



LOWER SCHOOL

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a good holiday and are ready for the term ahead.

Please make a note of these important dates coming up:

Friday 19th January- Get Writing workshop Year 1 and Year 2 parents.

Monday 26th February- Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle (please pay via ParentPay).

Thursday 28th March - Year 1 Building Day

Friday 17th May - Year 1 trip to Cliveden (please pay via ParentPay).

Homework



Your child will be set homework on Google Classroom every day. Please support your child completing this work. When the children log into Google Classroom, they will be directed to either EdShed or TT Rockstars for their homework. Your child should have been given the usernames and passwords needed. If your child does not know their login details, please ask their class teacher.

Reading

It is very important that your child reads every day. Please remember to sign your child's book when you have listened to them read. Your child will be able to change their reading book when they can demonstrate that they understand what they have read, this may be only once or twice a week. The children can also take home another book of their choice. Please read this with your child as well.



This half term the children will get to read and listen to lots of different stories. Below are some of the books they will be reading. Please encourage your child to tell you about the stories or read other books by the same author.

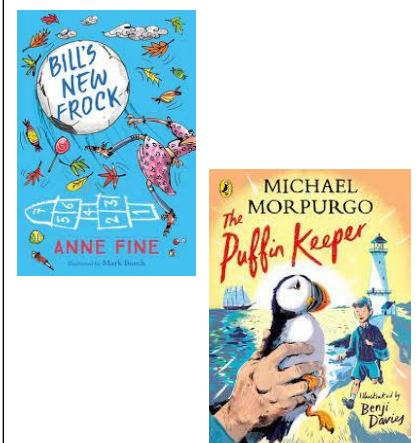
Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 1

Last half term, the children had a very exciting trip to Wendover Woods, where we followed the 'Zog' story trail. Having read the story during class reading, the children were able to name and explain the characters and retell the story in detail. With some exciting virtual reality, we were able to meet some of the characters and even found Zog! With our Science hats on, we used the opportunity to look at and explore different trees, leaves and colours. We were even lucky enough to find a tree that had been cut down and we were able to count the tree rings, which gives a clue to how old the tree was. We even had a wonderful picnic near the Gruffalo!



This half term we shall be naming and classifying animals, exploring the history of the school and looking at weather patterns in the UK. We shall also have a 'building day' which links to our next Science topic on materials and the story of the Three Little Pigs.

Next trip: Friday 17th May Cliveden National Trust. Please pay on ParentPay.

Year 2

Last half term the children continue their topic 'Up, Up and Away' and they learned all about Amelia Earhart. Year 2 also enjoyed a 'Flight Day'. They each got given a passport which they had to get stamped before entering the classroom. They made hot air balloons, parachutes and took part in a quiz all about flight.

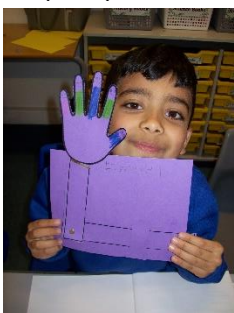


This half term our topic is 'The Deep Blue Sea' and the children had a 'Pirate Day' to introduce the topic. They will be reading lots of stories set in the deep blue sea. In Geography, the children will be learning about the countries of the UK and located them on a map. Our art lessons are all about landscapes and the children will create their own landscape in the style of Henri Rousseau.

After half term, we will be visiting Windsor castle. Please pay for the trip via ParentPay. We need to pay for the trip in advance so please make payments Friday 2nd February.

Year 3

Last half term, Year 3 became historians investigating the remains of a local Iron Age Hillfort. The children enjoyed walking to the site, investigating the different things they could see and imagining what it would be like during the Iron Age. This half term we are studying the Ancient Egyptians and we were very impressed with the Egyptian homework handed in.



The children had lots of fun this term creating their own moving posters based around recycling in Design and Technology. The children explored different ways they could make elements move and designed their own poster using split pins to make it move. This half term we are moving on to art, focusing on self portraits in the style of Vincent Van Gogh.