



Give your best, expect success!

7-Mar-25

Dear Parents and carers,

What a fabulous week! This week we were talking about taking responsibility for our actions and their consequences and we were presented with many opportunities to show our best selves this week. Year 2 kept to their word and have started litter picking in earnest, while Year 4 did us proud in their visit next door to Abbey Court - not that they minded the extra chance to show off when they got back - it's beginning to be their thing!

We have had visitors in, visits out and of course, World Book Day

The busy week and sunshine has kept us smiling and hopefully, we can all enjoy a lovely sunny weekend.

Mrs Lewis

Glorious gardening! This week in EYFS, the children made the most of the warm weather by setting up dens, a gardening area, and a fun camping site! They worked together to build a pretend campfire, using their imagination and teamwork to "cook" marshmallows, grill sausages, and make delicious hot chocolate. Such wonderful learning opportunities while enjoying the great outdoors!

Not to be outdone, Mr Patey and his team have also been busy, clearing



leaves, creating beds and painting sheds to make the front garden look fabulous. The sunflowers are planted and he and his team have even found time to paint a bench purple! Don't forget, Mr Patey and the children would love donations of plants, seeds or pots so they can get the garden blooming - if you have any to spare, please send them in!

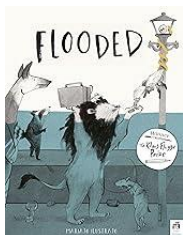


Visits: Year 4 went to visit our neighbours next door at Abbey Court. They joined a class for the afternoon and enjoyed a "Singing Hands" lesson and their new friends taught them the Makaton version of some well-known songs and today in assembly, Year 4 performed "Shotgun" in voice and Makaton for the whole school! If you'd like to know more about Singing Hands, this is their website:

<https://singinghands.co.uk/> and maybe your children can join in next week. Year 4 are



planning "Roar" and "Green, Green Grass" for the next show offs!



World Book Day: World Book day was a great success with lots going on. The children and staff arrived in their cosies, carrying their favourite books to share.

Our whole school book was Flooded by Mariajo Ilustrajo, each class read the story and then undertook activities inspired by the book.





Some classes took a drama or art focus, some classes created their own versions of the story in the style of the book, and some wrote newspaper reports. Year 5 managed to produce some wonderful woven art works, depicting the rising waters.



After lunch, lots of the adults went out onto the playground with a book or two and the children were able to choose an adult to have a story time with. The children got to spend time with a different adult in a mix of children from different classes. Everyone enjoyed it so much we have decided to do it as a termly event!



Visitors: This week we welcomed Councillor Joanne Howcroft-Scott, she is the chair of the Children and Young People committee. As an ex-Headteacher, she is very interested in children's school experiences and enjoyed looking around our school and meeting the children. She was very impressed and commented on the calm and welcoming atmosphere and was amazed at the levels of engagement, confidence and courtesy she saw from our children. Following her visit, she sent this message:

*Dear students,
Thank you for your warm welcome today.
I was delighted to meet you all and see you so focused in reading for pleasure during book week.
I was impressed with the responsibilities you take on for the whole school community including litter picking, teaching games and play skills to smaller children, and you being so inclusive both to me but also each other.
I would like to encourage you to keep on going, even when the going gets tough. Learning is a lifelong enriching journey. You are the ambassadors of our future and collectively, the beacon of hope for the betterment of our world. Thank you in advance for your hard work, community spirit and determination.
Councillor Jo*

Celebration Assembly: We still managed to fit in our Celebration Assembly this week -. Certificates showed how well the children are doing in maths and writing but also a lot of positive character traits were also of note. Congratulations to all of our winners

Attendance: We are on the up! 95% this week. For the second week running, Year 2 managed to be our top attenders with 98%. Last week Temple joined them for all of their learning and even turned up in pyjamas for World Book Day - I wonder what adventures there will be next week!

This week's House Points:

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
59	71	55	72

Well done to **RUBY** House!



Dates for your diary: (Full details and booking etc to follow)

13th March – Reception class book-look and reading afternoon

10th – 13th, 17th March – Parent sharing afternoons 2.45 in hall **Years 2 - 6**

18th & 19th March – Parent consultation evening

19th – 26th March – Book Fair

24th March – 4th April – Big Walk & Wheel Challenge

25th March – Mother's Day Gift Sale

26th March – Kent Fire & Rescue Service visiting Temple Mill

26th March – Year 6 Trip to The Royal Engineers Museum

31st March – iRock concert

2nd April – last day of term for **Nursery**

2nd April – **EYFS** dress up day – wear something colourful **Nursery & Reception**

3rd April – Behaviour parent workshop

3rd April – Spring Disco

4th April – Term ends for rest of school

22nd April – INSET day

23rd April – Term 5 begins

