



# Deer Park School

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*Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,*

Dear Families,

Welcome to the weekend. It's been a tumultuous week of weather, and the rainy countenance of February was much enhanced by the extra day this leap year affords us. In March, we trust, the North Atlantic Drift will extend its long arc upwards, bringing seasonal warmth to our little island. Not that rain has dampened the spectrum of activity at the school above Lidl, mind you. Reception Welly Walks continued in earnest, with children, volunteers and staff alike learning the benefit of seasonally appropriate clothing. In international sporting news, our thoughts will be with Sophia K from Year 3 later this month, as she joins the England Karate Team in the Malta Open and then the World Championships. Hearty congratulations to Sophia on being selected to represent her country, and we look forward to hearing of her experiences. In more local sporting news, a team of lower KS2 boys ventured out to the annual BPET football tournament and finished a commendable third place among the schools in our trust. Congratulations to Felix from Year 4 in particular, on his being picked out by the trust's sporting minds to receive the BPET medal for his determined resilience and skill. A girls' side, also from lower KS2, went forth this week to the Richmond football tournament, and finished third overall in the borough – congratulations to them on a strong performance.

In recommended reads, We begin with the youngest readers among us, with Katherine Rundell's 'The Zebra's Great Escape'. This book has a wild and free-spirited energy running through it, and the writing style is entertainingly playful and up-tempo. There's also some rather lovely themes about animal's feelings and needs and personalities, and one rather inspiring pigtailed protagonist. For KS2, 'India, Incredible India' by Jasbinder Bilan is this week's recommendation. Bilan's work does a good job of conveying the vast scale, variety and richness of the subcontinent, all framed within a nicely personal story about a girl and her grandmother. Finally, for our adults, the excellent 'The Bee Sting' by Paul Murray. It markets itself as a depiction of a hapless family and their various scrapes and japes. I can attest that it is much less amusing and much more emotionally hard-hitting than this description suggests. Less japes, more tragically realistic collapse, but no less brilliant because of it.

Have a wonderful weekend together, and do remember to read.

Yours as ever,

Alex Lee



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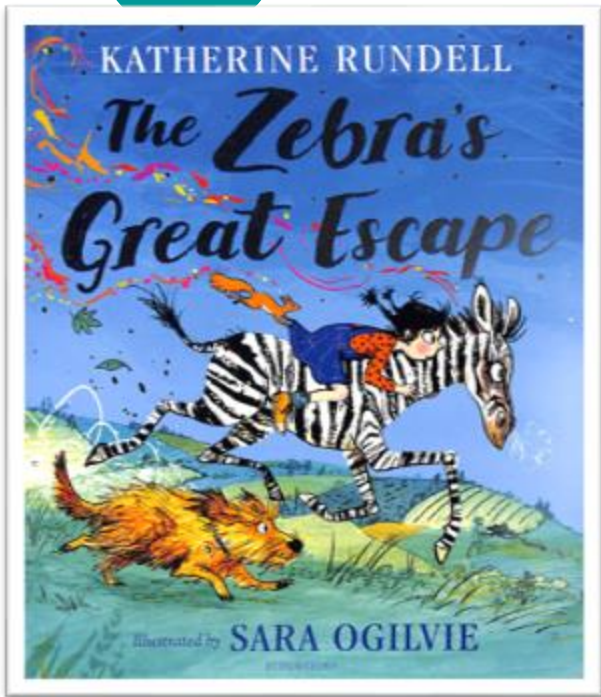
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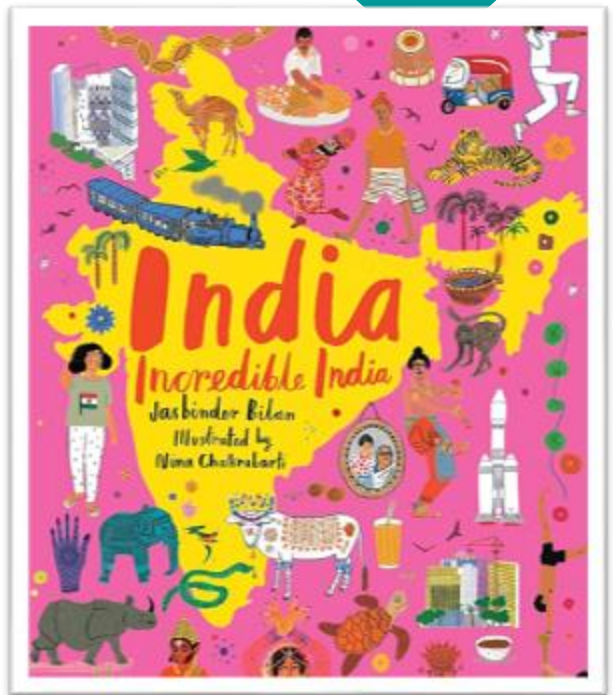
# Recommended READS

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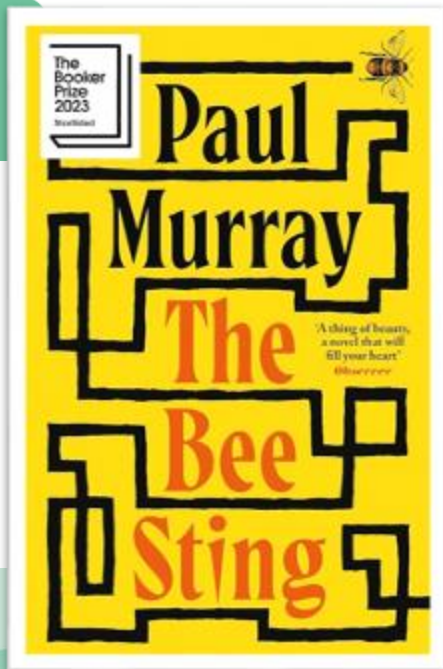
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For Adults



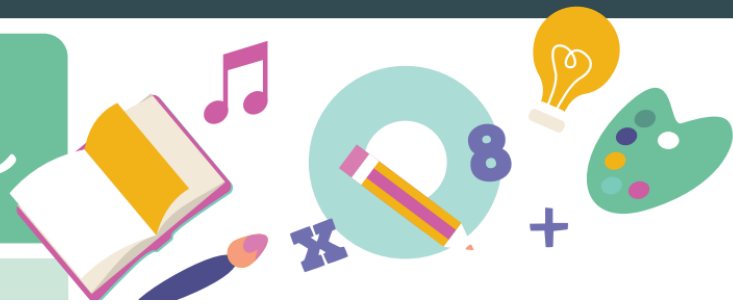
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# Class Updates



## Sambar Class



Mrs Blaxland



Ms Philip



Miss Wilkinson



Mrs Lambelin

### Our Learning

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- We have been learning about 'Traditional Tales' and reading the book 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'.
- In Maths, we have been finding out one more and one less than a given number to 10. We have also been learning our number bonds to 10.
- We have been learning about how to make porridge and have written our own shopping lists for the ingredients required.
- We have used our junk modelling to make a new chair for 'Baby Bear'.

#### Our highlights:

- The Reception classes loved making their own porridge and of course tasting it!
- Last week we learnt about Kente Cloth and the children were inspired to design their own patterns.
- We enjoyed a very soggy welly walk in Marble Hill Park looking for signs of Spring!

### In other news

- Please continue to bring in any spare boxes and cardboard that you have at home.
- If you would like to volunteer for any of our upcoming Welly Walks, please do let us know. Thank you.

### The next two weeks

**We will be learning:** We will be reading the book 'Goldilocks and Just the One Bear'. In Maths, we will be recapping doubles to 10.

#### Trips and events:

World Book Day – 7th March

Dress as a Scientist/Red Nose Day – 15th March

Welly Walk – 19th March

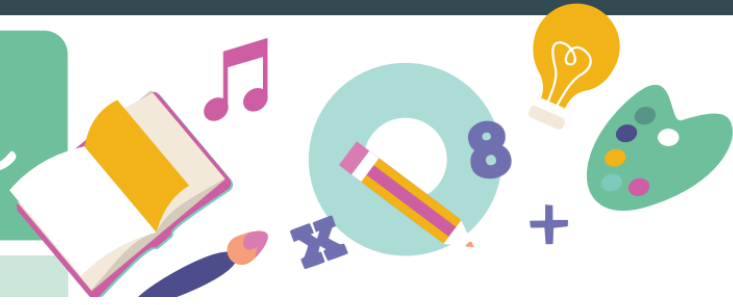
Family Consultations – 19th and 20th March

#### Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Stash and Daniel



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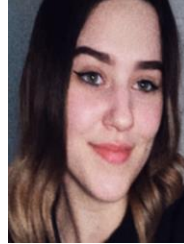
## FawnClass



Miss MacGregor



Mrs Gordon



Miss Cain



Miss Sarah

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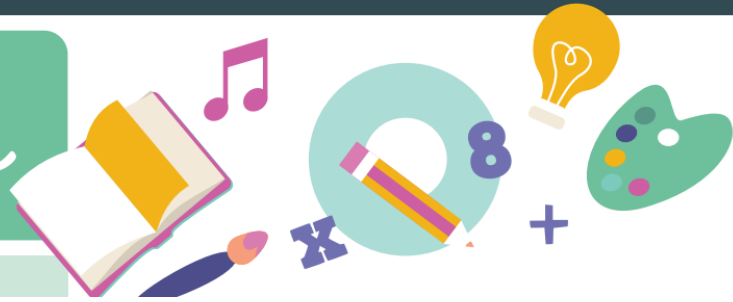
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#### Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Elodie and Pearl



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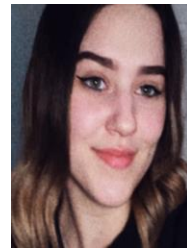
## RoeClass



Miss Copeland



Mrs. Amber



Mis  
Lauren

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Our highlights:

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### In other news

Well done to everyone who submitted their 'Screen Your Story'!

Please log onto NumBot's (your login is on the inside page of your reading record) and enjoy playing the fun maths games!

### The next two weeks

We will be learning:

To write a sequence of sentences to form a short narrative.

To add and subtract numbers up to 50

Trips and events:

World Book Day- 7.3.24

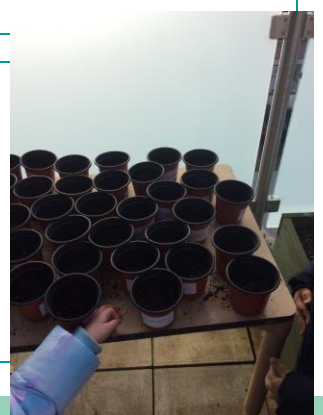
Dress as a Scientist- 14.3.24

Family Consultations- 19th and 20th March

Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Chloe

Mira



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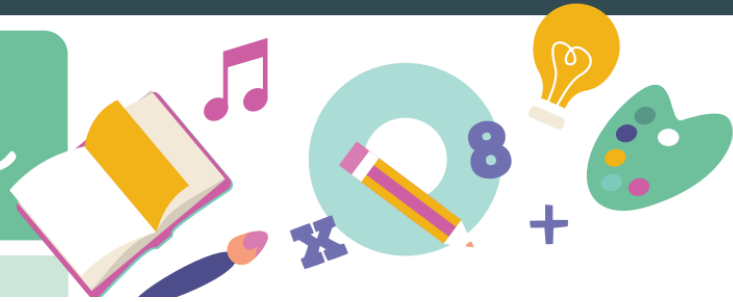


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# Class Updates



## Brocket Class



Miss Bennett



Miss Cat

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Noah S

Chloe



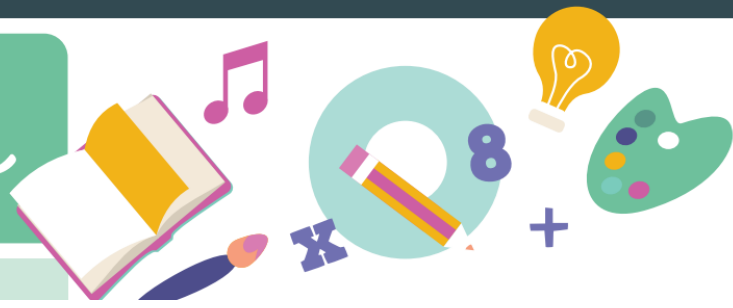
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# Class Updates



## Marsh Class



Miss Webster



Mr Lloyd



Miss Susie



Miss Tejas



Ms Melissa

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#### Our highlights:

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### In other news

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### The next two weeks

#### We will be learning:

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#### Trips and events:

Ducklings in school – 6th – 15th March  
World Book Day – 7th March  
Science week – w/b 11th March  
Dress as a Scientist/Red Nose Day - 15th March

#### Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Eren and Anya



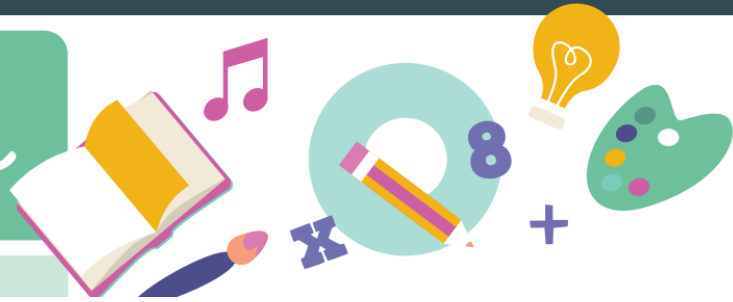
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# Class Updates



## Fallow Class



Miss Brandvik



Mrs Kisby

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#### Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Joshua and Eva



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# Class Updates



## Muntjac Class



Miss Forshaw



Miss Tejas



## Our Learning

### What have we learned?

Wow! Muntjac class have come to school with bucket loads of enthusiasm!

We have thoroughly enjoyed reading the opening of the Iron Man, practising reading as a reader, reading as a writer and writing as a writer. We found examples of repetition, personification and descriptive pairs in the text and innovated them to use in our independent write.

In Maths, we consolidated our learning on measure, learning to calculate the perimeter of a shape. We started a new unit on fractions, identifying parts and wholes, as well as equal and unequal parts.

In Science, we learnt that forces are either pushes or pulls. We named some forces, including friction, air resistance and gravity and labelled these on diagrams.

We used globes and maps in Geography to identify the Northern and Southern hemispheres and name countries within them. We learnt that the equator is an imaginary line around the world that separates the two hemispheres.

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We visited Buddhpadipa Temple this week, supporting our learning about Buddhism in RE. We learnt more about the three stages of the life of Buddha, as well as the five teachings of Buddhism. A Thai monk taught us how to meditate, and explained that it frees us from worries so that we can live a happier life.

## In other news

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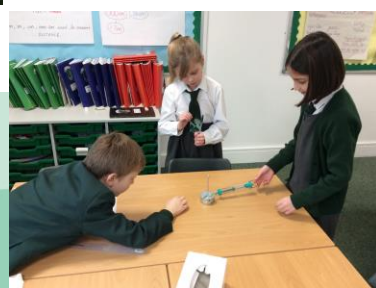
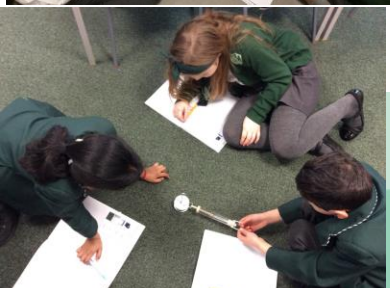
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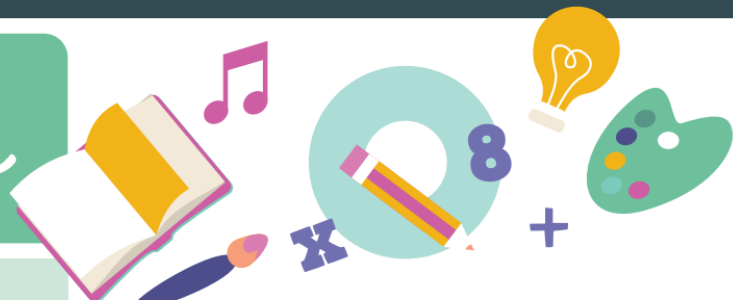
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### Upcoming Stars of the Week:

- Emilia
- Maya-Bella



# Class Updates



## Kashmir Class



Miss Cutter



Ms Barbara



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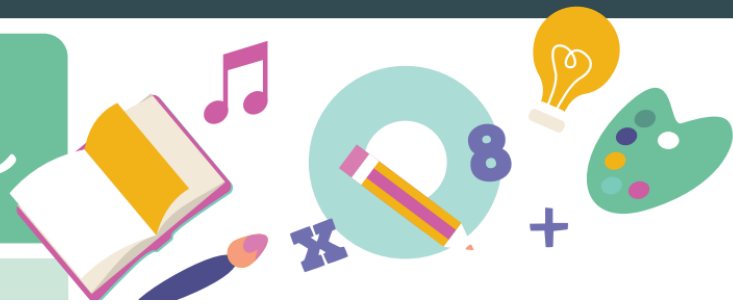
#### Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Nikita

Hunter



# Class Updates



## SikaClass



Miss Cowing



Miss Lauren



Miss Mandy

### Our Learning

#### What have we learned?

What a fantastic start back to the term! The children have been extremely resilient with quite a tricky skill in Maths - Converting improper and mixed number fractions. In English, we have been working towards writing a descriptive narrative about a river. The children have been using such rich vocabulary to describe the different stages of the river while using personification! Science this term we are learning about States of Matter. The children already had the very exciting task of testing if gases weigh anything. In Geography we have been studying the Water Cycle. The children now know all the stages and what happens in each.

#### Our highlights:

I have been super impressed with the children's attitudes and effort this term so far in Sika class. They are asking brilliant questions, pushing themselves to achieve their best and really trying their absolute hardest in all aspects of their learning. The first two weeks of Samba have also been a roaring success and I've loved to see how much they are progressing already!

### In other news

The children need wellies or a pair of shoes that you don't mind getting wet or ruined and warm/waterproof layers for the trip on Monday 4th March. If they do not, they won't be able to take part in all the activities.

Children need to bring in their favourite book for 'Book Talk' on World Book Day!

### The next two weeks

#### We will be learning:

- How to subtract fractions
- What happens when states are changed
- Editing and improving writing
- The negative impact of living near a river
- Explain the practices of Sabbath

#### Trips and events:

4/3 - Thames Explorers Trip  
7/3 - World Book Day  
15/3 - Synagogue Trip

#### Upcoming stars of the week:

Padraic (Week 3)  
Zac (Week 4)



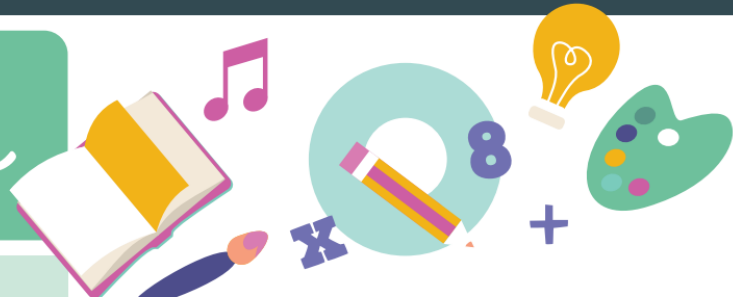
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# Class Updates



## Taruca Class



Mrs. Bailey



Mrs. Wilson



Mrs Bhatti



Ms Melissa

### Our Learning

#### What have we learned?

In English, we are exploring our fantastic picture book called 'The Rhythm of the Rain'. How does a rain drop travel to the ocean? What happens along its journey? All pertinent and exciting questions that link to both Science and Geography topics this term.

In Science, we investigated the weight of Carbon Dioxide; and in Maths we are busy adding, subtracting and converting fractions from mixed numbers to improper fractions (and back again).

Art has involved printmaking; please do try the Homework task on this, as it is a brilliant and creative activity everyone will enjoy!

#### Our highlights:

Taruca have returned to school for the second half of the Spring Term ready to learn! They are focused on producing some fantastic work, and showing their HEART Values in all that they do.

Have a lovely weekend!

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Amber (week 3), Leora (week 4)



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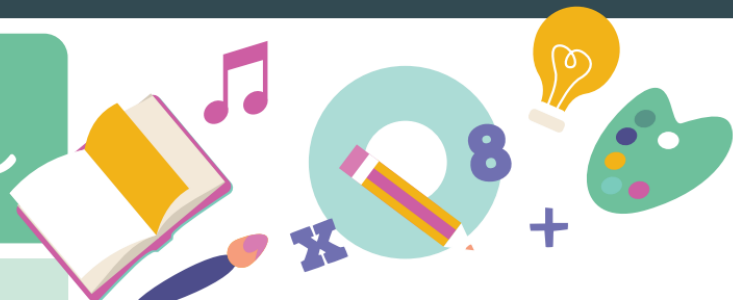


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# Class Updates



## Elk Class



Miss Thomas



Miss Naz



Miss Bhatti



Mrs Hazell

## Our Learning

### What have we learned?

Our new class text has kept us all on the edge of our seats to begin this half term! We are reading the thrilling modern mystery 'Hacker' by Malorie Blackman and will be using this to write a diary entry from the point of view of one of the main characters.

In maths, we have been mastering fractions, decimals and percentages. This has included rounding numbers to one decimal place, ordering and comparing decimals and looking at equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. Next, we will be moving on to perimeter and area.

California is the focus of our Geography unit this half term. We have located the state using maps, grids and compass points. We have also worked in groups to research the 4 main biomes found in California.

We have moved on to 'printmaking' in art, where we are studying the work of contemporary printmaker, Laura Slater. Please do try the Homework task on this, as it is a brilliant and creative activity that everyone will enjoy!

### Our highlights:

We have had a fantastic number of entries for the 'Screen Your Story' competition. Miss Thomas and Miss Coward are very proud of the brilliant authors we have in Elk Class.

## In other news

Children need to bring in their favourite book for 'Book Talk' on World Book Day and dress up as their favourite character/ cosy story-time attire.

## The next two weeks

### We will be learning:

- Perimeter and area
- Key human and physical features of California
- Science Week – Theme of 'Time'
- Unforeseen expenditure

### Trips and events:

29/02 & 01/02 - Book Sale after school  
07/03 - World Book Day  
12/03 - Science week workshops  
15/03 - Dress as a scientist/Red Nose day  
19/03 & 20/03 - Family Consultations  
26/03 - The London Central Mosque trip

### Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Samuel and Baris



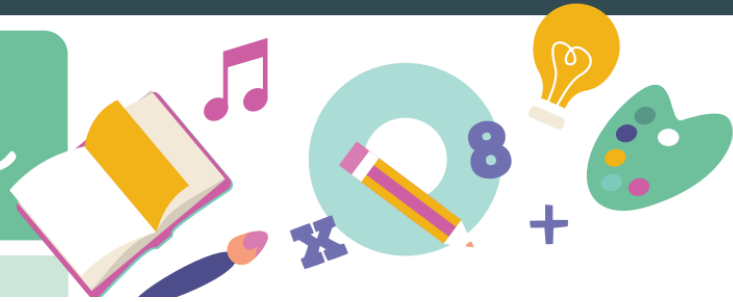
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# Class Updates



## RedClass



Miss Williams

### Our Learning

#### What have we learned?

Starting the term off to a very productive start, the last few weeks have flown by, and been packed full of new learning. As always, new topics in Science and Geography spark new interests and questions. In Science, the topic of 'Sound' has seen us exploring how sound is created, and how we can change the pitch and volume of sounds. In geography this term we are learning about our planet, including how it is changing, the causes of natural disasters, and the human, physical and environmental impact of them.

In English we have started reading a beautiful recount of Shackleton's expedition which includes lovely animations. The last two weeks have been working towards writing a job application to be a member of the crew aboard Shackleton's ship – The Endurance. But will any of them be persuasive and up for the challenge?

#### Our highlights:

The homework task which required the making of a musical instrument was particularly popular this week, and it was wonderful seeing everyone who made one bring them in and show us how it worked. Please continue with the same level of enthusiasm towards your homework each week – we love seeing you amazing presentations and information pages that you create and you have set the standards so high. Well done!

### In other news

Please ensure you have completed all forms and payments for our trip to France this summer. Please speak to either myself or Mrs Khurana if you have any questions regarding this.

### The next two weeks

#### We will be learning:

- How the ear works and how it can become damaged, leading to loss of hearing.
- How we can reduce our environmental impact in our day-to-day lives.
- How to explain what food and drink is not healthy for us in French.
- How to calculate missing angles in quadrilaterals.

#### Trips and events:

- 29/02 & 01/02 - Book Sale after school
- Wk. 04/03 - Bike Ability Level 2 training
- 07/03 - World Book Day
- 12/03 - Science week workshops
- 14/03 - Holly Lodge Citizenship trip
- 15/03 - Dress as a scientist/Red Nose day
- 19/03 & 20/03 - Family Consultations

#### Upcoming Stars of the Week:

Grace and Max



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