



Newsletter Friday 9th February 2024

Next week's lunch menu is Week 2

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 – Ava-Rose, Elden

Be kind and caring – Elsie, George

Be independent – Archie

Reach high – Layla

Attendance Award

This week the award goes to Owl Class with 94% attendance. Well done!

Rainbow Reading Awards

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

Red: Oliwier, Thomas,

Orange: Archie, Mikey, Ben, Imogen

Yellow: Tommy

Green: Ezra, Oska, Freya, George, Poppy

Blue: Marcelina, Joshua

Indigo: Alissia, Andrei, Esther

Violet: Daria

Gold: Lizzie – well done!



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

50 Monster Points certificates:

Keonna

75 Monster Points certificates:

Mikey, Elsie, Barnaby, Freddie, Khadija, Kali, Reggie, Lewis, Brooklynne

100 Monster Points certificates:

Layla

125 Monster Points certificates:

Hamza, Sienna

Please note that Monster Point certificates and stickers are awarded to children in class.

Internet Safety

This year's learning was all about recognising feelings and emotions whilst we are online and

how they might change. If we begin to feel uncomfortable we should Stop, Close, Tell. The children's homework is to design a poster to show these rules. We can't wait to see them! Thank you to Miss Bowman for organising this year's activities.

Safer Internet Day 2024 | **Tuesday**
6 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

Chinese New Year

On Friday, the children enjoyed a "Move Round" day to learn about different aspects of what it means to celebrate Chinese New Year. 2024 will be the Year of the Dragon. The children made paper chain dragons, learnt the story of The Great Race, made non-edible fortune cookies, wrote their name using Chinese calligraphy, created a firecracker and a lantern collage. Thank you to Mrs Ali for organising this special day.

Meet The Governors

The Governors are volunteers who form part of the leadership of the school. This week, we meet Paul Boldrin, who is a Co-opted Governor.

I have worked in the public sector as a



teacher, civil servant and local government policy officer until my early retirement in 2010. When I retired I wanted something interesting to keep me occupied and I was elected Borough Councillor for

Garendon Ward from 2019 until 2023. I also became a school governor at Thorpe Acre Infant School because I have always been interested in teaching and schools. I have 3 sons and 6 grandchildren. Other interests include wildlife photography around the British Isles.

Healthy lunchboxes

We have noticed much healthier lunchboxes this week – thank you so much for your cooperation.

*We would like to wish everyone in our school community who is celebrating:
A Very Happy Lunar New Year!*



Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 13th February – Singing Festival for Y1 and Y2 children. **Please return the permission slip and pay on Weduc.**

Friday 16th February – Break up for half term

19th-23rd February – Half term holiday

Monday 26th February – Back to school

Wednesday 6th March – YR Heights and Weights (information to follow)

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Wednesday 20th March – Parents' Evening until 6.30pm

Thursday 21st March – Parents' Evening until 6.30pm

Friday 22nd March – end of Spring term

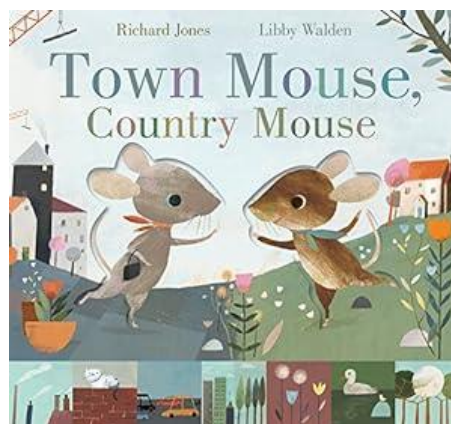
Have a lovely weekend.



Spotlight on Learning

YR

In Literacy, the children in Reception have been comparing a town and the countryside through the story of '*Town Mouse, Country Mouse*'. The children have been identifying what features make Loughborough a town and discussing the local countryside and its fields and farmland.



In Maths they have been exploring length and height. Hedgehogs got into a line in height order! The children have enjoyed measuring various objects with cubes – a non-standard unit.

Y1

This week the children in Year 1 have been subtracting using numbers up to 20 in Maths. In Geography they have been finding out why it would be difficult for a polar bear to live in Brazil.

They have started talking about Queens of England in History and learning what the word 'monarchy' means. In Computing they have been talking about keeping safe on the internet.



Queen Elizabeth I



Queen Victoria



Queen Elizabeth II

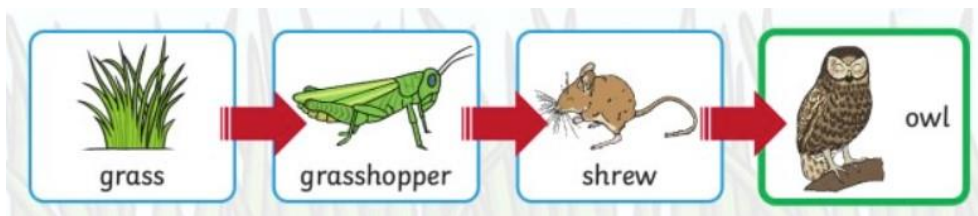
Y2

In English, the Y2 children read a story called 'Meerkat Mail', where the character 'Sunny' goes exploring to find a more suitable place to live and sends his family postcards. They will be writing their own postcards next week.



In Maths, they are continuing their work on multiplication and division. The children are using the multiplication and division symbols (\times and \div) and they are being encouraged to see their learning by drawing pictures to see the groups, or to use counters.

In Science, they have been looking at food chains in different habitats. They have learnt the vocabulary: Producer, Consumer, Predator, Prey.



In Geography, they have been comparing school life in Kampong Ayer to school life in the UK. The children have learnt that a school day can be much longer in Kampong Ayer but they learn much of the same things as us in the morning, but their afternoons are spent at religious school learning about Islam.



School children in Kampong Ayer, Brunei

For Internet Safety day, the children have discussed different scenarios and learnt the term “Stop, Close, Tell.” They know if something changes on their screen that they should Stop what they're doing, Close it or put it down, and Tell a trusted adult. They talked about how they'd feel in different scenarios and learnt which feelings mean they need adult help. They read the story *The Pop Up Gremlins* which showed them what could happen if they clicked on a Pop up and didn't follow the Stop, Close, Tell rules.

