

18th February 2022

**Our School Christian Vision - 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'**

*Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'*

## Message from the Headteacher

It has already been a week of wild weather and fire alarms and now we are being blown by storm Eunice! The children have coped extremely well with the changes, especially as it is end of term and they are all a little tired! As well as all of this there has been some exciting learning taking place including Year 3's DT project of sandwich design, Year 4's have taken part in an RAF STEM workshop creating their own gliders and instructional writing in Year 1.

This term our Christian Value has been wisdom. The children have been reminded of the Bible story that underpins our school vision, 'The Wise man and the Foolish man', as well as discussing wise people in history and in our lives today. We have looked at proverbs and their meanings and explored the difference between being wise and clever. Attached to this week's parent mail is a bible chat mat for you to use at home to explore the value with your child over half term.

Yet again we have had some amazing work handed in linked with our Citizenship and Character award and I had the pleasure of presenting more bronze awards this week.



I hope you all have a lovely half term and the weather improves for us!

Mrs West-Gaul

## Term 3 Christian Value: Wisdom



'Wisdom is worth much more than precious jewels' - Proverbs 8:11

## Stars of the week

Well done to all of our pupils who have been awarded a certificate this week!



<b>Acorn class</b>	Emiliee G Myka G
<b>Ash class</b>	Louie
<b>Birch class</b>	Faith
<b>Chestnut class</b>	William
<b>Elm class</b>	Owen
<b>Holly class</b>	Poppy
<b>Hazel class</b>	Ashley
<b>Maple class</b>	Rowan
<b>Oak class</b>	Edward
<b>Pine class</b>	Alex
<b>Rowan class</b>	Isla
<b>Sycamore class</b>	Amelia K
<b>Willow class</b>	Elsie

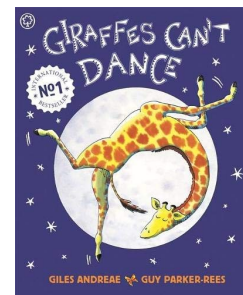
## Dates for your Diary

3rd March - World Book Day  
8th March - Scholastics Book Fair  
14th March - British Science Week  
18th March - Red Nose Day  
21st March - Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

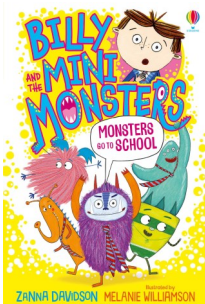
## Reading in Year 1

In Year 1 we have been reading a range of quality picture books with the children. The children then took turns to tell the class about their favourite story book and explain why they liked it so much. Here are a few of their recommendations:

'My favourite book is 'Giraffe's Can't Dance' (by Giles Andreae) because it is funny and I like dancing' - Daisy

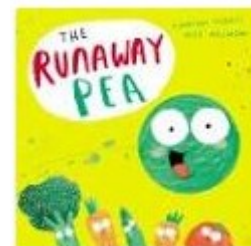


'I like Superworm and Stickman (by Julia Donaldson) because they are really cool!' - Caiden



'I like reading non-fiction books about the human body' - Isaac

'I like reading the 'Billy and the Mini Monster' books (by Zanna Davidson) because they are always fun to read!' - Amelia S

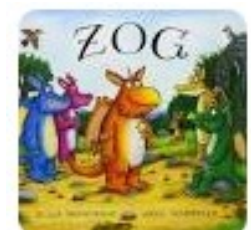


'The Runaway Pea (by Kjarta Poskitt) is really funny and he goes on lots of adventures.' - Evie



'I like The Gruffalos Child (by Julia Donaldson) because she meets the Big, Bad Mouse!' - Leah

'My favourite story is 'The Little Mermaid (by Hans Christian Andersen) because it is a fairy story and has lots of lovely pictures.' - Bella



'Zog (by Julia Donaldson) makes me laugh and Zog gets to help people.' - Jack H

## Doodle Maths

### Top Doodlers this week!

Acorn - Sophie L  
Chestnut - Henry  
Hazel - Marcus  
Pine - Freddie  
Willow - Daksha

Ash - Charlie  
Elm - Anna  
Maple - Josh G  
Rowan - Josh

Birch - Isaac  
Holly - Fin  
Oak - Isla  
Sycamore - Bailey

Pupils should be encouraged to do doodle maths three times a week to stay in the green zone.

To celebrate World Book Day's 25th anniversary, Doodle are running a competition where your child can win a bundle of books worth £20! To enter the competition, simply share a photo of your child using Doodle while dressed as their favourite book character between **Monday 28th February and Sunday 6th March**.

To join in on Facebook, share your photo with the tag @DoodleLearningUK, ensuring it's set to 'public view' and using the hashtag #WorldBookDay.

Or, to enter on Twitter or Instagram, share your photo using the tag @DoodleLearning\_ and the hashtag #WorldBookDay.

For full terms and conditions, please visit [doodlelearning.com/competition-terms-and-conditions](https://doodlelearning.com/competition-terms-and-conditions).



## STEM fair

Science week is just around the corner, happening between the 11th-20th March. We have some fun activities planned for children in school during that time, however we want to give those keen Scientist's a chance to shine in our STEM fair.

We would like children to have the opportunity to create their own project to display. If you think your child/children would like to take part then fill in the form sent home with their name/s and what their project is about. These can be handed



## Citizenship and Character Award

Happy half term everyone! Here are some suggestions for those of you who wish to work towards your Citizenship and Character Award during your week off:

- Learn a new skill (Developing Me) - We might have to spend a lot of time indoors this weekend due to the weather. Why not take this opportunity to learn a new crafting skill, such as crocheting, knitting, pom-poo making or making sculptures out of paper-mâché. There are some great YouTube clips which teach these skills if you have an adult that is able to watch with you.
- Find out about where you live (Local Me) - While we're stuck inside this weekend, taking shelter from the storm, why not find out about our local area's amazing history! You could find information on the Internet and by chatting with members of your family.
- Use a map (Developing Me) - When the storm clears away, why not find a map of a nearby area and use it to explore an unfamiliar place! An OS map would be great because it will have lots of map symbols. I wonder what human and physical features you will recognise in the landscape!

## Out of school Achievement



Congratulations to Eva who competed in her first judo competition last weekend.

Well done to Erin (Pine) & Harry (Ash) who both took part in a Swimathon & treadathon at the weekend to raise money for the British Heart Foundation, organised by Angelfish swimmers & Swim with Karsten.





## Term 4 information

**Forest School** - Lessons will begin from week commencing Monday 28th February

**Monday** - Sycamore 6A, **Tuesday** - Birch 1B, Chestnut 2A, **Wednesday** - Maple 4A, **Friday** - Acorns Reception

Pupils should come into school dressed in forest school clothes and bring with them wellies and waterproof clothes. Please ensure that pupils have long sleeved clothes and trousers and a coat as we encourage pupils to go outside whatever the weather!

**PE Kits** - please send children in Years 1-6 with these each Monday to be kept in school all week.

**Swimming lessons** - Year 3 pupils will continue to have swimming lessons on Tuesday mornings next term. Please ensure that all pupils come to school with their swimming kit.

**After School Clubs** - These will begin on Monday 28th February 2022. All parents have been informed regarding the outcome of their application.

**School Dinners** - please book your child's school dinner for the first week of term by Thursday 24th February 2022.

## Reporting absences

Please can we remind parents to report pupil absences to the school office by 8.30am either by leaving a message on the answerphone or via ParentMail.

## Bowling festival

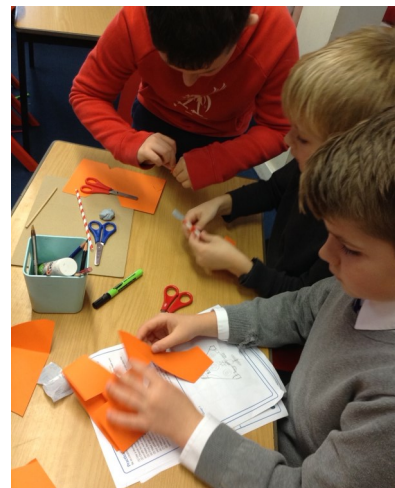
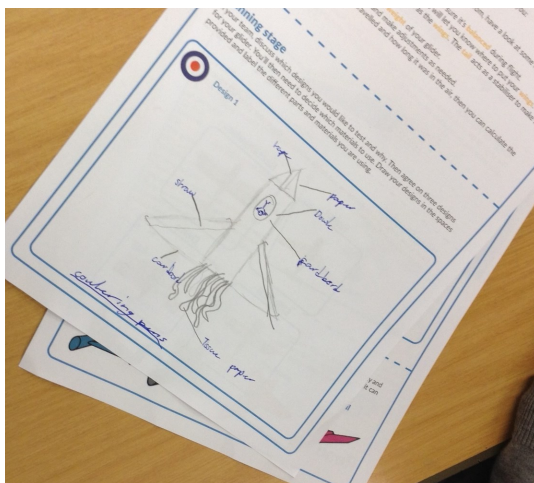
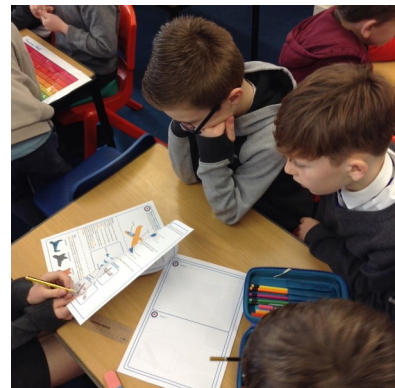
Children from Year 4,5 and 6 had such a fantastic morning at Ten pin bowling. We played 10 games and all had so much fun, even Miss Rosser got involved! The scores were very close, Bailey was our winner and Jayke was close second.





## Learning in Year 4

On Thursday Year 4 took part in a virtual STEM event thanks to funding from the Royal Air Force Charitable Trust. The children took part in a glider challenge where they had to work together in small groups to design and build gliders made of different materials. The children then tested their gliders and looked at how different factors like weight and material can affect flying.



## Picture news



### What does a city of the future need?



## In the news this week

Indonesia is planning to move its capital from Jakarta to the island of Borneo. The Indonesian President, Joko Widodo, recently announced the planned name of the new capital as 'Nusantara'. The government hopes that by moving the capital, the burden on Jakarta, a city of 10 million people, will be reduced. Jakarta is highly congested, suffers regular flooding, and is one of the fastest sinking cities in the world, due to the over extraction of groundwater.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you live in a city? What is it like there? If not, where is your closest city? How often do you visit?
- > What kinds of facilities do you think cities need? E.g. parks, shops, public transport facilities.
- > If you could change one thing about the area you live in, what would it be?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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