



# Enter the Dragon!



# Lunar New Year



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To mark Lunar New Year, Reception and KS1 pupils tried their hand at dragon dancing today.



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The children danced with fans and parasols as well as a dragon puppet.



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The final dance was spectacular!

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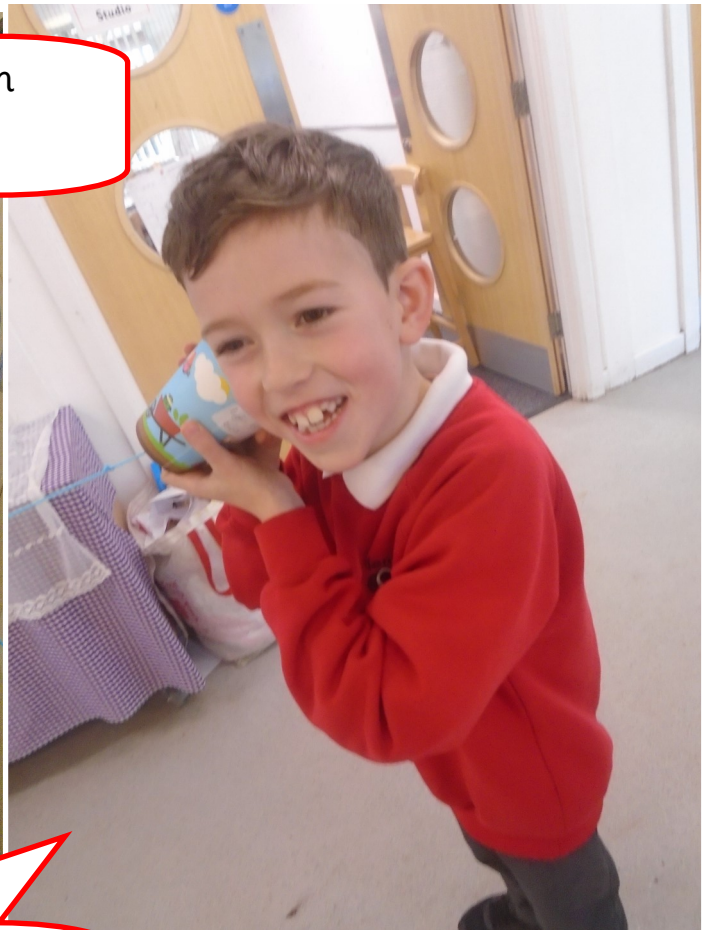


In Reception, Pak Kiu's mummy made tasty noodles and red bean stick cakes.

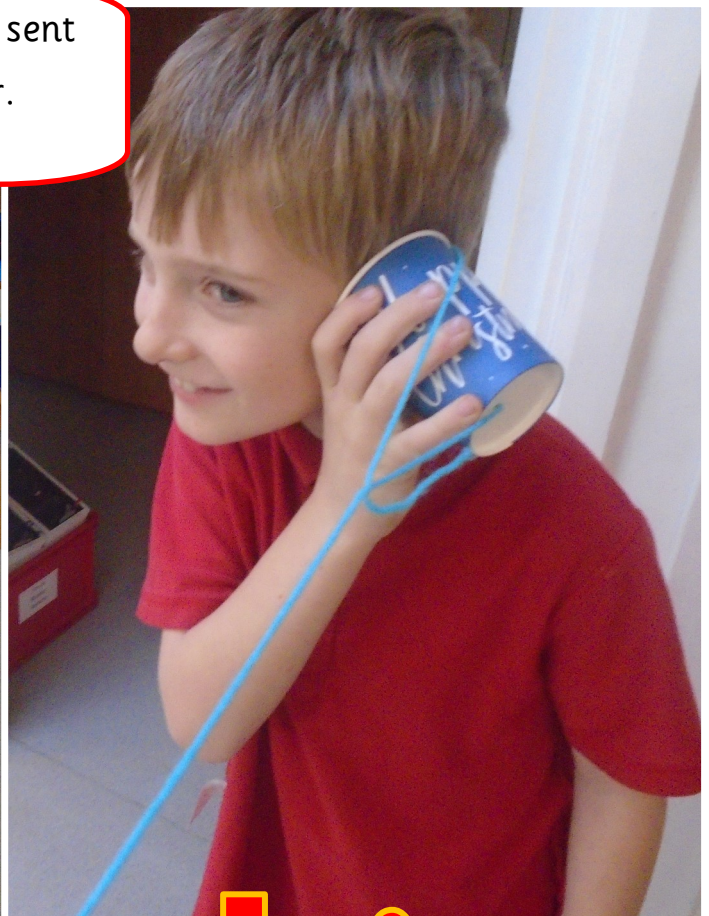
They tasted delicious!




In Science, Year Four have been learning how sound travels.



Pupils made string telephones and sent secret messages to one another.



# Y4 Hot Line



The children were amazed that the sound passed down the string of their telephone into their ear.

# Are You Receiving Me?

They learnt that sound travels better through solids than a gases because the particles are closer together.



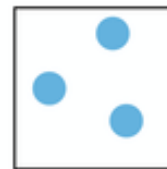
Pupils in Wagtails and Starlings used their prior knowledge about states of matter and particle theory to understand how their string telephones were working. Well done!



In a **solid**, the particles are packed closely together in ordered rows. Their only movement is vibration around fixed positions.



In a **liquid**, the particles are still close together, but unlike a solid, they are randomly arranged. The particles are free to move around each other.



In a **gas**, the particles are far apart and randomly arranged. The particles are free to move in any direction and move quickly.



# Woodwork Club



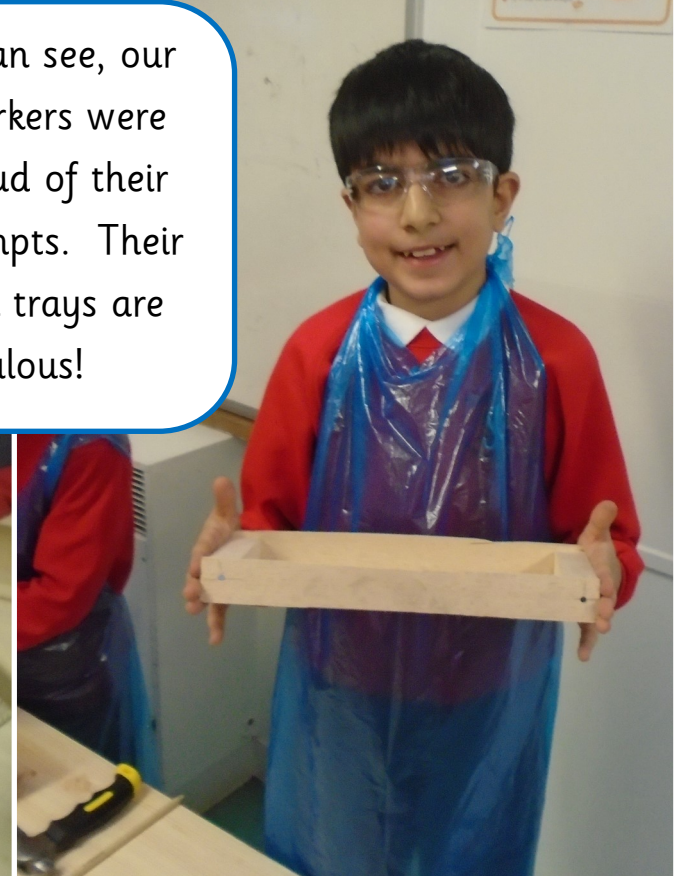
Mr Westwood began his woodwork club this Thursday. The children who attend are learning how to measure and join wood by safely using woodworking tools.

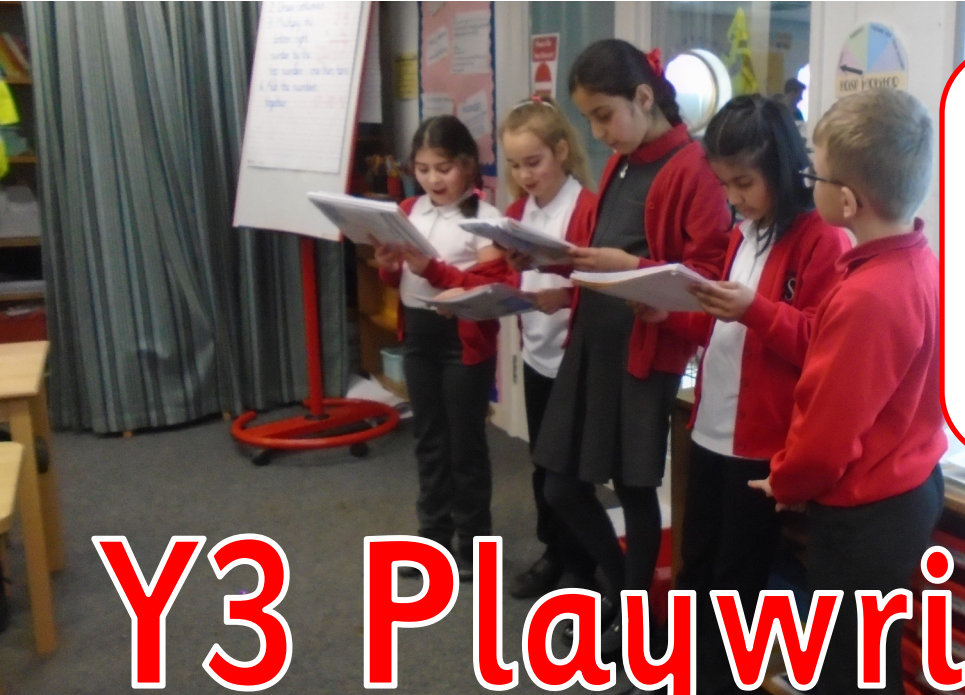




# Woodwork Club


As you can see, our woodworkers were very proud of their first attempts. Their beautiful trays are fabulous!






Year 3 have collaborated in groups to turn a section of "The Iron Man" into a theatre script to perform.

# Y3 Playwrights



The children practised different techniques to make their performances more interesting for an audience.



They experimented with call and response, changes in volume, adding actions and making sound effects.



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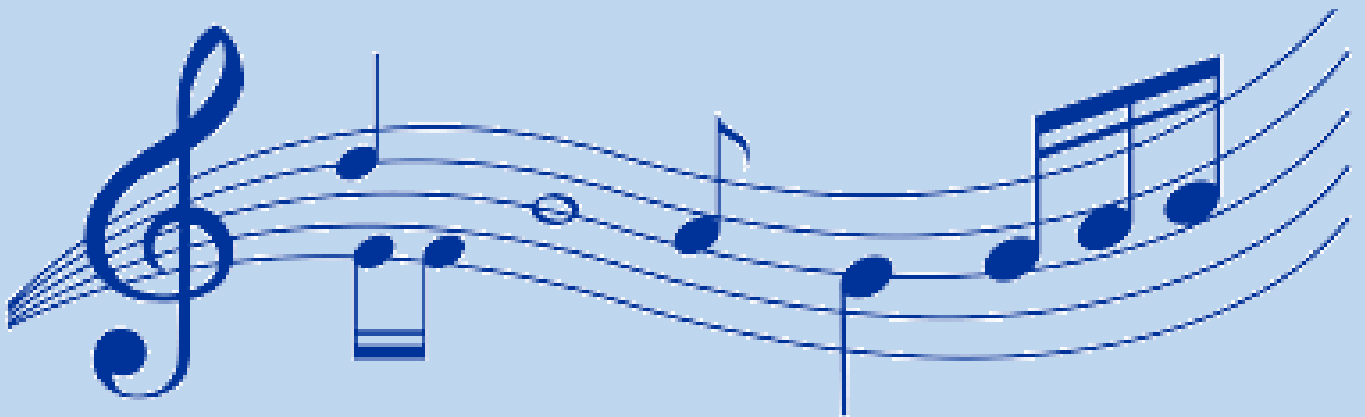
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# Warwickshire Sings



Year Three are continuing to rehearse with vocal animateur, Jeremy Dibb, as part of the Warwickshire Sings programme. Each week they practise a range of songs and vocal techniques to help make them expert performers.

The programme will culminate in a large scale performance at a local venue during the Summer Term. More details to come!



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# Christmas Reading Challenge

Congratulations to a few remaining children who completed the reading challenge over the holidays. We had **81 entries** in total, which is an amazing achievement! **Well done everyone!**



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# Celebrating Reading



Last week, Juniper the Puffin's reading teddy got to go home with Emilia. Emilia was chosen by Mrs Emmett and Miss Daly because she works so hard on her reading at home. Emilia's Mum shared these lovely photos with us.

*Emilia was so excited she was chosen to have Juniper over the weekend. She's enjoyed practising her reading with her and also Juniper listening to her bedtime stories. She's had lots of cuddles and made sure she's brushed her teeth each morning and night time.*



Meanwhile, Chloe in Moorhen's class has proved to have an amazing talent for painting in response to poetry! Chloe was chosen by Miss Ball to take one of the Junior's poetry bags home, and she

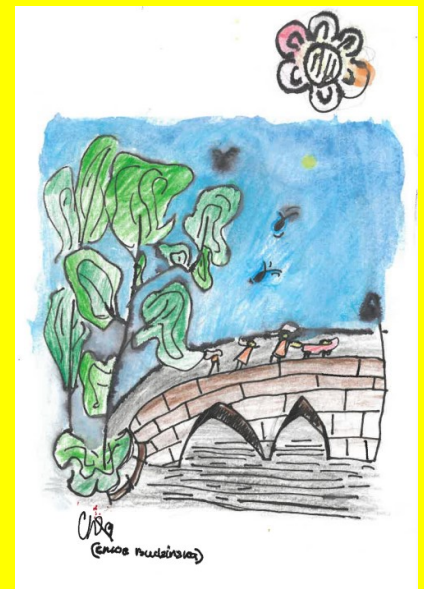
## Johnny Come Over the Water

Johnny come over the water  
And make the sun shine through.  
Johnny come over the water  
And paint the sky with blue.

Cover the field and the meadow  
With flowers of red and gold  
And cover with leaves the simple trees  
That stand so bare and cold.

Johnny come over the water,  
Turn the white grass to hay.  
It's winter, winter all the year  
Since you went away.

chose to read *Johnny Come Over the Water* by Charles Causley. She then created this incredibly detailed painting to depict the imagery of the poem. **Amazing work, Chloe!**



**Reminder:** Reading teddies and poetry bags go home weekly in the Infant and Junior classes as an incentive for your child to read regularly at home. Please keep signing their diaries so that teachers know that this is happening - thank you!



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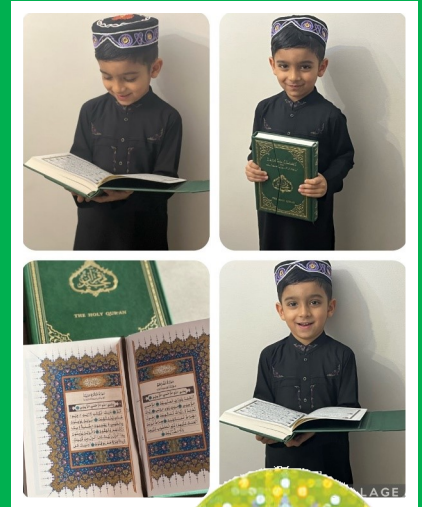
# Amazing Achievements

Faaq in Kingfishers' Class has been learning Arabic from the age of 4, and has managed to complete the whole recitation of the Holy Quran at the age of 6 in just two months! What an incredible achievement! **Well done, Faaq!**

*I am really proud of myself because I completed the Holy Quran at the age of 6.*

*The Holy Quran is a special book for me as a Muslim because it teaches me how to live my life in a good & peaceful way.*

*The Holy Quran is written in Arabic. I was very happy to learn Arabic from my mum as it was the language of our Holy Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him). I got lots of gifts from my family to celebrate my big achievement.*



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# Author Visit



**Does your child love cats?**


Katie Sahota, author of *Little Glow* will once again be visiting us, this time to celebrate World Book Day, by sharing her newly published book *The Cats That Wanted More*.

Please look out for an order form in your child's book bag next week so that you can order a signed copy if you wish.

Katie will be visiting school on Wednesday 1st March, so all order forms and money need to be in school by Friday 17th February at the latest please.

**Author visit pre-order form**

Local author Katie Sahota is visiting our school! Why not order a signed copy?  
School visit offer: £5 each (RRP £7.99)

You can also order copies of other Unilever Press titles on the website [www.unileverpress.com](http://www.unileverpress.com) for £5 using the code FRIENDSOFNET. Please return the slip below with cash payment to school on or before Friday 17th February 2023.

UNILEVER PRESS Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Payment enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ (£5 per book)



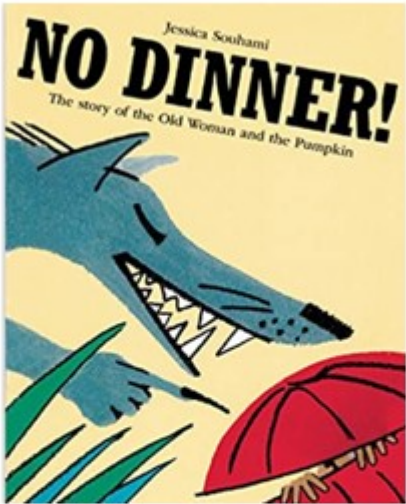
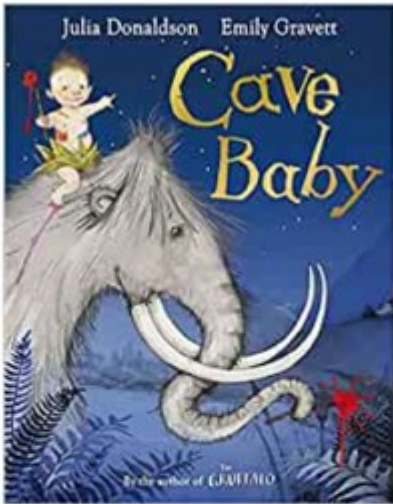
# World Book Day 2023

## Save the date

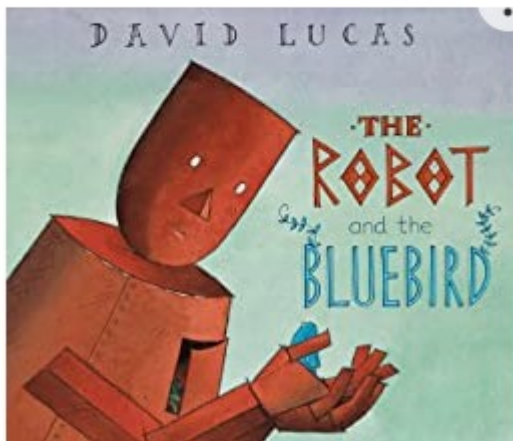
WORLD  
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World Book Day this year is on Thursday 2nd March 2023, and we have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for the whole of that week to celebrate!

Once again, each year group has chosen a book to explore for this special week, and we invite children to **dress up in clothes linked to our chosen books** on Thursday 2nd March:

Reception	Year 1
	
Ms Knight, Mrs <u>Harrad</u> and Mrs Cox would like the children to come to school dressed as a <b>wolf</b> , <b>tiger</b> , <b>bear</b> , a <b>pumpkin</b> or their <b>favourite food</b> !	Mrs Lee, Mrs Emmett and Miss Daly would like the children to come dressed as a <b>bear</b> , <b>leopard</b> , <u>tiger</u> or in their <b>pyjamas</b> !

### Year 2



Mrs Prager and Miss Mason would like the children to come to school dressed as a **robot** or a **bird**!

### Year 3



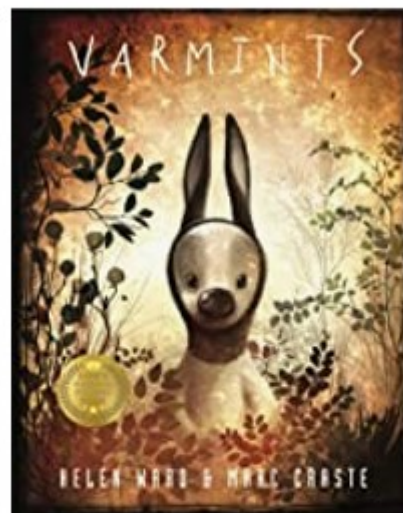
Mr Lee, Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Rastall would like the children to come to school dressed as their **favourite book character**!

### Year 4



Mrs Madahar and Mrs Keys would like the children to come to school dressed as **Vikings**!

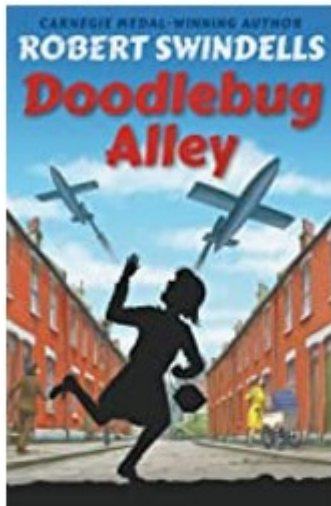
### Year 5



Miss Ellershaw and Miss Dalton would like the children to come to school dressed as **minibeasts**!



## Year 6



Mrs Van der Sterren and Miss Ball would like the children to come to school dressed as World War 2 **evacuees!**

Please do not feel obliged to spend money on a costume. A home-made costume using what your child already has will be perfect for this fun day!

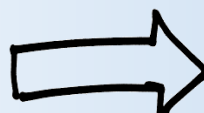


Some of last year's creations!



NATIONAL  
**BOOK**  
tokens

Every child will receive a £1 book token that can be put towards a book of their choice or swapped for one of these free books which are available in many shops.



Introducing 2023's  
£1/€1.50 books  
for all ages



# Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th January	Family Learning reading session, 1.45—3.00pm
Tuesday 24th January	Reception trip to Think Tank.
Friday 27th January	Young Voices
Monday 30th January	Y5 Bikeability sessions
Monday 30th January	National Story Telling Week begins.
Tuesday 31st January	Family Learning reading session, 1.45—3.00pm
Tuesday 7th February	Road safety sessions for Y2
Tuesday 14th February	Family Learning reading session, 1.45—3.00pm
Wednesday 15th February	Parent-Teacher Conferencing
Thursday 16th February	Parent-Teacher Conferencing
<b>Monday 20th - Friday 24th February, school closed for half-term holiday.</b>	
<b>Pupils return to school on Monday 27th February</b>	
Monday 27th February	Book Week
Wednesday 1st March	Katie Sahota, author, visiting school
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day— children come to school dressed as a character linked to their class story book.
Thursday 9th March	Y3 Roman Day
Thursday 30th March	Bike marking from 2.30pm—come along and have your bike security marked
Friday 31st March	MUFTI Day—bring 50p if your child comes to school in their own choice of clothes
Friday 31st March	Y3/4 Bikeability sessions
<b>Monday 3rd—Friday 14th April, school closed for the Easter holidays</b>	
<b>Pupils return to school on Monday 17th April</b>	

## School Opening

Please note that school **will be open** despite the planned strikes by National Education Union members.