



## Newsletter Friday 2nd February 2024

Next week's lunch menu is Week 1

### Celebrations!



We welcomed parents and friends to the **All Stars Assembly** this week. Congratulations to these children for demonstrating the following school values:

**Be proud – Thomas**

**Be determined – Malachi and Rozalia**

**Be independent – Millie**

Well done to the following children who have achieved...

#### **50 Monster Points** certificates:

Faris, Santi

#### **75 Monster Points** certificates:

Alyissia-Mae, Mckensie, Ella, Corey, Louie, Lujain, Maely, Malak

#### **100 Monster Points** certificates:

Riaan, Mia, Bobby, Ava-Grace, Lizzie, Krish, Ellie, Eloise, George

#### **Attendance Award**

This week the award goes to Badger Class with 98.3% attendance. Well done!

#### **Rainbow Reading Awards**

Well done to the following children for all the reading at home:

**Red:** Viaan

**Orange:** Kiah, Ava, Lilly

**Yellow:** Isla

**Green:** Joshua, Mckensie

**Blue:** Eloise

**Indigo:** Kayden, Mantraa

**Violet:** Ellie



### Contact information

It is a legal requirement that parents/carers give us **two** emergency contacts. Please can you ensure you have done this. Also, if you have recently got a new phone and changed your number, please let us know. Thank you.

### Reading books

We are in the midst of an audit of reading books to improve our offer for the children. Therefore your child may bring home some different looking books for a few weeks. Please do not be unduly concerned by this.

### Chinese New Year

The children will be learning all about this special event on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. The children can wear something red or yellow on that day. Thank you.

### Meet The Governors

The Governors are volunteers who form part of the leadership of the school. This week, we meet Anne Bademosi, who is a Co-Chair of the Governing Body.



*My name is Anne Bademosi. I work in a specialist provision for students with special educational needs at a local secondary school. I have been a governor at Thorpe Acre Infant School*

*since 2007 so quite a long time and I am the co-chair of governors. I became a governor when my children started school here. I was interested to learn about what happens in schools and how I could support in any way. I have seen many changes since 2007 but the commitment of everyone at school to making the education of every pupil the best it can be has been constant. It is a privilege to be a governor at our lovely school.*

### **Packed lunches**

We have noticed some children are bringing unhealthy (high fat/sugar) items in their lunchboxes. Please do not include any chocolate (including chocolate spread), iced cakes or fizzy drinks in packed lunches. Thank you.

### **Puppet Man**

We ended January on a high note with a visit from the Puppet Man! He delivered fun and energetic storytelling workshops for the whole school.



### **Dates for your diary:**

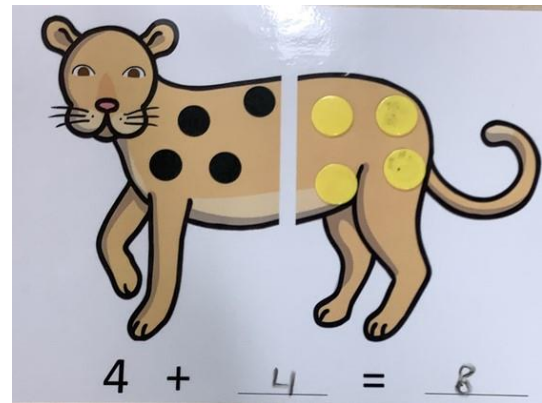
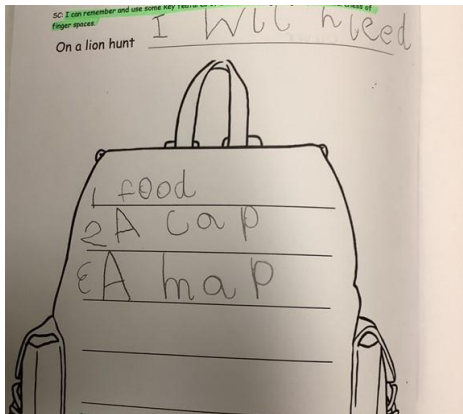
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Children to wear red or yellow for Chinese New Year  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Singing Festival for Y1 and Y2 children. **Please return the permission slip and pay on Weduc.**  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half term  
19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February – Half term holiday  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – YR Heights and Weights (information to follow)  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening until 6.30pm  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Parents' Evening until 6.30pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – end of Spring term

**Have a lovely weekend.**

## Spotlight on Learning

YR

In Literacy the children read the story 'We're going on a lion hunt'. They looked at the animals they would see in a hot place. The children have also written lists of the things they would take on their lion hunt.



Y1

In English this week, the children in Year 1 have been looking at non-fiction books and the features of non-fiction texts. In Maths, the children have been looking at doubles and are starting to use practical equipment to subtract from 20. They have compared the features of the Arctic and Antarctic in Geography. In RE the children have begun to learn about the Jewish religion and have found out some interesting facts about Jewish homes. Did you know that in a Jewish house there are two kitchens? One is for preparing foods containing meat, and the other is for preparing foods containing milk! This is called a kosher kitchen.



Y2

This week Year 2 children have been focusing on setting descriptions and using powerful vocabulary to describe a magical garden.



They are continuing their work on multiplication in Maths and have been learning about the link between repeated addition and multiplication. In Science, they have begun exploring what animals depend on to survive in their habitats. They learnt about squirrels being dependent on oak trees for acorns but also realised that oak trees depend on squirrels to spread their seeds.

