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Value: Friendship - 'Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 New Living Translation (NLT) Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble'

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SCHOOL VALUE:

This half term, our value is **HOPE**. Hope is a universal human phenomenon. People hope for peace in time of war; food in time of famine; justice in time of oppression. Where hope is lost there is despair and disintegration. Hope generates energy and sustains people through difficult times.

Christians believe that Hope is not wishful thinking but a firm assurance that God can be relied upon. This half term, we are reflecting on the book of Hebrews, which describes hope as '*an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.*'

To help deepen the childrens' understanding and to provide them with a context for this reference, this week pupils across the school have been planting bulbs. Pupils have selected a place in the school grounds where they feel the bulbs will take root, and the roots will anchor the plants to grow and flourish.



HOME LEARNING CHALLENGE:

The current Home Learning Challenge, is linked to our whole school value of hope. Choose from the following challenges.

Challenge 1: A Spiral of Hope

Challenge 2: Make a Hopes and Dreams Catcher

More information on the challenges can be found at the end of the newsletter.

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ATTENDANCE:

At the end of last half term, **51%** (106 pupils) of the school had an attendance of **97%+** and were entered into the Attendance Raffle. This term, our target is to have at least **60%** of the school achieving an attendance of **97%**.

Good Attendance means...

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

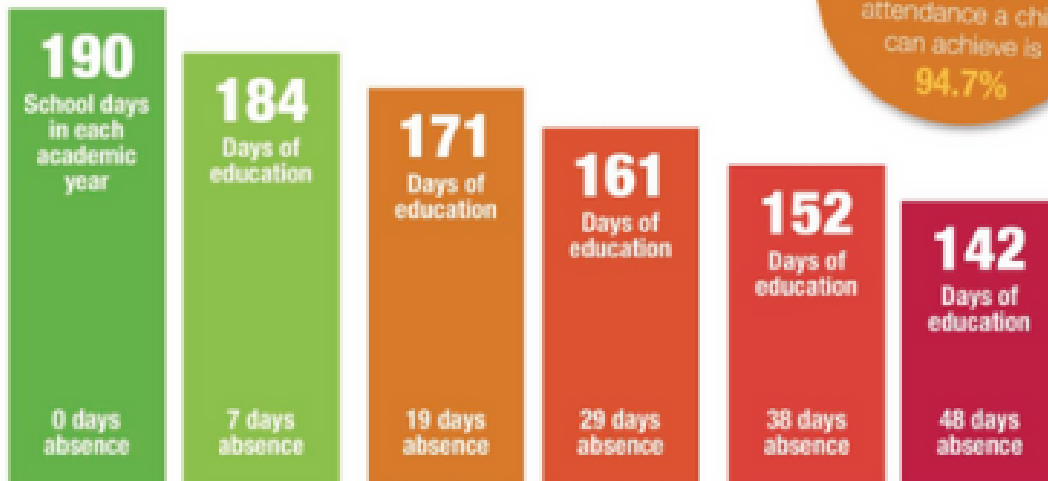
Remember

Education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?

A two week holiday in term-time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is

94.7%



Congratulations to Year 5, who have the highest attendance this term at **99.1%**!

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SPORT AT SOUTH BERSTED:

This week, pupils have competed against other schools in hockey and football.

On Wednesday, pupils from lower key stage 2, competed in a locality hockey event. Congratulations to all of the children that represented the school. For some of the children, this was their first time playing hockey. During the event we improved so much and even won our last game! Throughout the day they displayed many of the school values including endurance and friendship. We look forward to more events like this in the future.

We drew one game and won 1 game. It was very fun. All the schools were friendly when we shook hands at the end and we worked well as a team. - Savannah



I really enjoyed the competition and have never done Quicksticks before. We didn't win but I am so proud of us and it's the playing that matters. I had lots of fun practicing when not playing and I scored the final goal to win our last game!

- Alex

Yesterday, pupils from Year 5 represented the school by playing 6 matches against local schools. The team demonstrated fantastic resilience, determination and support for each other. In the cold weather, the team got off to a great start winning their first match and drawing their second. They were unlucky to lose their third game 1 – 0 and then drew the following two games and lost their final match. There were some stand out performances from the team and I look forward to seeing them compete at their event.

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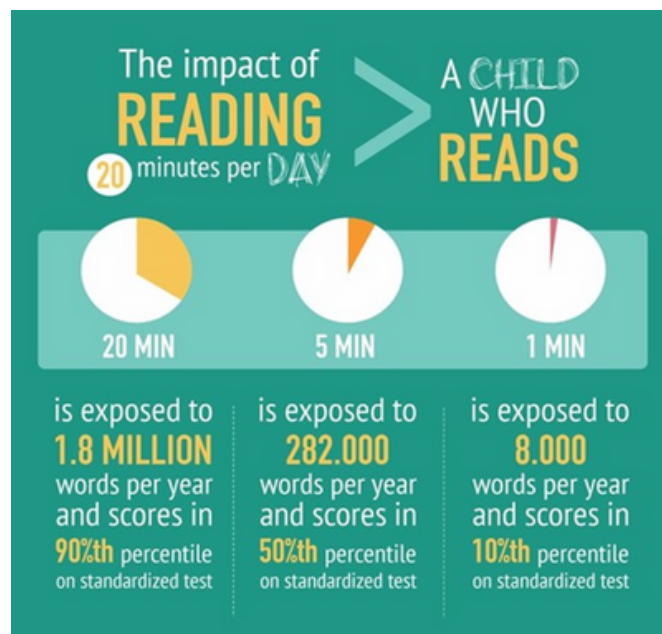


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READING:

Over the last week, pupils have re-taken their STAR tests. The STAR test has provided your child with a reading age and a book level range. It is highly likely that your child's book level will have changed, which will result in them reading more challenging texts.

A reminder that reading and listening to your child read each day, will have a significant impact to your child's education.



Please find below the current book recommendations.



WORLD BOOK DAY:

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 7th March. Our theme this year will be The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe and during the day the children will engage in lots of exciting activities linked to the text. As always we will be asking the children to come to school dressed as a book character. More details of this exciting day will follow nearer the time.

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TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS:



Over the Christmas break, children from all year groups were put into one large battle against each other. The winning year group was **Year 4** with a total of **9,352**. A special mention goes to **Year 2**, who were incredibly close to pipping their older peers with a total of **9,260**.

Congratulations to the most valuable players from each year group: **Olivia-Rose Y6, Julia S Y5, Tommy P Y4, Theo T Y3, Jim H Y2.**

The new battles are based on our house system once again with Water facing Air and Fire facing Earth.

RED BOOK:

Each week, two pupils are entered into their class Red Book for displaying the school's Christian Value and/or for going above and beyond in their learning. The pupils listed below have been recognised in our whole school Collective Worship today.

Congratulations to:

Nathaniel C (EYS), Teagan B (EYS), Logan C (Y1), Bonnie-Rose P (Y1), Archie W (Y1), Ariana S (Y2), Freddie G (Y2), Reggie A (Y3), Fearne H (Y3), Mollie S (Y4), Evan C (Y4), Tommy P (Y4), Julia S (Y5), Daniel H (Y5), Xavier W (Y6), David K (Y6)

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like more information about why your child has been selected for the Red Book.

COLD WEATHER:

With the cold spell we are currently experiencing please ensure that children have jumpers/cardigans and warm coats everyday, along with hats and gloves. Please make sure that all clothing is also clearly labelled with your child's name.

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LETTERS HOME:

Wednesday 10th January - Reception NHS Screening (Reception)

Friday 12th January - Dodgeball Event (Various)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday 16th January - Children's Concert Trip (Year 3 & Choir)

Tuesday 16th January - Year 4 Outdoor Learning

Thursday 18th January - Wreath Laying at Church (Junior Governors)

Friday 19th January - Mandy Lax - Dedicated Schools Drop-In (9.30am - 12.30pm)

Friday 19th January - Year 5 Swimming

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WHOLE SCHOOL CHALLENGE:

Our Home Learning Challenge is linked to our current school value of **HOPE**.

There are two challenges that you can choose from:

Challenge 1: Spiral of Hope

Spiral of Hope

Start with a circle of paper or light card and draw a spiral. On the spiral write a **hope** or dream that you have that will make the world a safer, cleaner or more healthy place to live. Cut along the lines until you get to the centre, leaving a circle in the middle. Make a hole in the middle so you can hang your spiral from a thread. (You may want to practice drawing a good spiral on some scrap paper before you start.)



Challenge 2: Hopes and Dreams Catcher

Dream catchers are traditionally made from a looped willow branch onto which a net or web is woven. The net is then decorated with feathers, beads and other decorations.



Find a long twig that can be bent and tied to make a hoop or frame. Use natural string or thread stretched across the frame to make the net and then decorate it creatively to catch all the hopes and dreams you can!

Send your pictures into Class Dojo by Wednesday 25th January 2024.