

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a busy half term I would like to thank you for supporting the school and our chosen charities. It has been an action-packed start to the term filled with exciting activities and enriched learning opportunities.



The children enjoyed practicing and performing their Harvest Festival service for you, thank you for the generous donations that were delivered to The Trussell Trust food bank in Ashby after the service.

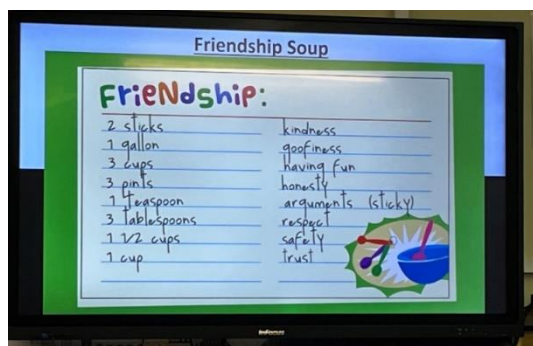
The MacMillan coffee morning and the cake sale raised an amazing £77.73 for the charity.

We have celebrated the return of Little Ducklings this term. If you are able to volunteer to help any Friday morning it would be appreciated, this does not need to be a regular commitment.

## Kindness Week

To celebrate Kindness Week the whole school took part in a friendship workshop and came up with their own recipes for Friendship Soup.

Some of these will be displayed in Leicester's Highcross Centre.



## Robins

It has been great to see the Reception children settling so well into Robins. We have been learning our theme of 'All About Me' so there has been a lot of talking about family and friends and things that we enjoy doing. The children have found out about things that happen in school and meeting different adults who help them in school. They have been building different houses using boxes and also construction toys.



They have especially learnt lots of new songs about the seasons and to sing at our harvest service at the church. They are learning new phonics sounds each week and they are working hard to remember the sounds, write them and use them to blend them to make words.

KS1 have been looking at the theme of 'Memory Box' and looking back in time at the toys and games that people used to play and how they have changed over time. We had fun learning to play some playground games from the past. We have also thought a lot about everyday materials and their properties. We have enjoyed reading the story The Marvellous Fun Itsy Bittsy by Beatrice Alemanga and practicing using our adjectives to write descriptions of the Fuffy Itty Bitty and also the wolf from the story of Little Red Riding Hood.'

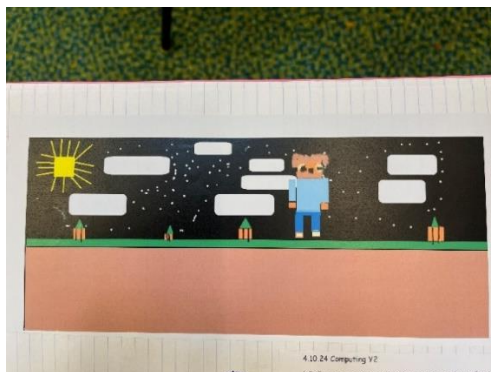
We have learnt how to use Venn Diagrams to sort and discuss the properties of the different materials.

In geography we have been working really hard to learn the names of the continents and oceans.





Both Year 1 and 2 have been working on improving their drawing using the computer. They have all produced lots of different pictures as they practiced different skills.



We have also been experimenting with mixing colours and learning about primary and secondary colours.

In addition to our Maths lessons we have just started to have a short session four times a week following a scheme called Mastering Number. The scheme is helping all the children to have a better understanding of number and to talk about number in a deeper way. Alongside other equipment we are using a 'rekenrek' to count numbers, I have included a photo so you understand if your child talks about them.



## HELP NEEDED

We will be continuing to look at toys next half term so if anyone has an old toy in a photo or that you could send in for us to look at we would really appreciate it. A little bit about the toy and who it belonged to would be really helpful too.



The children enjoyed bringing in, talking about and painting their favourite toy.

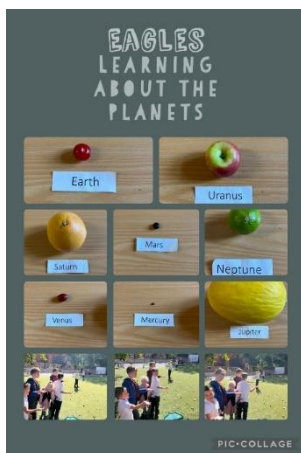
It is really important to make sure we are expecting them to say their sounds correctly mmm not muh, nnn not nuh. Please use the link below to check the pronunciation.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book/read-write-inc-phonics--1/phonics-pure-sounds-video>

## KS2

It has been a busy start to the academic year for KS2. The Year 3s have settled in to routines and are making great progress. The Year 6s are filling their new "role model" roles well - setting good examples and helping us all be organised!

In English, this half term, KS2 have explored writing a fantasy narrative - based on Aladdin - and a persuasive text to promote a spy gadget. We became so engrossed in our spy gadget that we decided to merge the two topics together and end the half term with a fantasy narrative where Agent Shadow must rescue the stolen ruby. He becomes caught in a booby-trapped lock-up and must use his spy gadget to escape!



Our Science topic this term has seen the children begin to explore the planets of the solar system and how the Earth and Moon move around the Sun.

In Geography, we have learnt how to use Ordnance Survey explorer maps: how keys work; how to take 6-figure grid references; how to find a place on the map. We have been learning our addresses and how to write them for the postal system.

In History, we have realised that the "Bronze Age" also was important in Ancient China - but also that other important materials were available to them due to their location - Jade and Silk, for example. We have explored how religious leaders used "oracle bones" to 'tell the future' and the beliefs regarding the after-life at that time. In Art and Design, we have investigated the Ancient Chinese artform of Taotie - making our own castings to imitate the style.



We were fortunate to have a morning thinking about environmental crime. The children were introduced to the criminal repercussions of littering as well as the impact on the environment for other users. The children were most shocked by the level of the fines, if caught littering, and that discarding of bodily fluids anywhere that it is not intended is a crime

The Year 5's went to Griffydham to take part in a Maths challenge afternoon, they competed well, came second and learnt about solving puzzles under pressure.





## School Clubs

**Our after-school clubs will run from Monday 28th October to Thursday 12th December**

Monday: Nerf Wars all classes

Tuesday: Art Club all classes

Wednesday: Drama all classes

Thursday: Multi Sports all classes

If you would like to run an after-school club please phone or message the office.

## Key Dates 2024

**Monday 28th October:** Term Starts

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November:** Flu Vaccinations

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November:** Remembrance Service 10.30pm (School) all parents/grandparents welcome

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November:** Community Lunch

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in Need – Children can wear spotty clothes

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** KS1 Nativity performance, 2pm and 6pm

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Dress down day for FON's tombola prizes

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Craft afternoon 1.30pm-2.50pm

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Choir at Coleorton Village Green 4pm (event 3.30- 7pm)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Carol service at St Matthews Church 2.15pm for 2.30pm start

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day for Christian Aid; School Christmas Dinner

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** FON's Christmas Fayre 3.15pm (no achievement assembly)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Whole School Theater Trip 1pm-5pm

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Y2 The Christmas Journey

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Children's Parties pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Term Ends – achievement assembly at 2.20pm

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** Term Starts

## Headteachers Message

As this busy half term ends I would like to thank all members of the school community for their support. I hope you all have a half term holiday and look forward to a busy winter term.

A massive thank you for supporting our fundraising events, both the children and staff appreciate your contribution to making school a great place to be.

Our reading challenge has had a great start this year with some new prizes alongside some old favourites. Please continue to hear your children read and discuss their books, it makes a considerable difference for their enthusiasm for reading if they know that you love to share their books with them.

FONS would like volunteers to help to plan and run events to raise money for the school and the community. Please let the office know if you can help with this and we will pass the message on.

Please remember that we are here to support you, so message us via Weduc or email [office@newbold-cecp.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@newbold-cecp.leics.sch.uk) if there is anything we can support you with.

Take care & thank you

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