



What a cold but bright week this week. The children have certainly been shining . They have been working hard, pushing themselves and loving their learning all at the same time!

Each week we have been setting the children challenges including legendary lining up. Every class has been exceptional this week. The children all walk into their classroom and start their learning straight away so no learning time is lost. We are so proud of them all!

Wrap up warm and enjoy your weekend...





#### This week our class spotlight is on Year Five

Our new topic in History is The Maya, we have been investigating where the Maya lived, what crops they grew and what made them successful farmers. Printmaking is our Art topic and we have been practising our roller techniques and making print tiles to create our own block prints. In maths this week we have been focusing on solving problems using division and multiplication. We have been learning about Christianity in other parts of the world in RE, and we also learnt about World Religion Day, which is celebrated on January 21st and is about promoting unity and understanding among people of different faiths

Another week of pushing yourselves, well done Year 5.



Explain: (say) Systematicumy	Laince samething Means		The College of the Co
	doing something in a sensible	mple: (say) front cover	using clues/
Example:  1. Circle the geographical features found in	way.	you predict what this story might be about?	Exampel
Trinidad.	Example swamps volcanos,	you predict who the main character will be?	II predict this story is
(swamps deserts (volcanos cliffs  Attempt:			about moving to a new cou
2. Circle the animals found in Trinidad.	Attempt snakes turtles	it clues did you use to support your iction?	2. I predict the main char
tigers (turtles) (snakes) crocodiles		ed the title to predict that	will be floella.
(£Apply: (say)	Apply dimb mountains	ed the illustrations to predict that	Attempt
Find the wrong answer in the list below. Explain the reason for your choice.	115	mpt: (say)	I think that the Journey Will
In Trinidad, holiday makers can enjoy some of these activities:		ict what the journey to England will be like loella, Sandra, Lester and Ellington.	excicit because that they
relax on the beaches     listen to steelpan music     climb mountains		toena, sanara, Lester ana Lungton.	havet been to England
• attend a festival	challenge.	sk that because	APPLY
Is this the correct order of the European	spain French British		I Predict pad was happy becaes
occupation in Trinidad?  France Spain England	Situation	y: (say)	asked everyone to join him.
		dict Floella's dad was happy with his move	Challenge

#### This week our subject spotlight is on English

We are very lucky at Ditton Lodge as we follow the Unity Schools Partnership curriculum for Reading and Writing. This means that we have access to a wide range of diverse and ambitious texts, from EYFS to Year Six. Each Reading lesson is carefully structured to allow children to build their knowledge and practise, practise, practise. This enables the children to feel confident in their knowledge before committing to an answer. Each lesson, we build our learning by following 'Explain, Example, Attempt, Apply' followed by a 'Challenge' at the end to really push ourselves with our learning. The children love the structure and it helps them feel confident and comfortable to perform at their best. We have some wonderful responses and real engagement with lovely texts.





### Attendance



This week's Year Group Attendance

Reception: 95.48% Year 1 - 87% Year 2 - 93.57%

Year 3 - 97.67% Year 4 - 84.33% Year 5 - 92.59%

Year 6 - 97.41%

Whole School Attendance - 92.58%



### House Points

This Week's House Points Winner is:

Palace House - 1970

Tattersalls House - 2080

Severals House - 2050

Hyperion House - 1950





### Diary Dates

Saturday 20th January - PTFA Bingo Night - 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Thursday 25th January - Year 3/4 Athletics Festival - pm (further information to follow)
Wednesday 31st January - Bag 2 School Collection
Friday 2nd February - Vision Screening for Reception - am
Tuesday 6th February - Year 5/6 Swimming Gala - pm (further information to follow)
Friday 9th February - pm - PTFA Popcorn Night
Tuesday 13th February - Year 3 trip to Wandlebury Country Park
Thursday 15th February - Last day of Term
Friday 16th February - PD Day





## PTFA NEWS

We look forward to seeing some of you on Saturday evening for our Family Bingo Night. There are still tables available if you'd like to join us.

Year 4, 5 and 6 children are welcome to attend with their friends. We would just ask that you leave your emergency contact details at drop off.