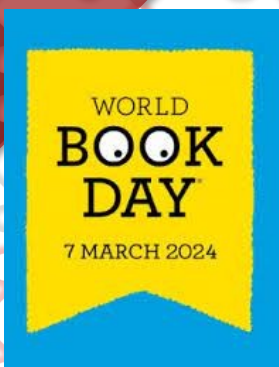


Spring Term Newsetter Week 20 16th February 2024



This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.

Our theme will be **Bedtime Stories** and the children can come to school in their pyjamas.

Please make sure they are wearing sensible shoes and not slippers as children will still be taking part in normal daytime activities.



Parent Consultations—Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th March

These are now available to book on MCAS.



20.24 Cake Sale

Well done to Jessica and Miley for holding their cake sale today to raise £20.24 in 2024. The cakes were very popular. The queue was so long Mrs Anderson came to help out and the girls were sold out by the end of lunch!

The girls made a whopping £76.35





SLEEP OUT

SO OTHERS DON'T HAVE TO!

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH 2024

St Vincent's Centre, Southend in conjunction with Liberty Hygiene.

6:30pm - 8am
Liberty House, Totman Close, Brook Road Industrial Estate, Rayleigh S86 7UZ

Come and enjoy a delicious BBQ between 6:30pm - 8pm and breakfast the following morning.

Minimum £60 sponsorship per person. If you would like to take part, scan the QR code or follow the link - [Sleep Out](#)

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Turtle and Starfish Class



This week in Nursery, we have been learning about lots of things. We learnt about Chinese New Year, the year of the dragon through listening to a story. The younger children matched and made animal sounds to the animals and the older children coloured in dragon pictures. There was a tasty Chinese restaurant in our role play area too.

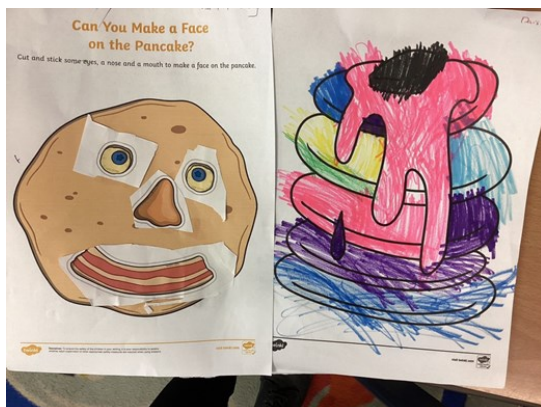
On Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday, we got to eat pancakes and talked about what we like to put on them.

For Valentines Day we decorated hearts and talked about who we love then we worked on our fine motor control by practicing using scissors to cut them out.

In one tray we had water and various sized containers to fill, pour and empty while developing our speech and language through talking about size and capacity. In the other tray we had balls and pipe cleaners with tweezers to develop our fine motor control, which will help us when we start to learn to write.

Everyday when we go outside all the children are working on developing their independence by putting on their own coats and pulling the zip up by themselves, once it is fastened at the bottom. This is something you can help them practice at home please.

Enjoy your half term from
The Nursery Team



Seahorse Class

This week in Seahorse Class, we have explored the book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. As we read the story, we discussed key vocabulary that represented the lifecycle of a butterfly. We discovered the words *cocoon*, *pupa* and *chrysalis* could all be used to describe the home a caterpillar makes around itself before changing into a butterfly. We learnt the word *metamorphosis*, the process of when a baby animal transforms into the adult version of itself. We have also looked at the lifecycles of frogs, birds, plants, and humans.

In Literacy, the children ordered pictures of a lifecycle of a butterfly. We have been working hard in our phonics lessons, and are using the phrase 'chunking' when reading longer words such as *pocket* and *carpet* etc. This is where the children blend and read each syllable of the word before connecting them together e.g. *vel*, *vet*, *velvet*.

In Maths, we have looked at the days of the week. We have ordered the days through song, before using our cutting skills to create a days of the week spinner. We have also discussed the words, *yesterday*, *tomorrow*, *weekdays* and the weekend.

On Valentine's Day, we spoke about why we might tell someone we loved them, and explored how it is celebrated. The children then used different materials to create Valentine's Day pictures and cards.

Throughout the week, the children have created butterflies and caterpillars on the mark-making table, played pass the parcel (making parcels from the materials on the craft table), found caterpillars and butterflies in the builder's tray and used the playdough to create pancakes.

We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 26th February.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Penny, and Mrs Mota.



Oyster Class

What a fantastic half term you've had, Year 1!

The children have done ever so well in all areas of their learning. I am particularly impressed with how well they are doing in their Phonics. Keep up the reading, Oyster class.

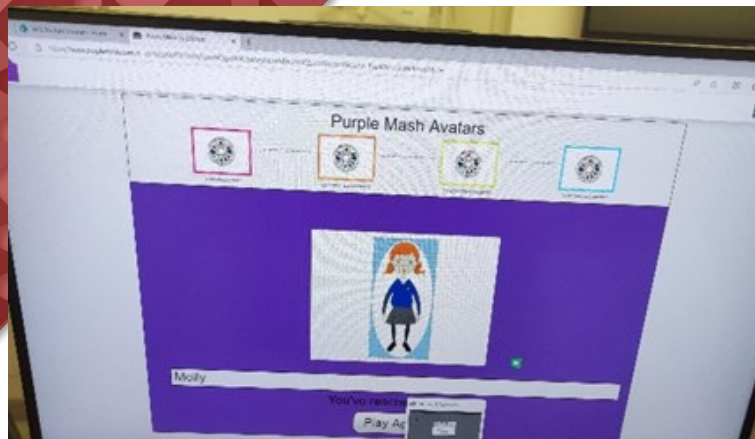
The children have thoroughly enjoyed their gymnastics topic in PE this half term. They have been perfecting their balances, jumps and spatial awareness. This week, we have worked on our emotions and how we must always be kind to others.

We hope you have a lovely and restful half term and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Miss Bradley and Mrs Tarling



Seagull Class



This week in our computing lesson, we have explored databases. We discovered we could use the data to work out answers to questions. We played an online version of 'Guess Who' where the children were given some avatar pictures. Each avatar had distinctive features such as the clothes they were wearing and the colour of their hair. The children were challenged to discover the correct name for each avatar by answering a set of questions about them. It was great to see how well the children engaged with the task.



Also, this week we have been creating our habitat information page. We researched Arctic animals and jotted notes about the ways they have adapted to their habitat. The children were able to include lots of detail in their writing and have discovered a host of Arctic animal facts.

Have a wonderful half term, Year 2 from Mrs Oakley and Mrs Merton.

Heron Class



This week in Year 3, we have been planning and writing the ending to the story 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy.' We have been thinking about ensuring we use our writing lenses, which make us think about the skills we are using when we write.

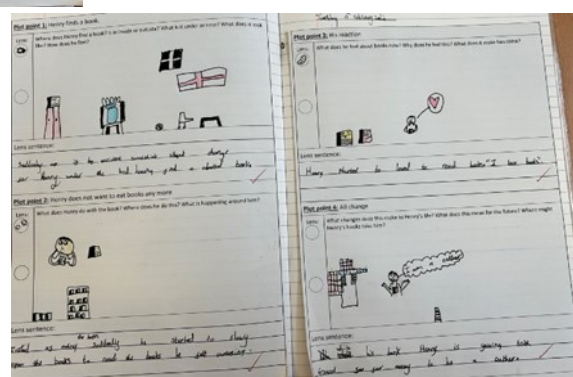
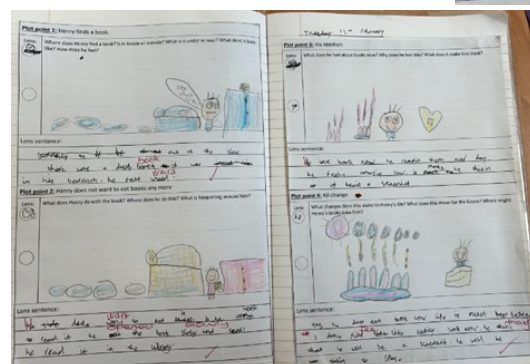
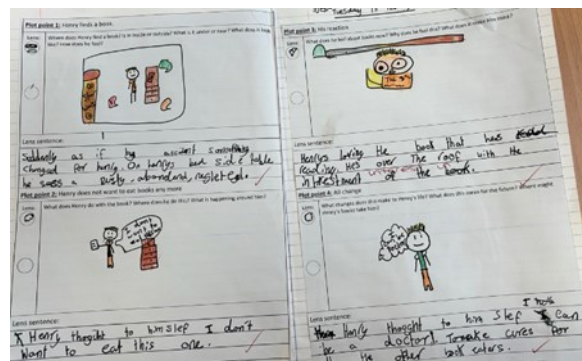


In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions and used Purple Mash to play fraction wall. Well done to everyone who has been logging into MyMaths every week. I can see lots of children completing their homework on time. The children can earn 10 house points for completing homework on time each week so please continue to log in at home.

Finally, have been learning about the creation story in RE. We created a dance routine to tell the creation story and thought about why the story is so important to both Christian and Jewish people. The children then created their own creation story artwork.

I hope you all have a wonderful half-term holiday and look forward to seeing you after half term.

Mrs O'Donnell and
Mrs Edwards



Curlew Class

We have made it halfway through the school year!

This week has been as fantastic as always.

In History, we have continued learning about the invention and continuing development of the telephone. The children worked in groups to match different telephones and accessories to their descriptions, and then attempted to put them all in chronological order. This was easier said than done!

This week, we started a new topic in Maths – ‘fractions’. Although initially challenging for many of the class, everyone persevered to recognise simple mixed numbers and improper fractions and to count beyond 1 using fractions. Well done, everyone and keep practising.

In RE, we thought once again about people that we find inspiring and the reasons why this is. We then considered the impact these people could have on our future. Each child imagined what they might look like at aged 30 and what their life might be like. We could have some fantastic sports stars, musicians and You Tubers in 20 years time (to name but a few) and a lovely new generation of caring and gorgeous children.

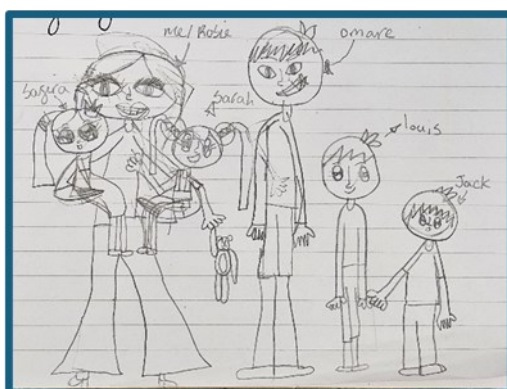
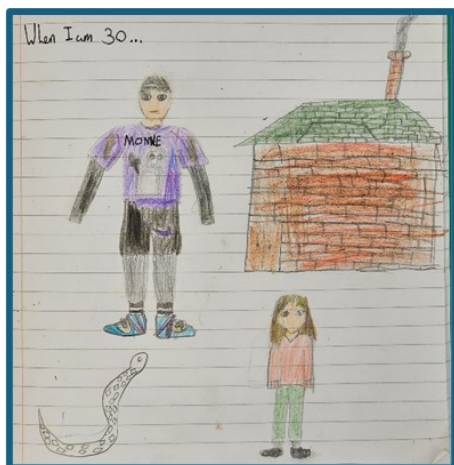
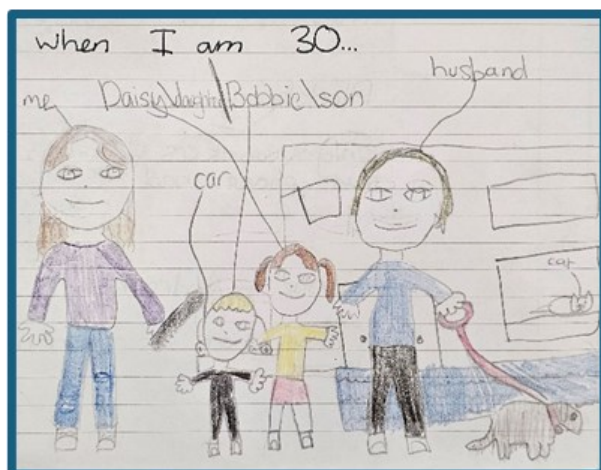
Have a great half term, Year 4. Keep reading at home and practising your times tables whenever you can.

Stay safe and have a lovely break.

Miss Eakins and Mrs Allen



Curlew Class



Sanderling Class



This week, Year 5 have been doing lots and lots and lots of tests. They have been fantastic and both Miss Brailsford and myself are extremely proud of them.

They have also been using the computers to create fact files about different planets in the solar system, learned about how to treat a burn or scald in PSHE, finished their gymnastic unit in PE and created these amazing space posters.

Have a relaxing half term and we'll see you all again after the break,

Mrs Emmings and Miss Brailsford



Avocet Class

During Art this week, Year 6 have been creating their designs in the style of William Morris. They have now completed their design on paper and have begun to transfer it onto a tile in preparation for printing after half term.

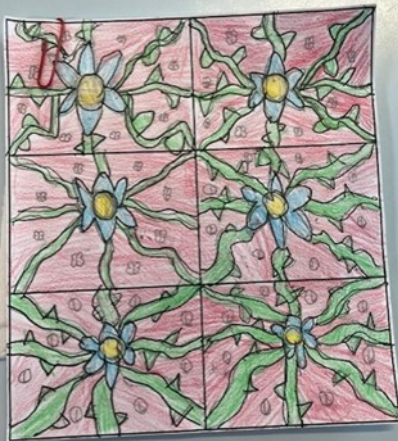
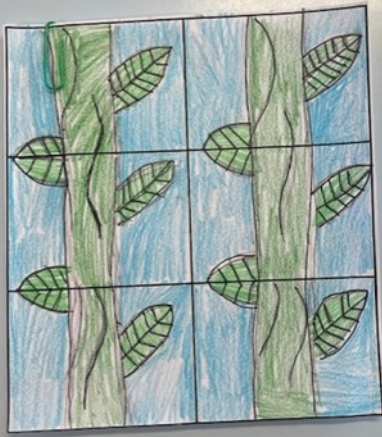
In Computing, they had a follow up lesson exploring the Microbits and developing their own coding ideas. These have been a great success and Year 6 have really enjoyed exploring their capabilities.

Well done to all of Year 6 for working so hard this half term and especially for showing a mature attitude during their mock SATs tests, this week.

Have a wonderful half term and enjoy spending time with your families.

Best wishes,

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Ms Brailsford





School Menus

Week commencing: 08/01, 29/01, 26/02, 18/03

WEEK 2

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meat	Smoked salmon mac & cheese with broccoli	Battered chicken chunks with rice & peas	Roast Halal turkey, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy (H)	Halal spaghetti bolognaise with carrots (H)	All day breakfast
Vegetarian /Vegan	Mac & cheese with broccoli	Vegetable nuggets with rice & peas	Roast vegan Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Quorn spaghetti bolognaise with carrots	Vegetarian all day breakfast
Jacket potato	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo
Dessert	Frozen smoothie	Shortbread	Jelly	Cherry sponge with custard	Frozen mousse

Aussie Night

Join us for an unforgettable evening under the Southern Cross!

Date: 8th March 2024
Time: 6:30 PM
Venue: Terrace Bar, 1 Richmond Ave, Southend, SS1 1JE

Come and enjoy a BBQ Bonanza, Live Music
Fun-packed afternoon with Shellas and Blokes galore
Dress Code: Show your Aussie spirit - wear a hint of green and gold!
£39 for BBQ grill and salad with Aussie dessert and wine.

All proceeds will support vulnerable people struggling in the city.

Let's celebrate the true blue Aussie way. Grab your mates and come along for a ripper of a time!

RSVP - 01/03/2024 (nesperm@svp.org.uk)

St Vincent's Centre, Southend presents

Indulge in the Exquisite South India Buffet!

RedChillies

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with the rich flavours of South India.

Wednesday 6th March 2024
Arrival Time: 6:30 PM
£27 Per Head

All proceeds will support vulnerable people struggling in the city.

Don't miss this chance to savour the authentic tastes of Homemade South India Buffet and stand a chance to win fantastic raffle prizes! Secure your spot for an enchanting culinary experience.

RSVP: 27/02/2024

Please be aware that our South India Buffet may contain allergens. If you have any specific dietary restrictions or allergies, kindly inform nesperm@svp.org.uk

Important Information Regarding Changes to ordering School Dinners

If you have forgotten to book your child's school dinners in advance and need to book through the office on the morning, they will only be able to choose either the main or vegetarian option, we will not be able to book a jacket potato.

These changes take effect from 26th February.





Awards and Notices

Ashley Banjo



Mo Farah



Ellie Simmonds



Jamie Oliver



Dress for Success

The class which achieves the best attendance, every half term, will be allowed to come to school in non-uniform the first day back of the next term, this will be Monday 26th February.

The winners for this half term are

EYFS/ KS1 Oyster Class, having attendance of 95.83% overall
and in KS2 Sanderling Class with 97.06%.

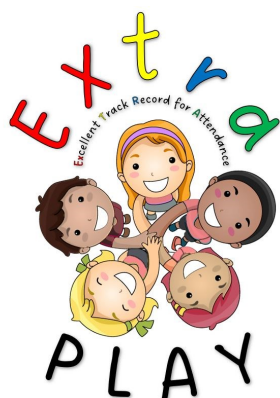


100% Attendance and Punctuality Prize

Each week, during our Celebration assembly, we congratulate good attendance as a whole class.

This week in EYFS/KS1, Alice the Bunny was won by Oyster Class with 98.89% and in KS2, the attendance cup was awarded to Curlew Class with 96.67%.

The classes will be rewarded with an extra turn on the play equipment.





Awards and Notices

Catch Me! Awards

This is a system that rewards the children for doing the right thing all the time, whether it be being polite, helpful, ready to learn etc and any adult in the school can award the Catch Me! signatures to the children.



Well done to Logan and Ronnie in Oyster Class and Teddy, Maisie and Jack in Avocet Class on achieving their Bronze Catch Me! Award

Well done to Henry and Jessica in Seahorse Class, Grayson, Felicity, Laurence, Ella and Eddie in Heron Class, Rosie in Curlew Class and Coleby and William in Sanderling Class on achieving their Silver Catch Me! Award

Well done to Mattas in Heron Class and Ethan and Florence in Curlew Class on achieving their Gold Catch Me! Awards.



Children who have achieved their Gold Catch Me! Award were treated to afternoon tea with Mrs Waite.

Times Tables

Congratulations to Jack, Fraser and Carly in Oyster Class and George in Seagull Class for achieving their Bronze Times Tables.



Reading Champions

Well done to Felicity in Heron Class who is our latest Reading Champion.

If you would like to be awarded a Reading Champion badge, you must read a selection of challenging books from a variety of genres and then write a short review of ONE book that you have read. We have plenty more badges waiting to be handed out so let's see who will be next! We thank all families for their continued support in enabling our children to be Reading Champions and in fostering a love of reading.

'Together We Achieve.'



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term 2024 dates (updates in red)

Y2 Arctic and Antarctic Workshop	27th February 2024 (change of date)
Y4 Neurodiversity Workshop	27th February 2024 (change of date)
Pre-loved uniform sale	1st March 2024
Assisting with Beach School Training - Reception Class	1st March 2024 12.00 —2.00
Mother's Day Stalls	4th, 5th & 6th March 2024
Parent Consultations	5th & 7th March 2024 3.30pm—6.30pm
Southend Diving Talent Search	6th March 2024—am
Small Schools Sports Hall Athletics finals—Yrs 5 & 6	6th March 2024—pm
World Book Day	7th March 2024
Aspirations Week	w/b 11th March 2024
Y1 visit to Hyde Hall	12th March 2024
Science Fair	14th March 2024 (after school)
Southend Makes Music—Y1	15th March 2024 7pm @ Palace Theatre
Y2 Music Festival	21st March 2024—am
Y3 Natural History Museum, Tring	22nd March 2024
Reception Stick Man Day (Danbury Park)	27th March 2024
FOH Easter Egg Hunt	28th March 2024

Summer Term Dates 2024 (updates in red)

Y6 final residential meeting—Chigwell	16th April 2024, 3.30pm
Years 3 & 4 Production	23rd April 2024 @ 6.30pm
Years 3 & 4 Production	24th April 2024 @ 9.30am
Pre-loved Uniform sale	26th April 2024
Polling Day Local Elections (school closed)	2nd May 2024
Bank Holiday (May Day)	6th May 2024
Y6 SATs Week	w/b 13th May 2024
Y6 to Chigwell	20th—24th May 2024
SEESMA choir rehearsal (Hamstel School)	20th May 2024—pm
Pre-love uniform sale	24th May 2024
Father's Day stalls	10th, 11th, 12th June 2024
SEESMA Concert—KS2 choir	14th June 2024 @ Cliffs Pavilion
YR—Y5 School Assessment Week	w/b 24th June 2024
FOH Discos	27th June 2024
Sports Day & Picnic	1st July 2024
Y6 Transition Day	5th July 2024



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term Dates 2024 contd (updates in red)

Yrs R-5 Transition Morning	5th July 2024
FOH Summer Fair	6th July 2024
Reserve Sports Day	8th July 2024
Whole School Open Evening	11th July 2024 3.30pm—5.30pm
Hinguar's Got Talent	15th July 2024
Volunteer Afternoon Tea	16th July 2024 2.15pm
Y6 Graduation	18th July 2024 2.00pm
Y6 Leavers' Disco	18th July 6.30pm—8.00pm

Term Dates for Academic Year 2023-2024

Spring Term: Thursday 4th January 2024—Thursday 28th March 2024

Half Term 19th February –23rd February

Summer Term: Monday 15th April 2024—Monday 22nd July 2024

Half term 27th May –31 May, and May Bank Holiday 6th May

Inset Days 2023/24

Friday 16th February 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Inset Days 2024/25

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th September 2024

Friday 29th November 2024

Friday 14th February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025

Term Dates 2024/25

Autumn Term : 3 September 2024—20 December 2024

Half Term 28 October—1 November

Spring Term: 6 January 2025—4 April 2025

Half Term 17 February—21 February

Summer Term: 22 April 2025—23 July 2025

Half Term 26 May—30 May