



# Young Voices



Last Friday night, our school choir travelled to Resorts World Arena in Birmingham to join 6,000 other children performing at a spectacular event called “Young Voices.” This was an amazing and memorable experience for those who attended.



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We arrived at the arena at 1.30pm. There were thousands of other children there!

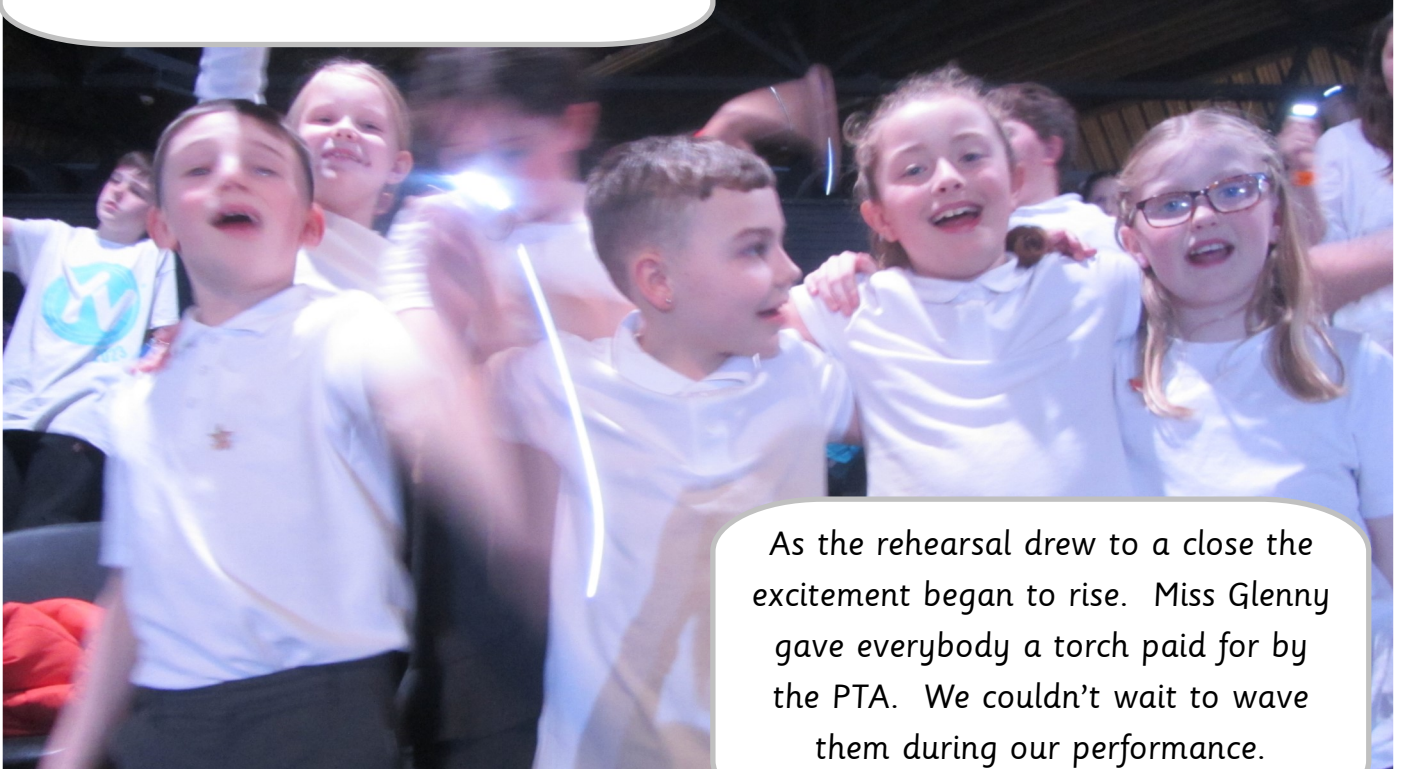


In the afternoon, we participated in a rehearsal with the band, led by musical director Craig McLeish.





We practised all our songs and learnt some special dance moves. The rehearsal was very long and required a lot of concentration.



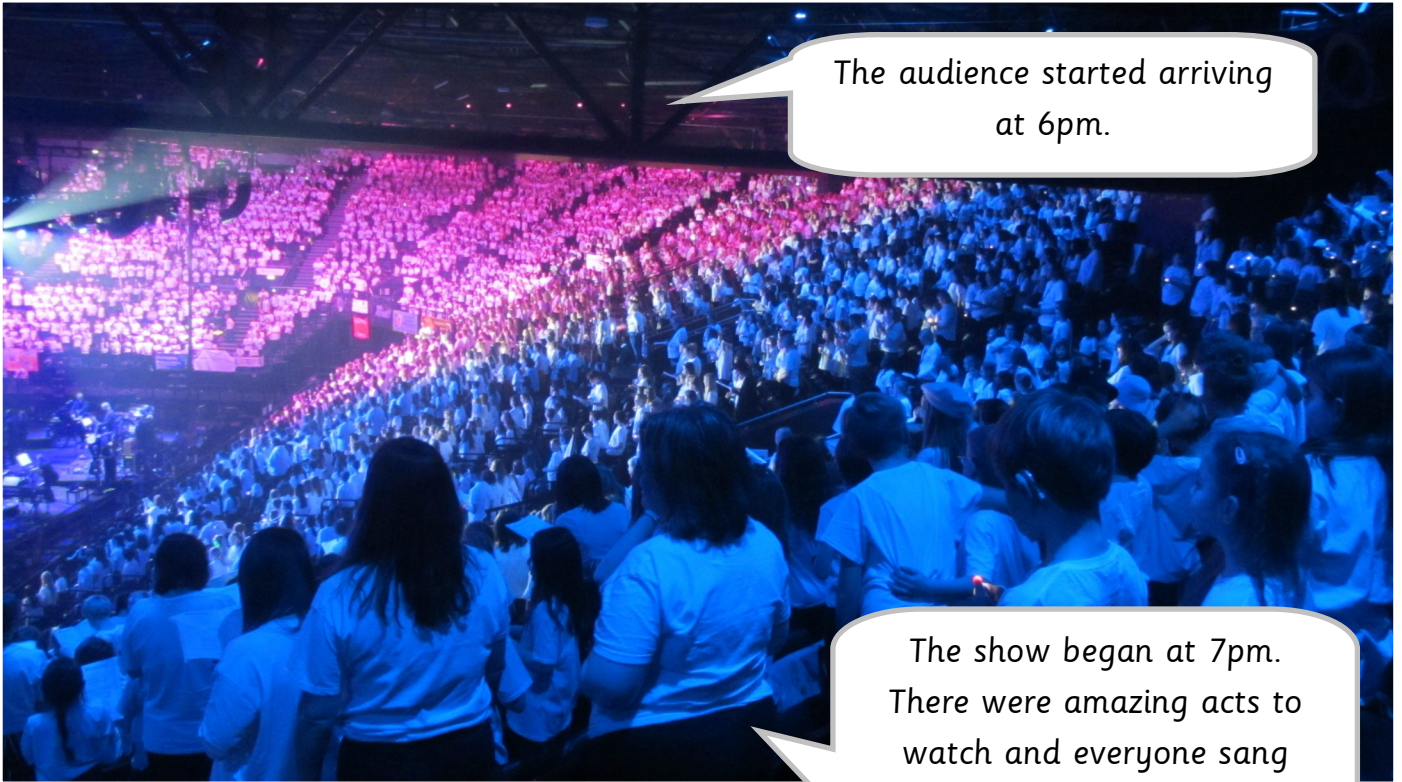
As the rehearsal drew to a close the excitement began to rise. Miss Glenny gave everybody a torch paid for by the PTA. We couldn't wait to wave them during our performance.





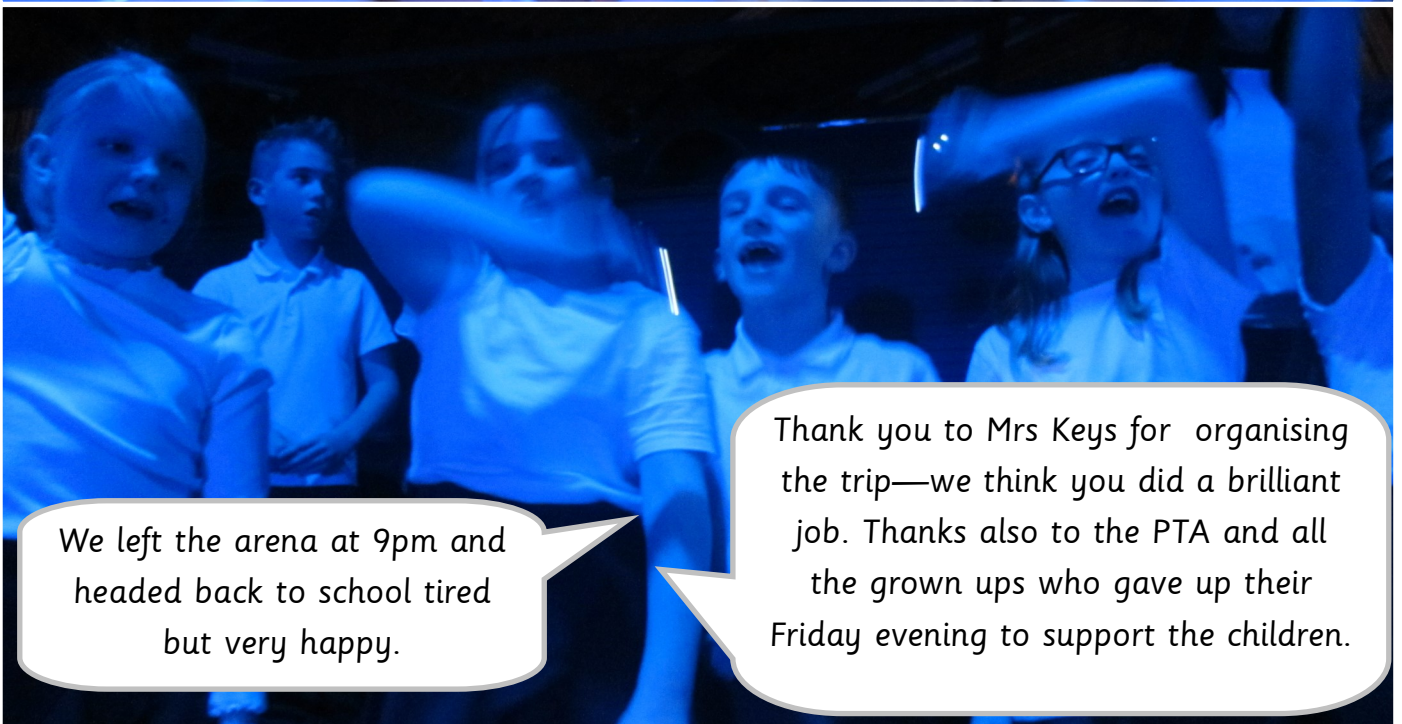
# Superstar Moment!

After our rehearsal, we enjoyed a packed tea. Some of us went hunting for autographs and were thrilled to meet Andy Instone, creative director of street dance group, "Urban Strides" who were performing as part of the show.




The audience started arriving at 6pm.

The show began at 7pm. There were amazing acts to watch and everyone sang their hearts out.




We left the arena at 9pm and headed back to school tired but very happy.

Thank you to Mrs Keys for organising the trip—we think you did a brilliant job. Thanks also to the PTA and all the grown ups who gave up their Friday evening to support the children.




On Thursday, Y5 were visited by Idris who is a professional chef. Idris works for The Royal Academy of Culinary Arts and he will be working with Y5 for three sessions.


# Professional Chef Visit



Idris talked to the children about a balanced diet and what makes a tasty and healthy meal.



Pupils tasted a range of different foods including those that are sweet, salty and spicy. They discussed their preferences and compared their likes/dislikes.



Eventually, the children will cook with Idris. We can't wait to see the results.





# Journalism Club

**Our news hounds have been on the look out again this week for interesting people to interview. Here is their exclusive interview with Office Manager, Kiran Bains:**

**What is your name and job?** My name is Kiran Bains and I am the school's Office Manager.

**How long have you worked at Sydenham?** Fifteen years.

**What inspired you to do your job?** I first started working in an office for Warwickshire County Council but needed a job that gave me time off with my children over the school holidays. I started working here and loved it. I like meeting people and solving problems so working at Sydenham is perfect for me.

**What do you like about working here?** I like the children, the staff and parents a lot. Every day is different here and I'm never bored. We all help each other and I enjoy being part of a team.

**What's the hardest thing about your job?** The office is very busy all day and you have to do lots of things at the same time.

**Do you have any pets?** I have a big German Shepherd called Roman. He's usually very well behaved but sometimes he tries to cuddle up on the sofa and that's not allowed.

**What are your hobbies?** I love reading, cooking and going for long dog walks.

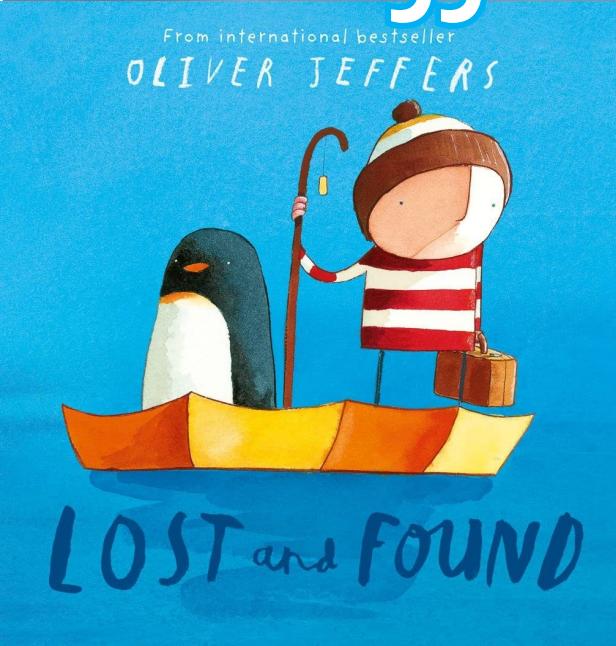
**What's your favourite joke?** Ten crisps were walking along the road. A van stopped and the driver asked if they wanted a lift. The crisps said no because they were walkers.

**Thank you, Kiran.**





# Y1 Puffins Assembly



In their class assembly this week, Y1 Puffins shared their learning based on the lovely Oliver Jeffers' book, "Lost and Found." Pupils showed off their art work and writing which featured some super similes. Well done!





# Assembly Concerts



We have been treated to a couple of lovely concerts during our celebration assemblies over the past two weeks. Last Friday, Lucia played a Romanian folk song on the violin and, today, Anvikka played two pieces on the piano. Both girls have learnt to play their instruments online through virtual lessons. They gave fantastic performances and really showed a growth mindset towards their learning.

Mrs Murphy will be showcasing our recorder players next Friday and she hopes that other talented children will want to show off their musical skills in the future.



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Well done to all our brilliant Y5 cyclists who have passed their Level Two Bikeability course. This is a real achievement as the course involves cycling on the road in real traffic, guided by an expert instructor.

As well as building their confidence on two-wheels the course taught children to:

**Start and stop** safely

**Pass stationary vehicles** parked on a road

**Understand the road:** signals, signs and road markings

**Negotiate the road:** including quiet junctions, crossroads and roundabouts

**Share the road** with other vehicles

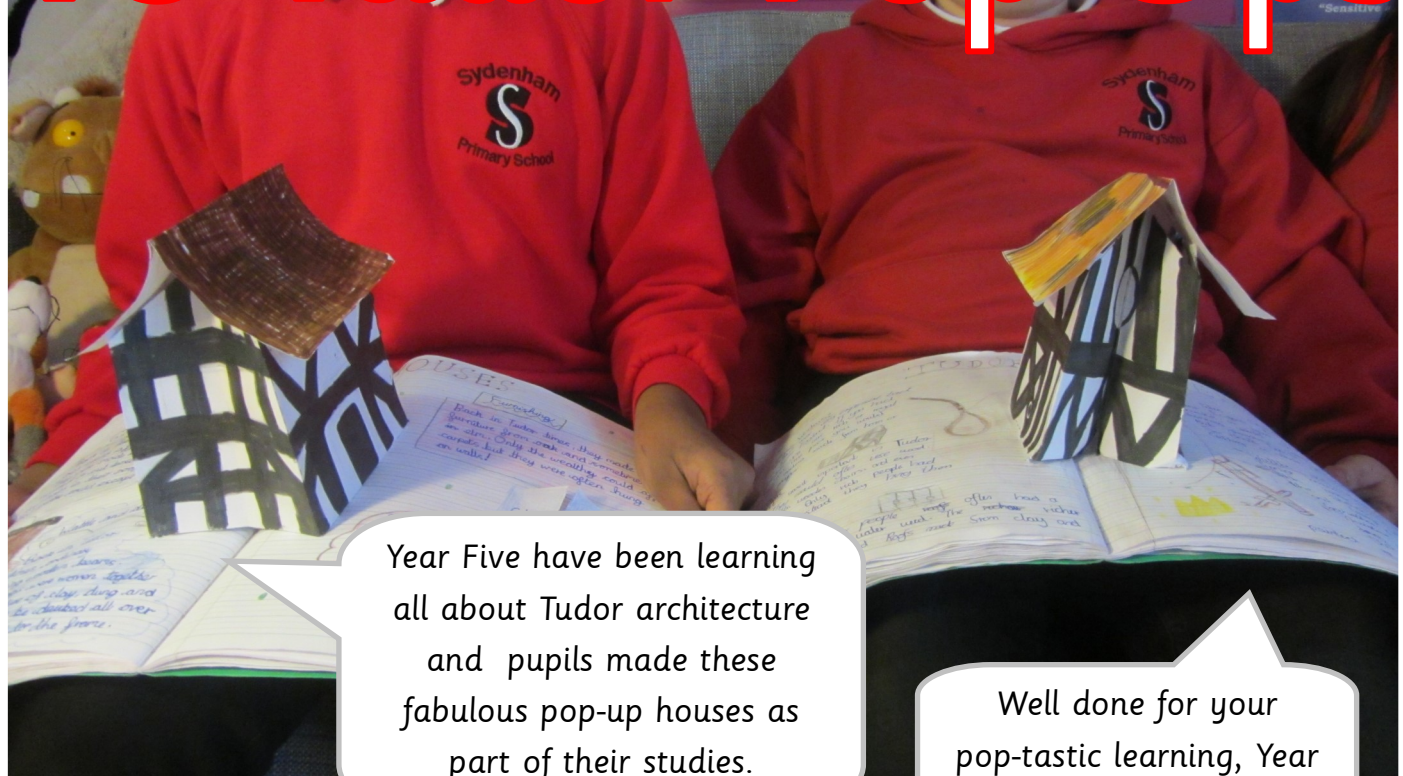


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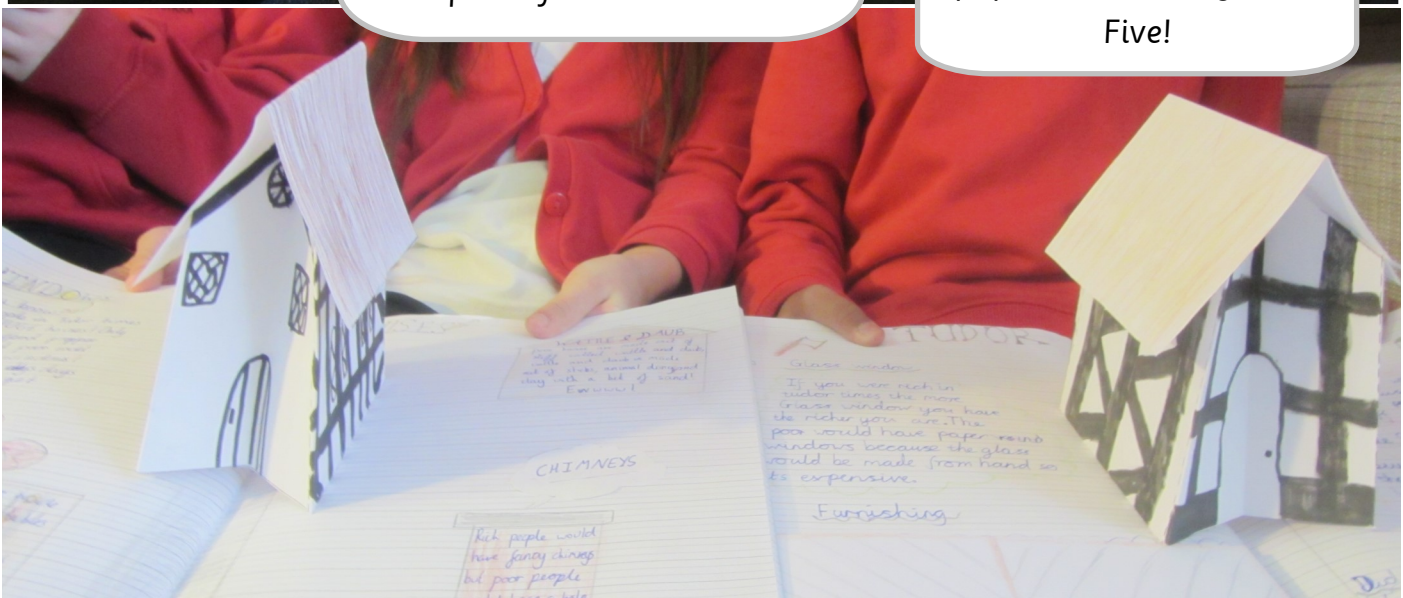


# Y5 Tudor Pop-Ups



Year Five have been learning all about Tudor architecture and pupils made these fabulous pop-up houses as part of their studies.

Well done for your pop-tastic learning, Year Five!





# Online Safety

Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 7th February and this year's theme is "Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online."

In assembly this week, our Online Safety Ambassadors talked about the importance of discussing what we like and dislike online. The Ambassadors encouraged others to share any worries they might have about online content or messages they receive and explained that there are lots of safe and trusted adults who can help.



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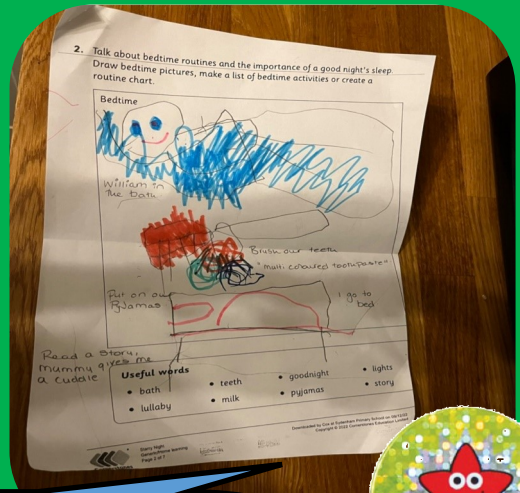
**Article 19: Protection from Violence and abuse**

# Celebrating Reception Home Learning!

**Early Learning Goals:** Read aloud simple sentences and books that are consistent with their phonic knowledge, including some common exception words.



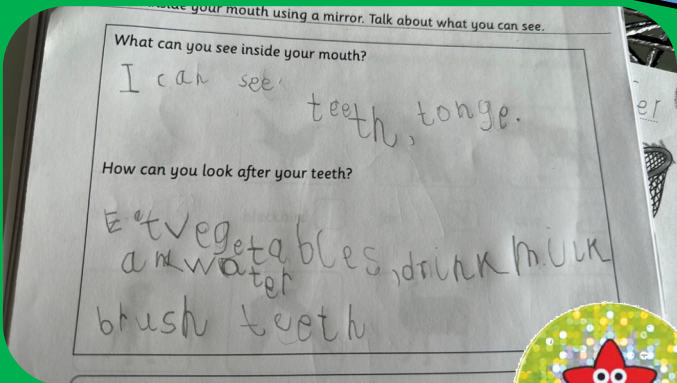
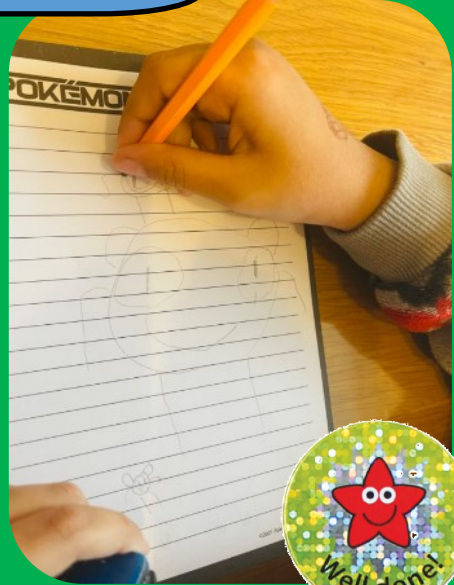
**Early Learning Goals:** Begin to show accuracy and care when drawing.



William, Kristopher, Selina and Parmit have been working really hard on their reading, writing, drawing and phonics at home over the weekend. It is wonderful to see them practising their skills.

**Well done!**

**Early Learning Goals:** Write simple phrases and sentences that can be read by others.



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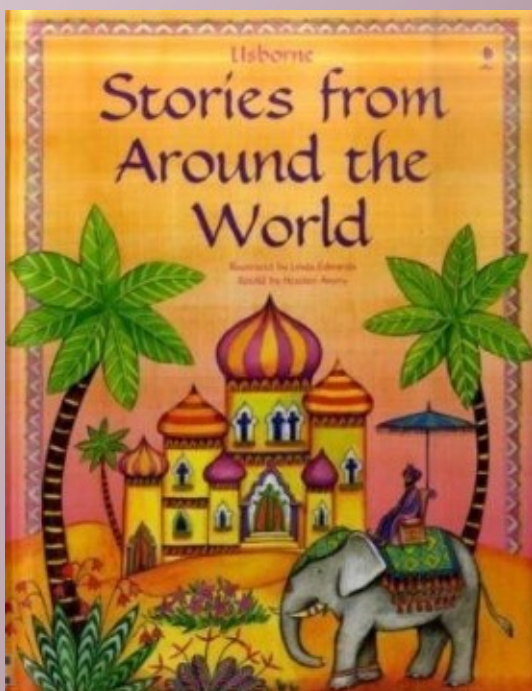
Article 29: Goals of Education

# National Story Telling Week

This week was National Story Telling Week. We marked the occasion by promoting a love of reading, with class teachers visiting other classes around the school to read them their favourite children's story.



Story telling is a social and cultural activity of sharing stories, sometimes with improvisation, theatrics or embellishment. Learning to retell a story is an important skill for building reading comprehension and writing skills in young children. Every culture has its own stories or narratives. Which stories have you memorised that you tell your children? Which stories do you children know off by heart?



"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales."

Albert Einstein

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# Diary Dates

Tuesday 7th February	Road safety sessions for Y2
Wednesday 8th February	Fire Service visiting Y1
Friday 10th February	Fire Service visiting Y5
Tuesday 14th February	Y4 SM Wagtails class assembly at 9.15am—parents and carers warmly welcomed.
Tuesday 14th February	YR RK Robins class assembly at 10.15am —parents and carers warmly invited to attend.
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.
Tuesday 7th March	Y4 RK Starlings class assembly at 9.15am —parents and carers warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 9th March	Y3 Roman Day
Tuesday 14th March	YR HC Goldfinches class assembly at 10.15am —parents and carers warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 21st March	Y5 SD Woodpeckers class assembly at 9.15am —parents and carers warmly invited to attend.

Please note that the Y4 SM Wagtails will no longer take place on February 7th because Mrs Madahar is out of school on a Computing conference. The new date is February 14th at 9.15am.

Tuesday 28th March	Y2 CP Wrens class assembly at 10.15am —parents and
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
Friday 31st March	Y3/4 Bikeability sessions
<p>Monday 3rd—Friday 14th April, school closed for the Easter holidays</p> <p>Pupils return to school on Monday 17th April</p>	

### **Dogs**

Please note that dogs are **not** allowed on the school site. Although you may love your furry friend, some children and adults could be frightened so please keep your pets at home.

### **Free Fruit for Key Stage Two**

From Monday 13th February we will be funding a free piece of fruit for **all children** in EYFS KS1 and KS2. This means pupils do not need to bring their own snack to consume at play time.

### **Footballs**

An increasing number of children are playing football before the start of school and this is becoming a health and safety issue. It is also leading to friendship disputes which class teachers are having to resolve during registration time.

Please do not allow your child to play football before school. If you have an older child who walks to school alone, please do not allow them to bring a ball. Thank you.

### **Parking**

Please don't drive on to the school site to drop off/pick up your children as the car park is used as a thoroughfare to gain access to and from the playground and there will be families walking there. Thank you.

# FEBRUARY ART CAMP

@MILVERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Art Workshop for kids 4-11yrs  
20-21 Feb 10am-2pm  
£35 per day

*Lots of creative fun-  
tie-dye, model making, abstract  
painting, eco art, pastel drawing*





# Sydenham Superstars



YR and Key Stage One



Key Stage Two