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A message from Mrs Tweed

The children really enjoyed being inspired by our visiting Freestyle Footballer this week. We are continuing to model to the children that 'Anything's Possible' through a range of sporting visitors.

The school vegetables were ready for picking this week. The KS2 School Council were 'wowed' by what had been grown. There were carrots, spring onion and beetroot. The plan is to give these to the school kitchen to cook the produce for the children to taste.

As well as these extra opportunities, the children have been working really hard at giving 100% in lessons. This was the focus for our House Point tokens this week.

Enjoy your weekend.



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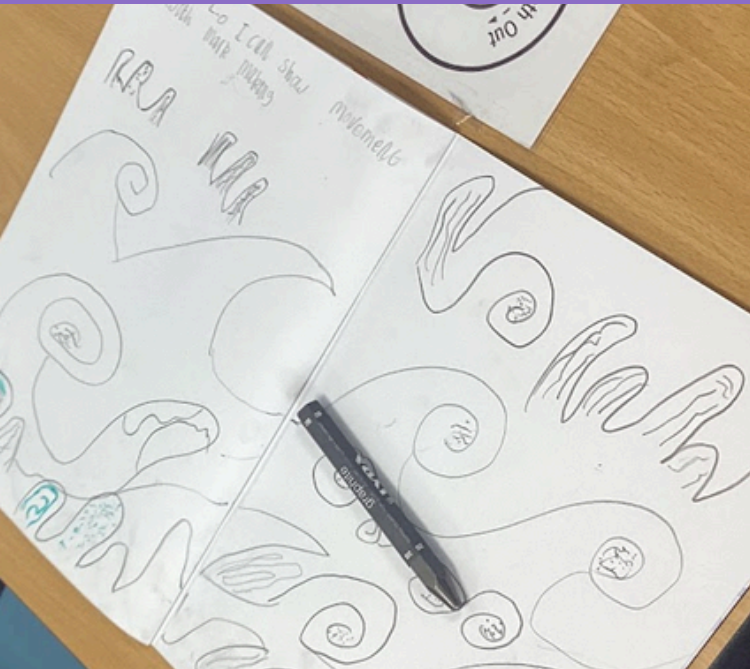


This week our class spotlight is on Year Four

This week in Year 4, we have completed our extended writing piece in English by penning persuasive adverts about password security. Children have employed technical vocabulary, rhetorical questions and bullet points as a means to engage the reader and organise information effectively. Having completed *The Queen's Nose* in Reading, we are now studying the dark and mysterious poem, *The Raven*, by Edgar Allan Poe, which contains high volumes of archaic language. Children have been honing their summarising, retrieval and comparative skills in conjunction with the text. In Maths, we have completed our lengthy unit of learning on Place Value and are now moving onto Subtraction and Addition. I have been very impressed with the children's understanding and application of Roman numerals. This week, the school enjoyed a visit by one of the world's top ten Freestyle Footballers, which complemented our ball skills in PE lessons. In DT, the children are learning about Food and Nutrition and have made homemade pizzas, bread rolls and tomato soup to complement the theory side of the lessons. Keep up the excellent learning Year 4 and continue to Reach For The Stars! Miss Thompson.



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This week our subject spotlight is Art

The children have been enjoying their weekly Art lessons over the last month and have been very busy! This half term's focus for all pupils is drawing and/or painting. EYFS have been exploring their creative area in the continuous provision and have been painting vehicles and self-portraits linked to their structured stories. Year One have been completing their unit on drawing and have been using a range of drawing tools such as: charcoal, chalk and pastel. Year Two have been exploring shape and texture through expressive mark making in response to Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons' music. Year Three have been completing a unit on painting techniques, including tonking and sgraffito. Year Four have been refining their drawing skills, focusing on lines and detail. Year Five have learnt a new technique called subtractive drawing. They are studying the work of Hundertwasser and are using organic lines and spirals, along with bright colours and overlaying, to create abstract landscapes. Year Six have been learning techniques to draw in detail, using scale and proportion to modify their artwork.



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House Points

This Week's House Points Winner is :

Palace House - 221

Tattersalls House - 237

Severals House - 206

Hyperion House - 180



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Attendance



This week's Year Group Attendance

Reception: 96.22% Year 1 - 97.85% Year 2 - 97.38%

Year 3 - 96.99% Year 4 - 97.36% Year 5 - 97.92%

Year 6 - 96.78% Whole School Attendance - 97.21%



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Diary Dates

- Monday 7th October - Harvest Festival - 9.30 am - all welcome*
Monday 7th October - EYFS and Year 1 Phonics Workshop - 2.55 pm
Friday 25th October - Last day of Term
Monday 11th November - First day back
Monday 11th November - School photos
Monday 11th November - Bags 2 School Collection day
Wednesday 13th November - Parents' Evening - 3.30-6.00 pm
Thursday 14th November - Parents' Evening - 3.30-6.00 pm
Friday 15th November - School Disco - 5.30-8.30 pm
Friday 29th November - Christmas Pop Up Shop
Tuesday 10th December - Reception and KS1 Dress Rehearsal - 1.30 pm
Wednesday 11th December - Reception and KS1 Performance - 1.30 pm and 5.45 pm
Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 13th December - PTFA Christmas Fete - 3.30-5.30 pm
Tuesday 17th December - Reception and KS1 Christmas Parties
Wednesday 18th December - Annual Visit to Panto
Thursday 19th December - KS2 Christmas Parties
Friday 20th December - KS2 Carol Concert
Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term



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PTFA

Did you know the PTFA has a Facebook page?

Why not follow us at 'Ditton Lodge PTFA Noticeboard'

We'll shortly be sending out details of our annual AGM.

We are in need of more parent volunteers so it would be lovely if you could join us.

If you would like any further information about the PTFA, please message us on the Facebook page or email us at dlptfa@gmail.com