

Alex Lee



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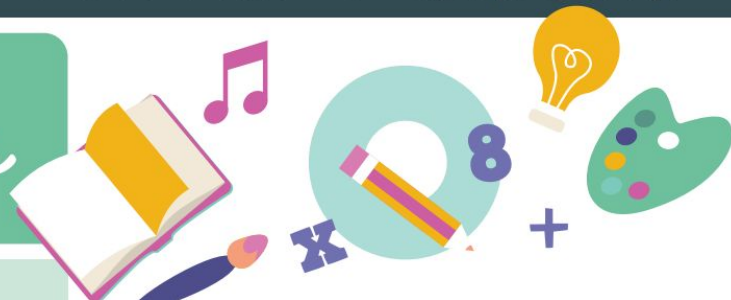


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Sambar Class



Mrs Blaxland



Ms Philip



Mrs Lambelin



Miss Wilkinson



Mr Owen

Our Learning

What have we learned?

- We have been reading the book 'Tidy' and have talked about the autumnal changes that we have noticed in our area.
- In Maths, we have been exploring mass and have been using scales to weigh lots of different objects. We have also been making our own repeating patterns and the children have enjoyed using movements as well as natural resources to make their patterns.
- In Art, the children have made leaf rubbings with the many leaf donations that we have received.
- In Science, we have been thinking about what animals do to get ready for winter.
- We are enjoying 'dough disco', where we are strengthening the muscles in our hands and fingers, which are crucial for tasks like handwriting.

Our highlights:

The PTA have kindly supported the development of our outdoor classroom. The children are getting so much learning and enjoyment from our new resources - the weaving board and guttering trails to name a few!

In other news

We go to the Library every Thursday so please make sure that your child has their Library book with them on this day so that they can bring home a new book.

Thank you to everyone who has brought in leaves and conkers for our classrooms!

The next two weeks

We will be learning:

Next week, we will be reading the book 'Leaf Man'. In Maths, we will be looking at the different ways that we can represent numbers. We are looking forward to having a dentist visit us next week, and learning about how to look after our teeth.

Trips and events:

16th Oct - Wear Red Day (show racism the red card) and Just One Tree Day
19th-23rd - DT Week

Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Alexander and Theresa



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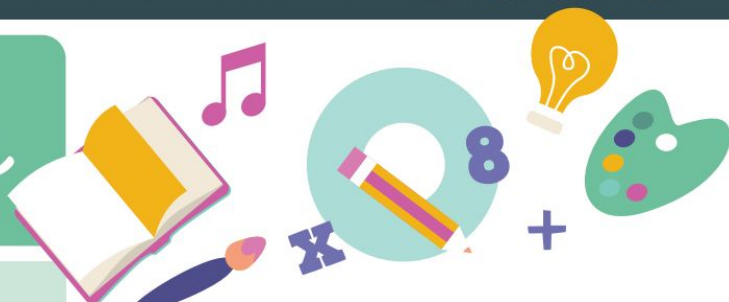


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Fawn Class



Miss Corrigan



Mrs Gordon



Miss Wilkinson



Miss Susie

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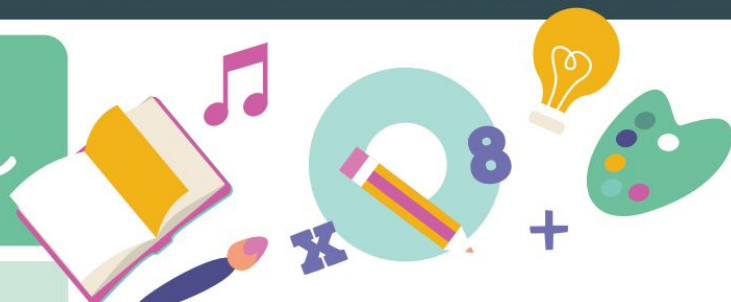
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Roe Class



Miss Bennett



Miss Charlotte



Miss Melissa

Our Learning

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In Maths, Year 1 have been learning to make number bonds up to 10, using hands-on counters to show and prove their understanding. Alongside this, we introduced bar models this week, and the children have done a brilliant job learning how to use them to represent the part, part, and whole structure of numbers.

In Science, we conducted an exciting experiment to see which objects float or sink. Following our test, we discussed the properties of different materials and were able to explain why certain materials are suitable or unsuitable for making specific objects.

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The absolute highlight of our recent weeks has been during our PSHE lessons. We have been discussing our similarities and differences, exploring what makes every single one of us completely unique. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing stories and finding out new, wonderful things about their classmates.

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The next two weeks

We will be learning:

To retell the story of the Three Little Pigs.
Using warm tones and cool tones in a portrait.

Trips and events:

19.10.26- History Walk

Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Arabella

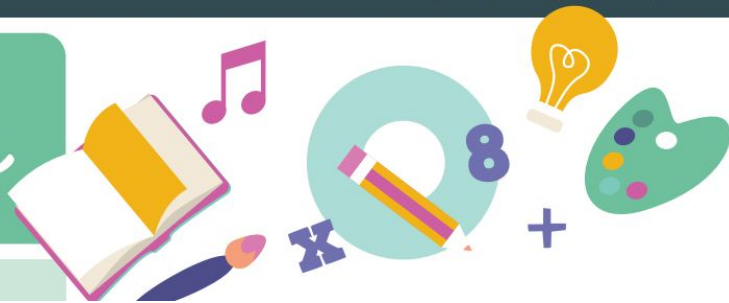


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Brocket Class



Mrs Drew



Ms Barbara



Miss Denisa

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- Bartu



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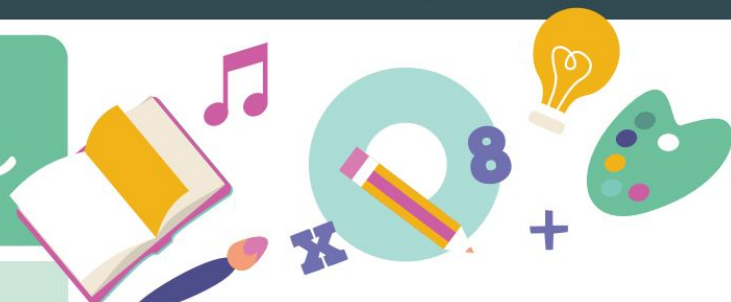


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Marsh Class



Miss Lauren



Miss House



Miss Charlotte

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Our highlights:

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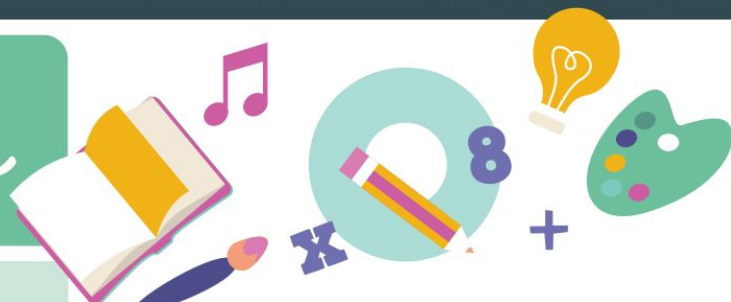
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Fallow Class



Ms Barbara



Miss Brandvik



Miss Lauren

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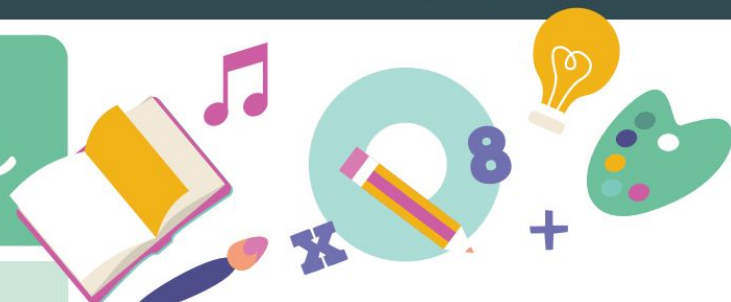
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Kashmir Class



Miss Lauren



Mr Lord



Miss Tejas

Our Learning

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In maths, we have been using number lines and partitioning to add two digit numbers. We looked at exchanging with dienes when we cross a 10 or 100.

We used hatching and cross hatching in art to create shadow in a portrait. We thought carefully about which pencil to use to create dark and light tones.

We used our observational skills in science when looking at different types of soil. We observed what it was made up of, how it felt, and described its properties before predicting which type of soil we thought it was.

Our highlights:

We learnt about how artists measure proportion using their thumb and a pencil. We practised drawing the other half of Miss Thomas's face. It was hard, but the children rose to the challenge!

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Please make sure all uniform and water bottles are named. If the children would like to practise Times Table Rock Stars at home, please encourage them to do so. It is an online programme that tests their multiplication and division fluency, preparing them for the multiplication check in Year 4. We recommend they practise on 'Jamming' mode as we have specifically set tables for them to practise.

The next two weeks

In maths, we will continue with our topic of addition and subtraction. First we will consolidate mental strategies and then we will move onto column method.

Our next topic in geography is all about volcanoes and earthquakes. We will look at how these occur, and the human and physical impact of these events.

Key dates:

- Friday 16th October - Wear Red Day
- Monday 19th October - Year 3 DT day.
- Wednesday 21st October - Open classrooms after school.

Upcoming stars of the week:

Amandine and Jude



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Muntjac Class



Miss Thomas

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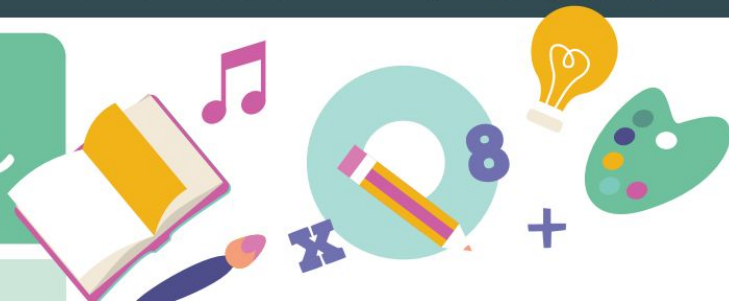
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Sika Class



Miss Melissa



Miss Skewes



Miss Staines



Miss Lauren



Mr Rory

Our Learning

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Alexander

Max



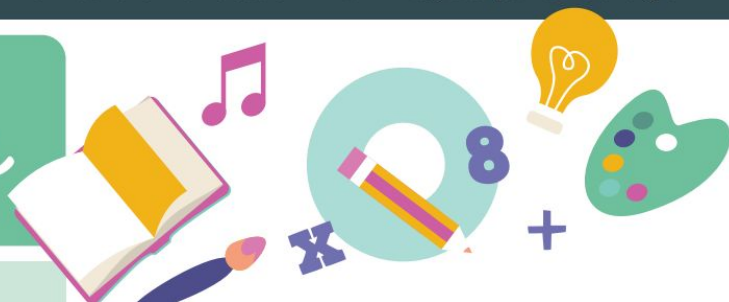
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Taruca Class



Miss Bhatti



Mr Lloyd



Miss Mandy



Miss Amber

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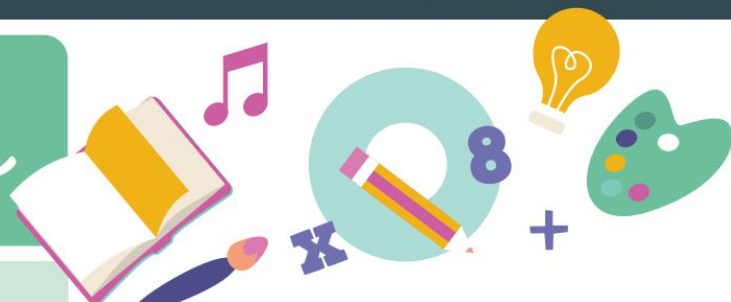
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Class Updates



Caribou Class



Mrs McMinn

Our Learning

What have we learned?

We've been learning lots over the past fortnight in Year 5!

Our highlights:

In English, we have been identifying the features of balanced arguments and are now starting to plan our own balanced arguments to complete next week!

In maths, we have moved on from place value to focus on addition and subtraction. We have now mastered multi-step addition/subtraction questions and are moving on to how we can comparing different calculations.

In our science lessons, we have been learning all about the human respiratory system and the parts of the body involved in inhalation and exhalation.

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Our highlights:

A particular highlight of ours has been during one of our English lessons, where the children were able to debate each other on a topic from our current text, *'The Adventures of Odysseus'*.

In other news

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I will also check their reading record has been signed on Mondays. They have weekly Maths homework to complete on Century and should use TTRS to maintain their times tables fluency.

The next two weeks

We will be learning:

English - How to plan and structure a balanced argument.

Maths - End of Unit assessment on addition and subtraction. Begin new unit on multiplication and division.

Science - recognising the impact that drugs can have on our bodies.

History - Beliefs about the ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses.

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20/10 pm, 21/10 am - DT Day

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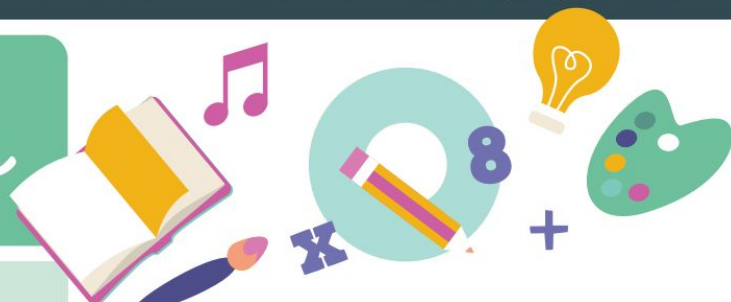


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Elk Class



Miss Amber



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Red Class



Mrs Wilson



Our Learning

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Maths: We've been testing our times tables knowledge in learning how to use short and long division, finding multiples of large numbers to begin long division.

English: writing and editing our diary entries from the perspective of Ted Sparks.

History: understanding the reasons for the consequences of the dissolution of the monasteries.

Science: understanding how adaptation leads to evolution in living things and exploring the evolution of man.

Our highlights:

We really enjoyed our trip to Hampton Court Palace. We explored the kitchen gardens, Henry's kitchens, the great hall and even met Anne Boleyn herself! Year 6 enjoyed pretending to be the courtiers in the grand hall and even played tudor games on our tour.

We also took part in a workshop; answering five 'big questions' about Henry's life at the Palace. We had to use sources to form our arguments and then present them to the group.

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Please see the DT email regarding the resources needed to complete our DT project!

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Science- exploring how antibiotics work

Art- experiment with techniques and mediums to create a final piece with inspiration from the works of Michelangelo

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Friday 16th- Wear Red Day

Wednesday 21st- open classroom

w/c 19th October- DT week

Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Luna, Arthur



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Moose Class



Miss Race



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