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# How we celebrated...



We had a go at writing our names using Chinese characters.

We had fun opening and reading fortune cookies.



We watched Chinese dragon dancing and made our own dancing dragons out of paper.

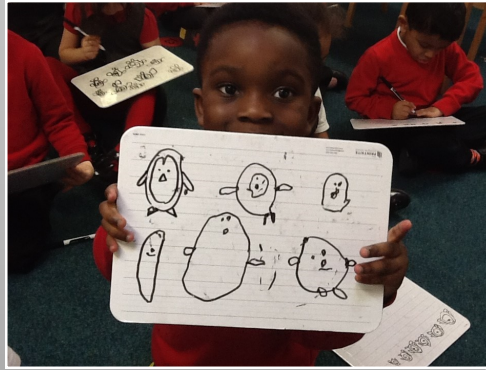
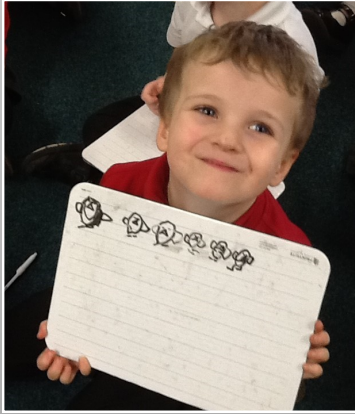


We made Japanese sweets called Mochi and tasted chowmein.



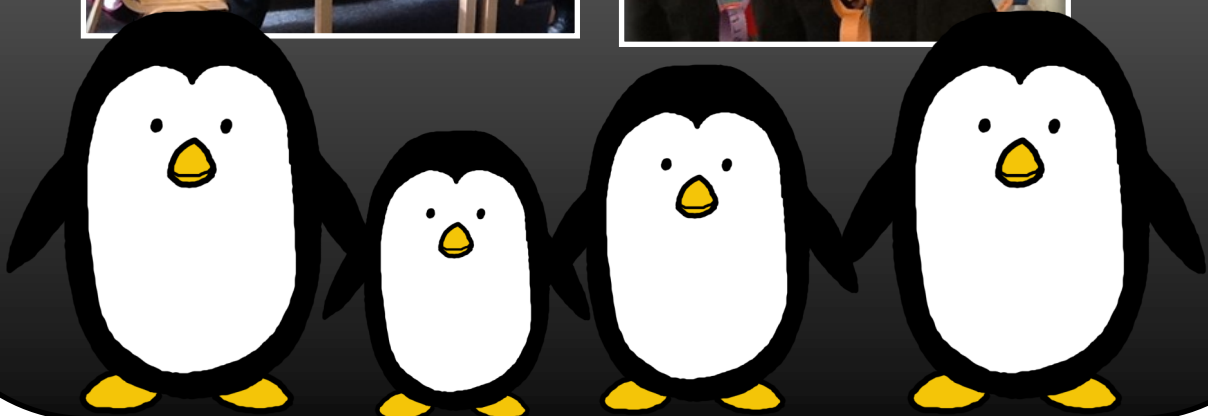
# Maths Problem Solving

This week, the whole school has been doing maths based on the brilliant book, "365 Penguins." In each class, pupils put their maths investigation skills to work to solve a variety of problems.




Reception

Year One





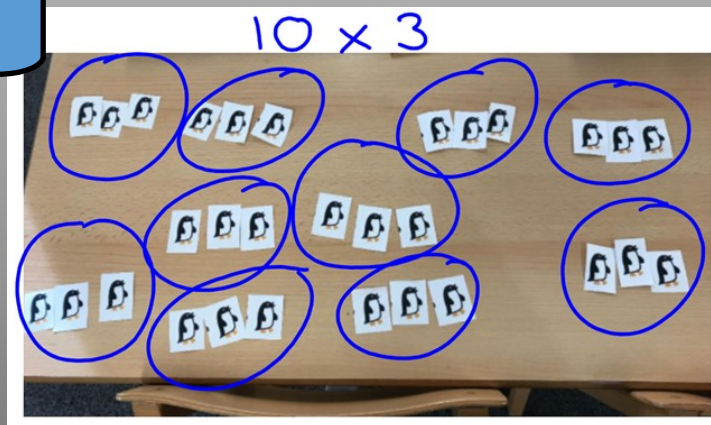
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 LO: We are organising penguins into EQUAL groups.

1✓	
2✓	$10 \times 3$
3✓	$30 \times 1$
4✓	
5✓	
6✓	$5 \times 6$
7✓	$15 \times 2$
8✓	
9✓	
10✓	$6 \times 5$

$2 \times 10$



**Year Two**

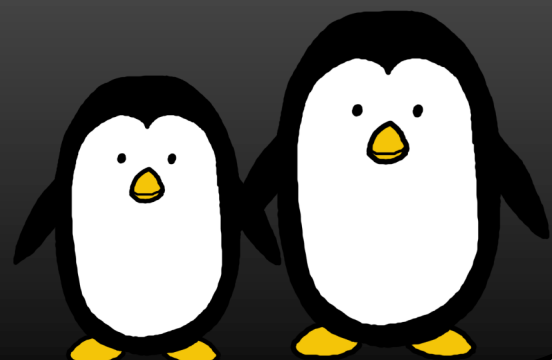


**Year Three**



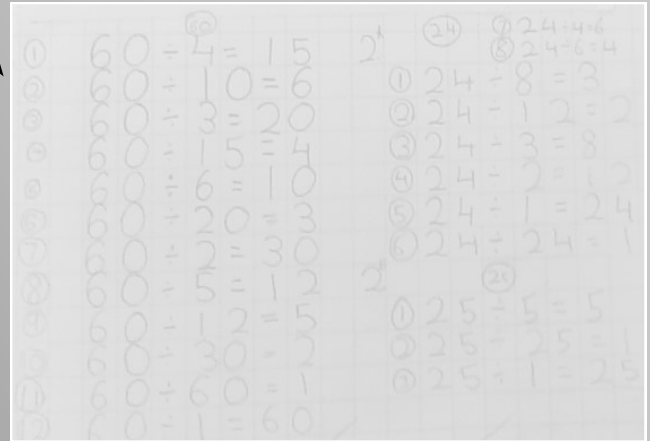
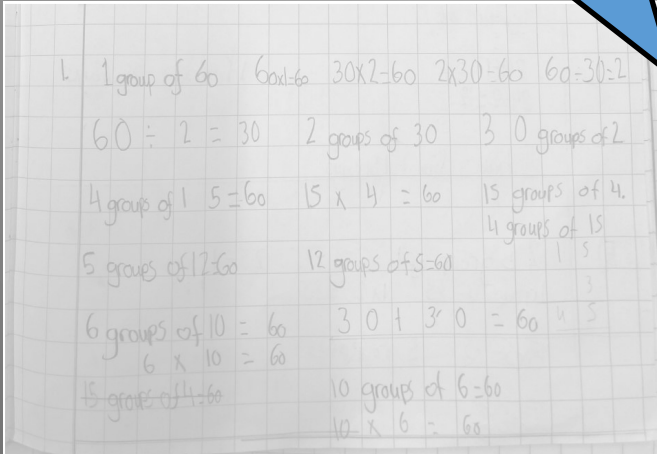
Did I have a great idea... We should organise them! How many ways can you organise 24 penguins using arrays?

$24 \div 12 = 2$ $2 \times 12 = 24$	$4 \times 6 = 24$	$6 \times 5 = 30$	$2 \times 15 = 30$	$3 \times 10 = 30$
$1 \times 24 = 24$	$8 \times 3 = 24$	$10 \times 3 = 30$	$15 \times 2 = 30$	$5 \times 6 = 30$
$6 \times 4 = 24$	$24 \div 24 = 1$	$2 \times 30 = 30$	$30 \times 1 = 30$	

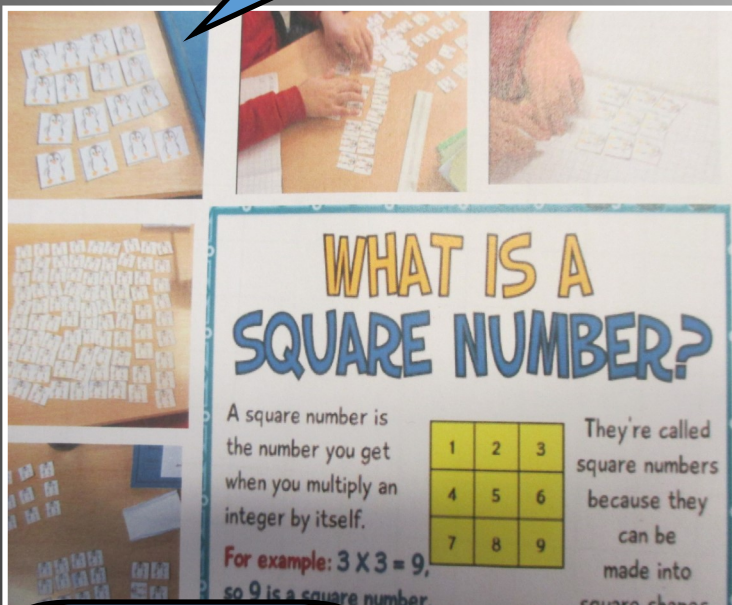




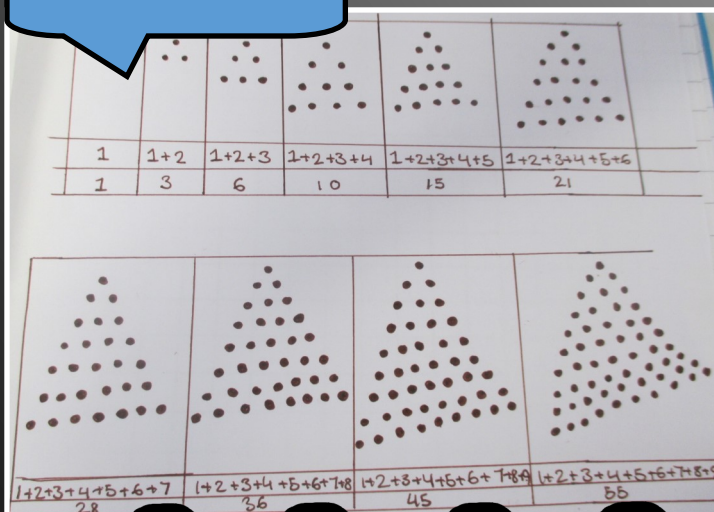
## Year Four



## Year Five

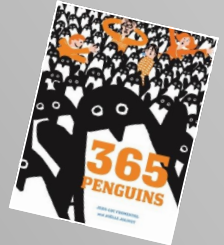


## Year Six



### What happens in the story?

On New Year's Day, the family has one penguin. By the end of January they have 31 penguins, and by the end of February they have 31 + 28 penguins! Throughout the year they have to work out how much money the penguin food is costing, as well as deciding whether to arrange the penguins into cubes or into boxes of 12.



### What maths did each class do?

Year One: Counting and ordering numbers.

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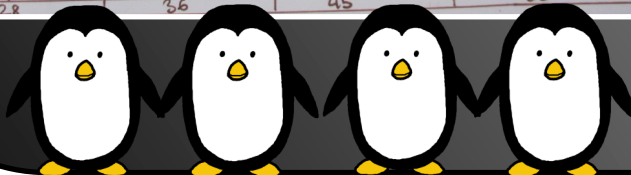
Year Two: Investigating arrays, factors and products and exploring the concept of commutativity.

Year Three: Investigating arrays and how to represent information as a bar chart.

Year Four: Exploring Multiplication and division.

Year Five: Investigating square numbers.

Year Six: Working systematically with triangular numbers.





On Thursday, Year Six met a real life mountaineer! John has climbed Mont Blanc and The Matterhorn and is preparing to scale the heights of Denali later on this year. He shared his passion for mountaineering and explained the personal and practical skills that are required when climbing in an extreme environment.

The children enjoyed handling climbing equipment such as ropes, harnesses, goggles and carabiners and they were fascinated to learn of the challenges mountaineers face. These include altitude sickness and frost bite! Thank you

John for your inspirational talk!



# Y6 Meet a Mountaineer



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# Y4 Crime Scene!

Year Four arrived at school this week to find their shared area in a state of chaos! Somebody had clearly broken into school overnight and done some serious damage. Year Four were tasked with the challenge of working out who the culprit was. They presented their findings as a news broadcast and newspaper report. Well done to our super sleuth reporters!



**CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS**



# Y6 Persuasive Writing

Year Six have been putting their persuasive writing skills to the test at home by making leaflets encouraging people to holiday in the Arctic. You can see Emma's leaflet below.

We love Emma's use of emotive language, especially phrases like "fizz of adrenaline" and "hunched up at home." If you're looking for a summer holiday destination, maybe you'd like to consider the "Frozen North."

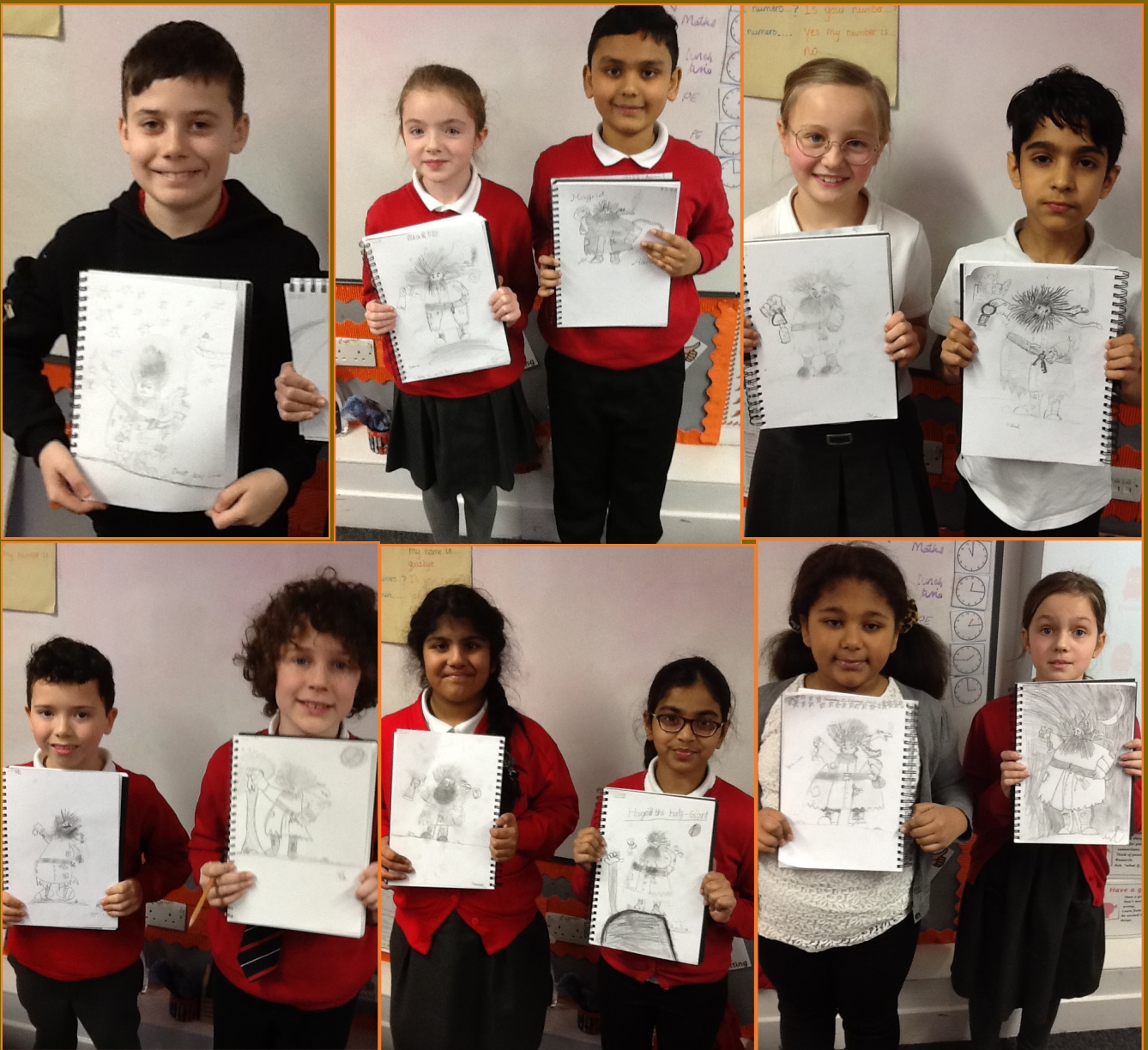




# Harry Potter Art



This week, Year Four watched a live webinar hosted by the hugely talented Harry Potter illustrator, Jonny Duddle. The children received a step-by-step tutorial on how to draw Hagrid and their results were fantastic as you can see.





# Empathy

Tayyaba was inspired by Miss Glenney's assembly last week on the theme of empathy. She thought a lot about what it means to "walk in somebody's shoes" and wrote this poem in response:

Think empathy,

Think empathy towards others.

Step into someone's shoes and explore their mind,

Feel their feelings from inside.

Think before you act and if you do something wrong, stop!

Make the right choices and use your inner-sense all the time.

If you do this it will help the world.

**By Tayyaba (Year 4)**





# KS2 reading around the world

Ali and Ameya have now completed the Reading Around the World challenge. Ameya said that she was so happy that she had taken part in the challenge, because it meant that she finished her Harry Potter book!



**Well done, children!**



I have now completed the challenge too, but it is not too late for your child to finish theirs!

**If your child has not yet been to collect their certificate from me, please could you remind them to come and see me. They are always very busy with their learning whilst they are at school and I am sure that they are forgetting!**

# National Storytelling Week

This week is National Storytelling Week. We celebrated in school in a number of different ways, and Lily decided she wanted to celebrate at home too by drawing a new front cover for her favourite book—The Amazing Edie Eckheart.



**Great work, Lily!**

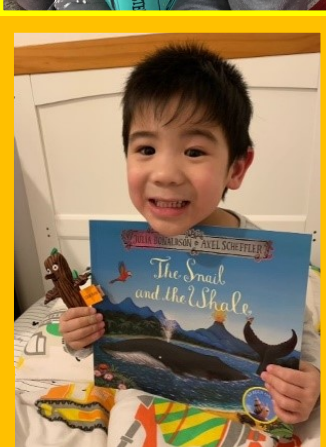
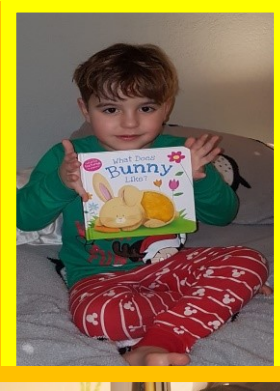
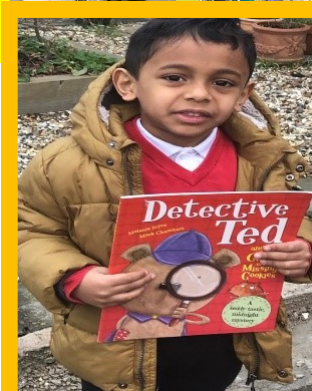
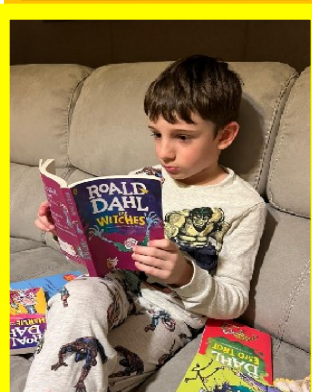
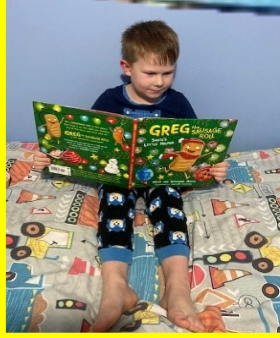


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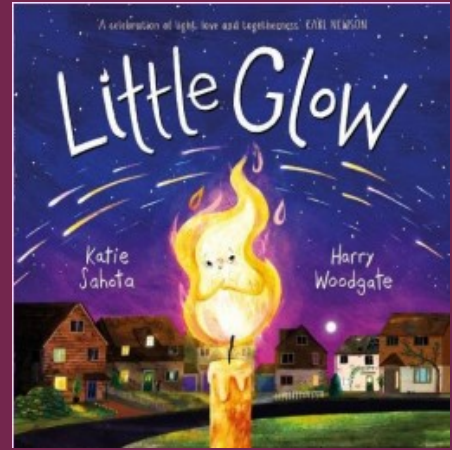


# Curl up with your favourite book!





# Author visit



We had a lovely start to the week with a visit from Katie Sahota, the author of the beautifully written and illustrated 'Little Glow'.

Katie read her story to the children and then asked questions to find out what the children's favourite part of the story was, and which festivals they had spotted. The children then had the opportunity to ask Katie questions about what it is like to be an author.



Jeevath was so inspired by the story 'Little Glow' that she wrote this wonderful poem when she got home:

Seconds ago, a little tiny light shone bright, oh bright,  
Pretty little light shines up in the mid night.  
In a minute or so the Christmas trees were lit.  
Rising up into the sky Santa's sleigh was led by Prancer  
Kim and Jack and all the children watched the light become a dancer.  
Low and high, presents were received,  
Elegant Little Light sang "Good night, sleep tight".



By Jeevath

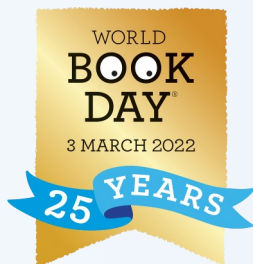


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# World Book Day 2022

**This year marks the 25th anniversary of World Book Day!**



World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March 2022, and we have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for the whole of that week to celebrate!

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 3rd March:

Reception	Year 1
 <p><i>Please can children come into school wearing black and white clothes!</i> Mrs Scholes, Mrs Harrad and Mrs Cox</p>	 <p><i>Please can children come dressed in animal print or as a brown bear!</i> Mrs Lee, Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Emmett</p>
Year 2	Year 3
 <p><i>Please can children come into school dressed as robots, birds, or anything in nature!</i> Miss Knight and Miss Peters</p>	 <p><i>Please can children come dressed as any character from a book!</i> Mr Lee, Mrs Christensen and Mrs Rastall</p>



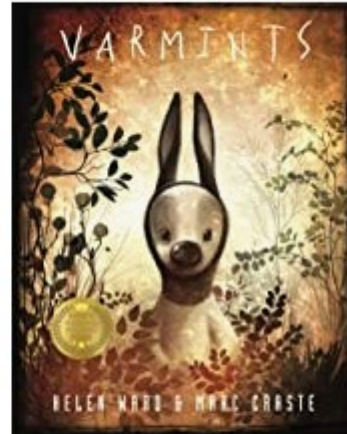
# World Book Day 2022

Year 4



*Please can children come into school dressed in bright, colourful clothes!*  
Mrs Madahar and Mrs Keys

Year 5



*Please can children come dressed as an animal!*  
Miss Ball and Miss Ellershaw

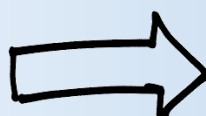
Year 6



*Please can children come into school dressed like a bear, a penguin, or an explorer/adventurer!*  
Mrs Vander Sterren and Miss Gillespie

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.





**Sydenham Primary PTA's**

# **HALF TERM WORD TRAIL**

**19 - 27 FEB**



*Maps will be handed out before half term.*

*£1 per map, payable on parent pay*



**Find the letters displayed  
in windows around  
Sydenham.**

**Can you crack the code?**

*Return your completed sheets to the school  
office by the 4th March*

*to be in with a chance of winning a  
Newbold Comyn Clip and Climb Voucher*



**Money raised will be used to purchase a new  
friendship bench for the playground**





# Half-Term Fun

## Coventry Museums

### February

### Half Term 2022

at Coventry Museums



**Herbert**  
Art Gallery & Museum

#### Wonderful Weaving

19 – 26 February (excluding Sunday) | 10.30am – 3.30pm  
Drop in | £2.50 per child, under 3s are free

We are celebrating the weaving history of Coventry with colourful, woven craft activities. Try your hand at cardboard loom coasters, making woven dream catchers, and so much more!

Designed for age 3+, but all are welcome

Find out more  
[theherbert.org](http://theherbert.org)

#### Art Masterclass: Coventry Cartoon Weaving

Thursday 24 February | 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2.00pm – 4.00pm  
Book online in advance | £11.37 per child, includes accompanying adults



Turn an image of Coventry into a mixed media masterpiece! Working on a preprepared canvas, select an area to embellish with weaving and embroidery skills.

Designed for age 8 -16

**COVENTRY  
TRANSPORT  
MUSEUM**  
Driving curiosity

Find out more  
[transport-museum](http://transport-museum)



# Half-Term Fun

## Coventry Museums

### **Family Museum Engineers: Just Play**

Saturday 19 February | 10.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
Book online in advance | £9.21 per family (max. 5 ppl)

Embrace play with our amazingly awesome non-electronic playthings, delve in and enjoy time together as a family in our inspiring environment.

Designed for all ages

### **Make & Play Engineers: Electronics for Kids**

21 & 22 February | 10.30am – 12.30pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
Book online in advance | £9.21 per family (max. 5 ppl)

Join us in this family session to open-endedly play about and explore electronics, create simple circuits, and try to get a small machine to follow a line. You will be an expert engineer before you know it!

Designed for age 3 – 12, but all are welcome



### **This Makes That With These: Demystifying Electronics**

24 & 26 February | 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2.00pm – 4.00pm  
Book online in advance | £4.90 per child, under 3s are free

Get hands-on with real tools and take gadgets and appliances apart to solve our curious minds' constant questions about how technology works.

Designed for age 5+, but all are welcome





# February Half-Term ARTCLUB

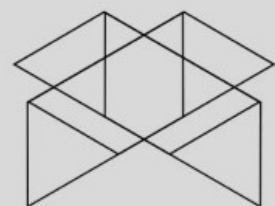
*Join in the art club fun  
this February half term*

*Lots of fun craft activities for  
children Rec-Yr 6*

**ST MARKS CHURCH**  
**10.00AM-4.00PM**  
**£35**

Monday 21 Feb 2021  
Tuesday 22 Feb 2021  
Wednesday 23 Feb 2021

**Book @ [WWW.ARTLABART.COM](http://WWW.ARTLABART.COM)**  
**Get in touch 07963935152**



ARTLAB

# Diary Dates

Monday 7th February	African Animal Experience for YR/1/5.
Wednesday 9th February	Vision screening for Reception pupils.
Thursday 10th February/ Wednesday 16th February	Y2 visit to Leamington Art Gallery.
Thursday 17th February	Storyteller visiting Reception.
Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th February	Parent/Carer and teacher conferencing via Microsoft Teams—book your appointment on ParentPay.
Thursday 17th February	Infant silent disco (during the school day and free of charge.)
Friday 18th February	MUFTI (non-uniform) day. Bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes. All proceeds to School Fund.

**Monday 21st February—Friday 25th February, School closed for half-term holiday.**

**Children return to school on Monday 28th February.**

Tuesday 1st March	Y6 health and wellbeing questionnaire (delivered by the School Nursing Service.)
Wednesday 2nd March	Y4 visit to Lillington Library to watch a performance of “The Power of Possibilities.”
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day—more details soon!
Thursday 17th/Friday 18th March	Y5 residential trip to Stratford
Wednesday 23rd March	Y4 participate in “Voice in a Million” at Wembley.
Friday 25th March	MUFTI (non-uniform) day. Bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes. All proceeds to School Fund.
Wednesday 6th April	Junior silent disco (during the school day and free of charge.)

**Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April, school closed for the Easter holidays.**

**Children return to school on Monday 25th April**





# Sydenham Superstars



Reception, Year One & Year Two



Years Three & Four



# Sydenham Superstars



Years Five & Six



I hope you follow Snoopy's advice and find the time to unwind at the weekend.

Best wishes from Miss  
Glenny