



11th February 2022

Newsletter No.9

Dear Parents/Carers,

The spring term is always a quick one and this half term has been no exception. The learning that has been going on has been phenomenal and despite the disruption that covid has caused for many of our children and staff, there has been much to celebrate.

Across the school we have been impressed with the children's efforts and their understanding that hard work leads to success. The attached pictures demonstrate just some of the amazing achievements this term. There has been lots happening across the school; Chinese new year celebrations in reception, exploring the outdoors in year 1, archaeology in year 2, rainforests and a rather wonderful story about a sloth in year 3, a rather inspirational adventure in year 4 with some amazing writing as a result, fabulous dancing in year 5 (do ask them to show you their moves!) and carefully considered watercolours in year 6. I'm sure your children have told you of many more highlights but these are a few that stand out for us!

This week the children have had a focus on internet safety in one of their lessons to coincide with safer internet day. Do ask them about what they learnt. With this in mind I am attaching a link for parents on how to support safe access for your children. Do take a look, there are some really useful tips.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

As we end the half term we have a few goodbyes to say. We need to firstly say goodbye to Miss Rea who has been a member of our lunch team for many years now. We will miss her friendly smile and thank her for all she has done to support the children over the years. We are also saying goodbye to our two PGCE students who have been working in Doves class. They have had a great placement in what they have said is a 'wonderful school community.' Of course we agree! It has been great to have them with us and we wish them all the best in their next steps. With goodbyes we also have welcomes. We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Francis-Newton to the teaching assistant team and Mrs Lau to the cleaning team. We look forward to working with them both.

We hope you all have a restful break. We are looking forward to the second half of the spring term and will update you of any changes to our covid risk assessment following government announcements on the 21st February. In the meantime, on our return, our risk assessment will remain in place. Our covid numbers have continued to reduce over the past week and we are grateful to all of you for the caution you have taken in supporting our risk assessment.

We are sure you have plans over half term however to end our newsletter we thought we would share a few ideas if you are in need of them;

*Please have a look and get started with reading challenge resources that have come home with your child today.

*You will have received the email about Bellbird's got Talent, do support your children in practising and recording their talents. We look forward to seeing the children's unique abilities that we don't always get to see in school!

*Also sent out have been details of The Royal Academy's Young Artists' Summer Show. A great way to share artistic talents and maybe have your work displayed. Further information can be found at: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

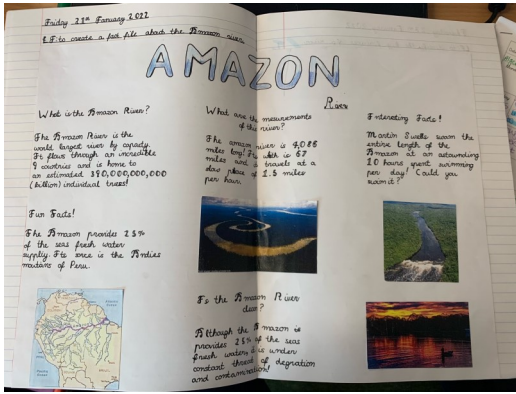
*If you are keen to get out and about then I would always recommend the wide range of museums on our doorstep. Twilight at the museums is a little different this year but it won't stop you visiting in the day time. More details here: <https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/twilight>

*Finally a little bit of fun for half term or any point in the year is the action for happiness calendar. A lovely resource to dip in and out of or maybe challenge your children to complete a week or even a month. Find the calendar here: <https://actionforhappiness.org/calendar#download-block-anchor>

Have a lovely break.

Best wishes

Mrs Kendall and Mrs Pentney



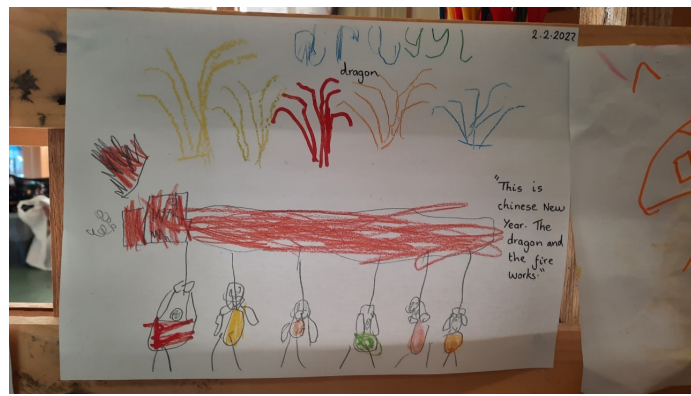
Work on rivers from Year 6 as well as some beautiful watercolour exploration.



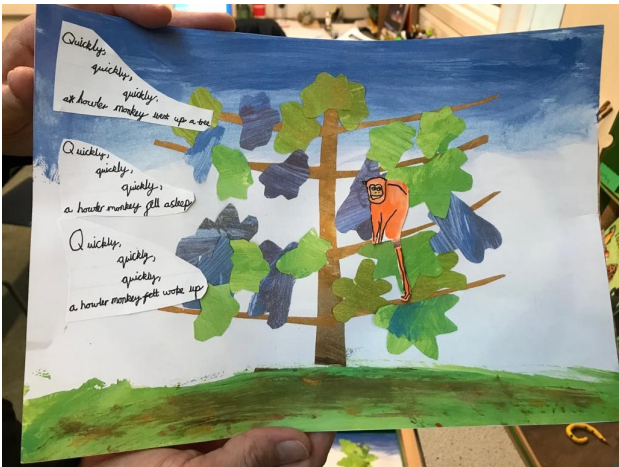
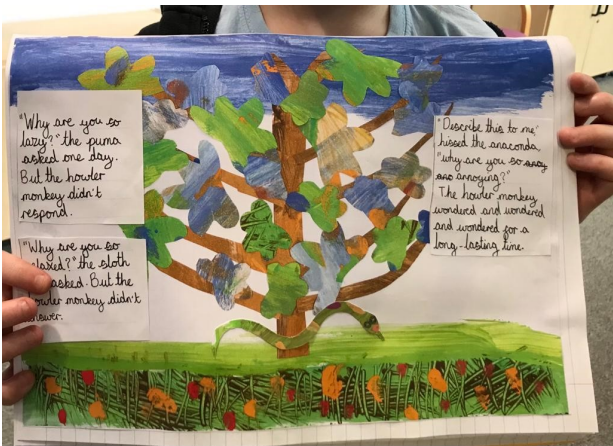
Year 1 outdoor play and fabulous displays!



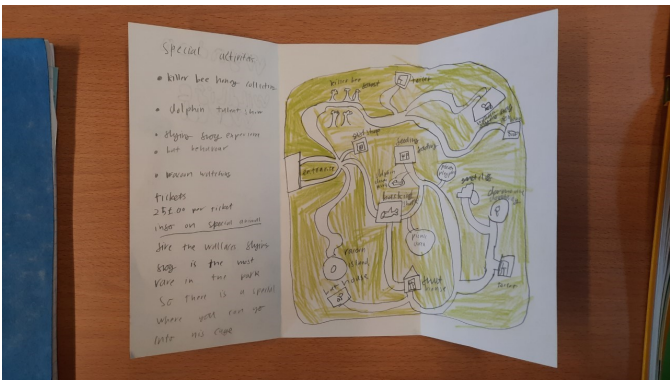
Meticulous work in the year 2 archaeological dig!



Chinese (Lunar) New Year celebrations in Reception.



Year 3's marvellous art and written work inspired by Eric Carle's book Slowly, Slowly Said The Sloth.



Year 4's fantastic work on animals and leaflet design.





Some of Year 5's amazing earth and space work from home as well as school!