

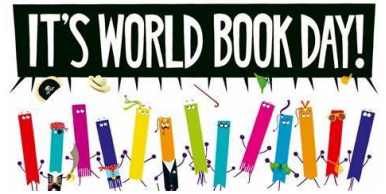
Newsletter – 13th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy time we have had in school in only a few weeks! The children have been working hard in class and we have had some big events such as Cross Country and Young Voices! Thank you to everyone who has been to parents evening this week. It is great to be able to share your child's progress with you. Thank you for your continued support!

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March! We will be celebrating this in school with lots of book themed activities to promote a love of reading. This year our school theme is 'Our favourite stories', so we are asking all our children to come as a character from their favourite story!



Bedtime Stories

As part of the World Book Day celebrations, we will be holding our Bedtime Stories event 5-6pm on Thursday 6th March. This is a great event where we all come back to school in our cosy pyjamas or onesies and settle down for a selection of stories, parents and younger siblings are invited to join us too. Please look out for an email from us and let us know if you will be attending!

School dinners

Please remember to pay any outstanding money for school dinners through the Arbor app. If you need any assistance with this, come and speak to Mrs McClure in our school office. Thank you!

Emotional Literacy (ELSA)

Talking openly with your child about how they feel and why, enables them to recognise and understand

emotions. Speaking about emotions is vital for their emotional and social development. It helps them to identify, express feelings, grow resilience, lead to better social skills, improve self-regulation and a stronger sense of emotional wellbeing. Sharing feelings as a family will acknowledge everyone's emotions within the household. Creating a safe space where each member can be open and honest can relieve worries for a happier child. The use of drawing or writing can be an easier way to



be this for some children. In ELSA we use a range of resources to support this- feelings diaries, emotions fans/cards, emojis, worry monsters, games, relevant stories, puppets, and soft toys etc. Maybe try some of these ideas at home. For more advice and support pop into school and speak to Miss Plant.

School car park

Just a reminder that our school car park should not be used by parents for dropping off in the morning or collecting at the end of the school day. Please use the car park on Peggs Close if you are coming to school by car. Thank you!

Lost property!

We have a few items of lost property at our school office. Please come and claim them if they belong to you!



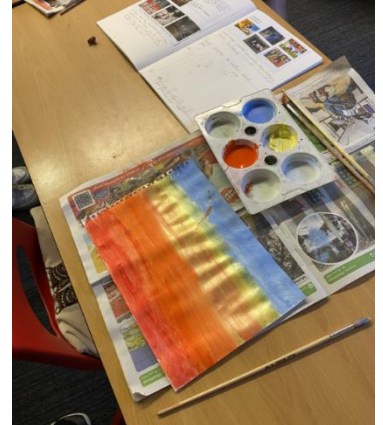
New LSA

We are excited to welcome Mrs Wedge to our team at Measham! Mrs Wedge will be supporting Mrs Carpenter in Year 6.

Updates from the classes

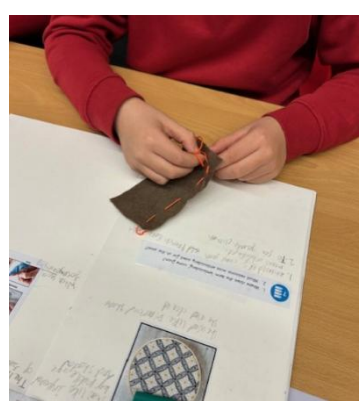
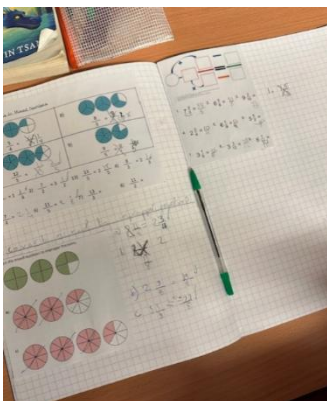
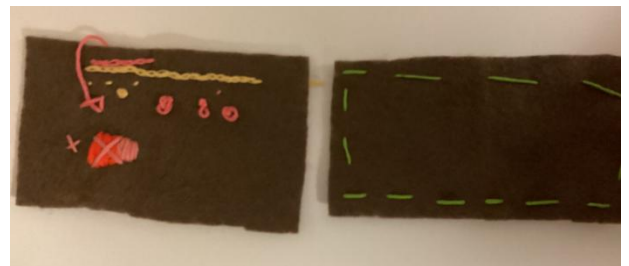
Foxes

Year 6 have been learning about the World Wars - they have discussed how WW1 began, the casualties, the repercussions and reparations Germany faced. We then moved on to the rise of Adolf Hitler, how WW2 began, focussing on The Blitz and The Battle of Britain. World War 2 has also featured in our English - writing a news paper report on the bombing in London using colons, semi-colons and subjunctive form - I'm looking forward to reading the final 'print'. Art this half term has focussed around modernism - looking at cubism, surrealism and installation art - we designed our own installation art and have begun making a 3D image to represent this - all creations have a social message, I wonder if you can guess what they might be?



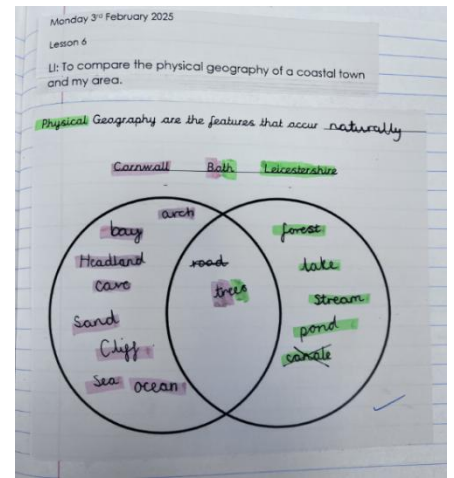
Owls

The word that Owls have probably used most over the past few weeks is 'perseverance'. We have been pushing through some challenging fractions learning in our Maths lessons and we are now all absolutely amazing at adding, subtracting and comparing fractions and mixed numbers. We have tested our fine motor skills in our Art lessons as we are working through our textiles learning; practising a range of different stitches to work towards a final piece of embroidery. Our History learning has also challenged us to think about the history of the slave trade and all the lives affected. An incredibly busy, ambitious but rewarding time.



Squirrels

Year 4 has had a lovely first half to the Spring term, looking at lots of different topics in our wider curriculum. Learning all about electricity in Science, including how static electricity works and testing it out, making circuits as a team. We have looked at the coast in Geography, identifying features both physical and human, and comparing these features with our own local environment. In History we have just begun to learn about the Romans and are very excited to continue this topic into the next half term. We have been times tables rockstars this half term, really honing our skills and our fluency ready for our Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in the Summer term. We have been looking at speech in a narrative text in English and are very excited to write our own stories based in Ancient Egypt with all of the skills we have learned. What a half term!



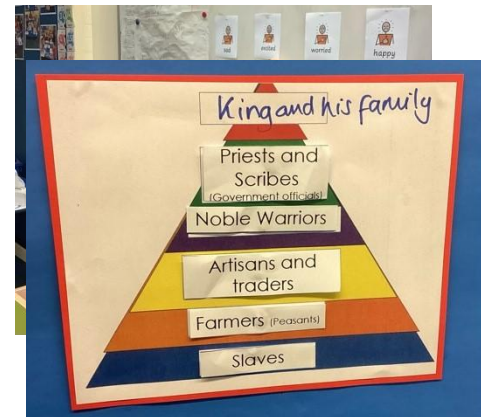
Moles

This half term, Moles have been diving into the fascinating world of the Shang Dynasty. The children particularly enjoyed exploring the concept of



hierarchy, even drawing comparisons with their own family structures. Last week, we took time to focus on well-being with a

morning dedicated to self-reflection and confidence-building. The children thought about how they can grow in confidence to become the best version of themselves. More recently, we had an insightful session on internet safety—Think Before You Click. This sparked engaging discussions about how we use the internet and the potential challenges that can arise, helping the children develop a more thoughtful and responsible approach to online interactions. It's been a fantastic half term of learning and growth!

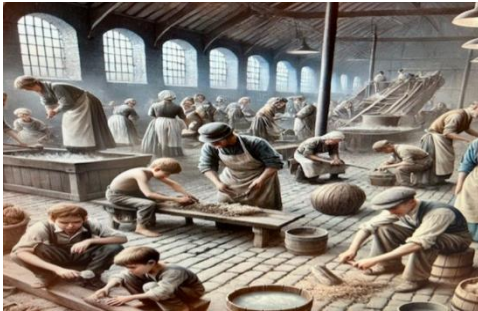


Badgers

The Badgers class have had a fantastic few weeks immersing themselves in all things Victorian! Their enthusiasm for learning has been incredible as they've explored the life and reign of Queen Victoria, discovering how she came to the throne.

They have also had great fun making traditional Victorian toys out of dolly pegs, showing fantastic creativity and attention to detail. In addition, they've been learning about the realities of Victorian workhouses and how important changes were made to improve lives during that time.

Well done, Badgers! It's been an amazing few weeks of learning, and we are so proud of your hard work and curiosity.



In the workhouse people got a place to live, a place to work and earn money.



Rabbits

Rabbits have had a great start back after Christmas, engaging in lots of new concepts and enjoying their learning. In Maths we have been adding to our existing knowledge as we learn all about place value within 20, explored the different components that make up instructional writing in English, gained a great understanding of life in the UK in Geography, explored the use of line within Art and continued our hard work within phonics. Also, creating our own digital art in Computing, becoming Gymnasts in PE and gaining an understanding of Judaism and traditions through RE. What a great start to the year, well done Rabbits!



Butterflies

What a fantastic half term our EYFS children have had! This half term their topic has been 'Frozen Planet' and they have been finding out all about Jack Frost on a wintery walk, have been exploring polar animals and have been comparing Measham to Antarctica. As a class they read 'Lost and Found' and thought about their journeys and what they would take with them on an adventure! They have been finding out about Jackson Pollock in art sessions and have looked at how the artist uses a drip style painting technique to create his paintings!



Caterpillars

Pre-School have been enjoying our topic, 'Am I a Superhero?'. We have talked about what our superpower would be and discussed the importance of being kind to each other. We shared the story 'Real Superheroes', by Julia Seal, which is a celebration of key workers. The children were excited to be visited by Paramedics, Police Officers and Fire Fighters and enjoyed finding out so much about the important jobs they do!



Attendance

All parents should have now received an email regarding a new law regarding Penalty Notices which are now in force across the country. The Government have introduced a new national framework for schools and Local Authorities. All schools are now required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 sessions (5 school days) or more for unauthorised reasons. Fines are issued by the Local Authority and with effect from August 2024, the fine for school absences for each parent will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.

Children should not be taken out of school during term time unless it is unavoidable. Schools are required to consider requests for leave of absence in term time. A family holiday is not an acceptable reason for a child to miss school. If a child is absent for 5 days or more then the school is expected to refer the matter for the consideration of a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

Crafty donations

Miss Plant is on the lookout for some crafty items for nurture group! If you have any donations of wool, crochet, French knitting, looms or pom pom makers, we would be so grateful! Thank you!

PE

On PE days we ask that the children come to school in their PE kit. Our school PE kit is black joggers/leggings/shorts with their white PE t-shirt and their school jumper/cardigan/hoodie. Trainers can be worn.

Foxes will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

Owls will do PE on **Wednesday and Friday**

Squirrels will do PE on **Tuesday and Wednesday**

Moles will do PE on **Tuesday and Thursday**

Badgers will do PE on **Thursday and Friday**

Rabbits will do PE on **Tuesday and Wednesday**

EYFS will do PE on **Tuesday and Friday**

If you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,



Hannah Carter
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

HALF TERM	
Tuesday 25 th February	EYFS Early Mathematics workshop 9am
Thursday 27 th February	Y3-6 New Age Kurling @ Ibstock
Friday 28 th February	Y4 MTC parents meeting 9am
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
	Bedtime stories 5pm-6pm
Friday 7 th March	EYFS and Y6 Height and weight checks
Tuesday 11 th March	Y3 and 4 Quicksticks @ Ivanhoe 3pm-6pm
Tuesday 18 th March	Y5 and 6 Quicksticks @ Ivanhoe 3pm-6pm
Friday 21 st March	Y2 Art exhibition 3.15pm
Tuesday 8 th April	Y1 Phonics Screening Check meeting 9am
	Y6 orienteering @ Donisthorpe Woodlands 9.45am-2.30pm
Wednesday 9 th April	Kirby plate final @ Coalville Town FC 12pm
Friday 11 th April	School closes
EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 28 th April	Return to school
Wednesday 7 th May	Y4 Rise Voices – Morningside Arena, Leicester Please save the date – we would love everyone to go!

Snarestone Village Pantomime Society
presents

CINDERELLA

Wednesday 19th February 7.30pm
Thursday 20th February 7.30pm
Friday 21st February 7.30pm
Saturday 22nd February 7.30pm
Saturday 22nd February 2pm & 7.30pm
Doors open 30mins prior to performance

Discounted Family Ticket Wed 19th - £10 up to 5 seats

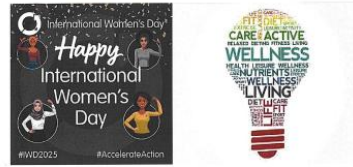
Adults £7.50
OAPs £5
Children £4

Family Tickets for Saturday Matinee
2 Adults + up to 3 Children £20
1 Adult + up to 2 Children £12

Venue: Snarestone Primary School
Tickets: Julie Clamp
01530 272984
julieclamp@hotmail.co.uk



COFFEE AFTERNOON
4 MARCH 2025 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm
MEASHAM FAMILY HUB
Bosworth Road, Measham



You are warmly invited to
 Measham Family Hub to help celebrate
International Women's Day.
 We will also be finding out how we can improve
 mental wellbeing
 by providing lots of local information
 to support this.
 Come and join us for a relaxed afternoon and a cuppa!

