



# Ditton Lodge



## A message from Mrs Tweed

*We are increasingly trying to prepare the children for life by giving them leadership responsibilities. This has included Year 6 leading Assembly and feeding back to the rest of the school what is working well and next steps. This half-term we have also introduced Reading Buddies and Library Ambassadors.*

*In the next few weeks we look forward to hearing more from Year 6 about their 'Fiver challenge'. It is wonderful to see the children glow all these opportunities.*



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## This week our class spotlight is on Year One

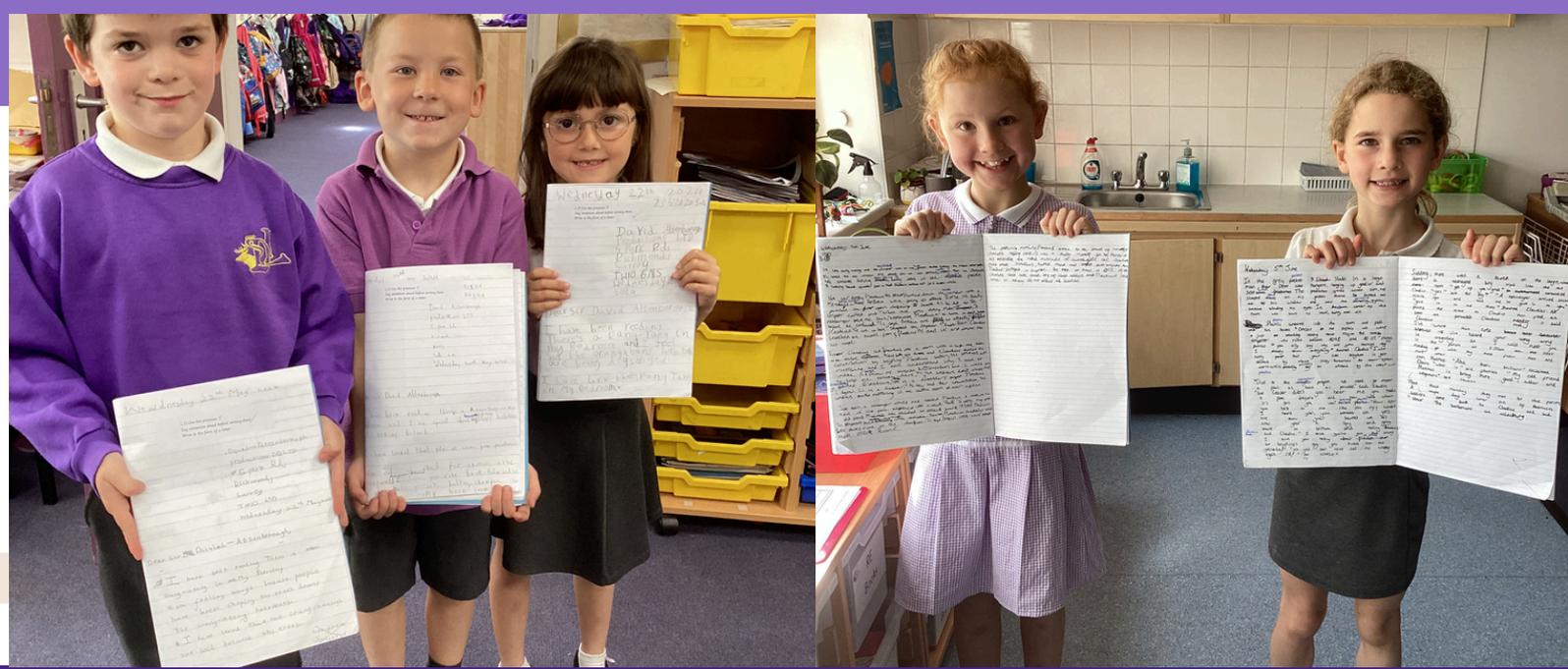
*In Year One, the children have been taking part in their Phonics Screening. We are so proud of the positive way the children have approached their test and they have all given their best effort. Well done Year 1!*

*In English, we have been reading 'A Lion Inside'. We have been thinking about what we are afraid of and how we can overcome those fears. Perhaps, you have a lion inside you.*

*In science, we have been looking at the similarities and differences between mammals and reptiles. We also composed some questions after researching animals on the ipads. Here is a great question. Did you know that a lizard can regrow its tail if it loses it?*



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## This week our subject spotlight is English

We have been very busy with our learning in English following the half term. In Structured Storytime EYFS have been learning through the books 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket and 'Stand up to Racism' by Pragya Agarwal. Year One have been immersing themselves in the book 'There's an Orangutan in my Bedroom' by James Sellick and have been linking this into their writing by writing letters to David Attenborough regarding the rainforest. Year 2 have been comparing texts and exploring language in Aesop's Fables and have been retelling the narrative of the Three Little Pigs using the 3rd Person. Year 3 have been reading the book 'The Magician's Nephew' by C.S. Lewis and have been using their history topic of The Romans to write dialogue through narrative. Year 4 have been reading 'The Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame and have been writing News Reports on Anglo Saxon Treasure. Year 5 have been reading the book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell and have been writing some balanced arguments debating whether homework should be compulsory or not! Year 6 have been reading the book 'Dare to be You' by Matthew Syed and have been writing some amazing adventure narratives.



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## Year 6 Fiver Challenge

Next week the Year 6 children will be running different stalls at the end of each day to raise money for their end of year school trip. They have been given an initial £5.00 investment from the school and they need to raise enough money in profits to pay for a whole class trip to Cambridge. The children would appreciate your help and support to reach their target.

The children will be running the following stalls from 3.14-3.45 pm each day;

Monday - Baked goods sale

Tuesday - Sweet sale

Wednesday - Toy and book sale

Thursday - Drinks sale

There may be a combination sale on Friday if the children have enough stock left.



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## Attendance



### *This week's Year Group Attendance*

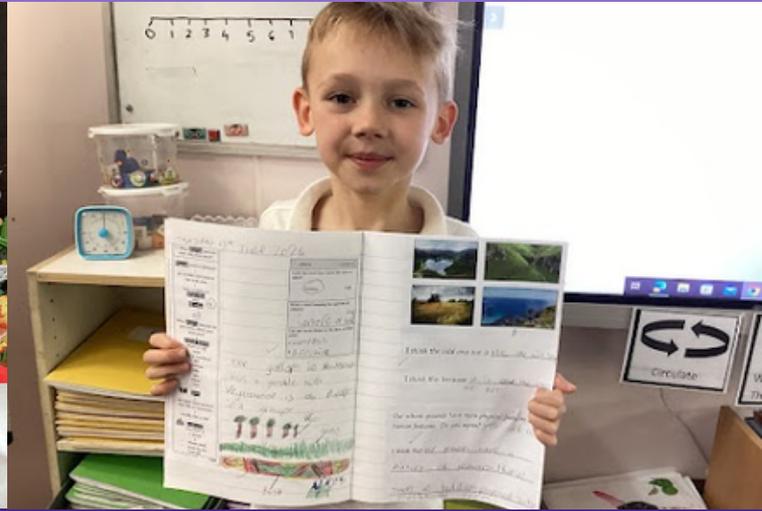
Reception: 96.45%    Year 1 - 91.67%    Year 2 - 98.28%

Year 3 - 92.22%    Year 4 - 94.44%    Year 5 - 100%

Year 6 - 95.88%    Whole School Attendance - 95.56%



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## House Points

*This Week's House Points Winner is :*

*Palace House - 3860*

*Tattersalls House - 3490*

*Severals House - 3210*

*Hyperion House - 3340*



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## PTFA NEWS

*We hope you all enjoy the Father's Day gifts that were chosen at the pop up shop last week. Happy Father's Day!*

*Have a lovely weekend!*



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## Diary Dates

*Tuesday 18th June - Year 5 Visit to National Horse Racing Museum*

*Thursday 20th June - Whole School Careers Day*

*Friday 21st June - Year 2 visit to South Angle Farm*

*Monday 24th June - Year 5/6 Visit to Natural History Museum*

*Thursday 27th June - Year 5 visit to Newmarket Races*

*Monday 1st July - KS1 Sports Day - am*

*Friday 5th July - KS2 Sports Day - pm*

*Monday 8th July - Move Up Morning*

*Wednesday 10th July - Year 1 Visit to Wandlebury Country Park*

*Wednesday 10th July - KS2 Dress Rehearsal - 1.30 pm*

*Wednesday 10th July - KS2 Performance - 6.00 pm*

*Thursday 11th July - KS2 Performance - 1.30 pm*

*Friday 12th July - School Disco*