



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

## Headteacher Comment

Due to the disruption in the last academic year and the partial closure of schools, all 2019-20 national tests were cancelled for primary schools.

This meant that children who were in Y1 last year didn't sit the Y1 Phonics Screening Check.

We have been informed by the DFE that their current proposal is for schools to administer a past version of the check to these children – now in Y2 - during the second half of the autumn term.

This is a very useful process that helps us to plan lessons more accurately to the level your child is working at. We will keep you informed of when this will take place.

Thank you to everyone for keeping us well informed about any absences from school and the reasons why your child is absent. This is really useful to help us in the current climate. If your child is off school for any reason please ring and let us know.

We have had a strong start to the year for attendance despite all the current challenges and would like to thank you all for remaining vigilant. We have managed to keep all 'bubbles' open so far and hope we can continue to do so.

Thank you

Mrs Higginson



Katy Higginson  
Head of School

## Reminders

- **Bikes/scooters** = Please remember that currently bikes and scooters cannot be stored on school property during the day. Thank you.
- **Only one adult** should enter the premises for drop-off and pick-up
- **Homework** – Classes are having homework set on our online learning platforms each week, please make sure this is completed as well as reading at least three times a week and spellings.
- **Reading** – Reading books will be sent home on Mondays. They should remain at home all week and be returned to school on Fridays. The expectation is that children read **at least** 3x a week as a minimum.
- **School Coats** – Please remember to send your child in to school with a suitable coat as the colder weather is now here.

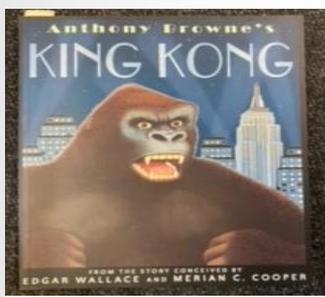
<u>Attendance</u>	
<u>Week Ending 02.10.2020</u>	
R	92.7
Y1	96.4
Y2	98.8
Y3	99.2
Y4	97.3
Y5	97.9
Y6	97.1
Whole School (weekly)	97
Whole School (Sept to date)	96.8
<b>Target 97%</b>	



**FGA**  
Battle of the bands  
(Current leaders highlighted)  
Y6 v Y5  
Y2v Y3 v Y4

### Year 3

Year 3 have had a visit from the book fairy. She left us a choice of 7 books along with some fairy dust. We read the blurbs that the fairy left us and then had a vote to decide what book to read. We are very excited to be reading King Kong by Anthony Browne.



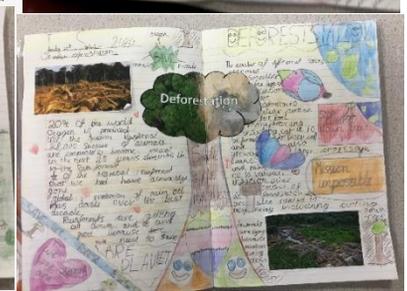
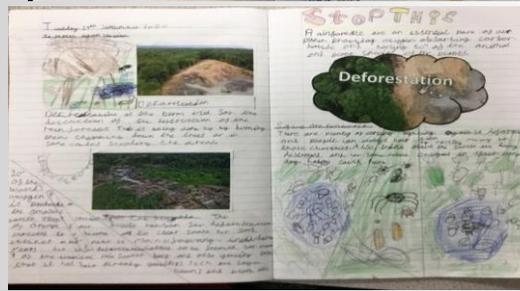
### Year 5

Year 5 were visited by Mitch's Mum this week to discuss Mitch's character. The children relished this opportunity to find out more about the main character in our warning tale story



### Year 5

Year 5 continue to impress with the pride that they take with their work. These examples of their deforestation work show how much effort they have taken in design and research of this important issue.



### School Values & Stars of the Week

- Nursery = Bertie Hulme & Phoebe Lees
- Rec = Ollie Jones & Amelia Ford
- Y1 = Hasan Hashmi & Skye Wilson
- Y2 = Pixie Taylor & Willow Leigh
- Y3 = Theo Hanson & Dami Ogunyemi
- Y4 = Jamila Banda & Drake Eaton
- Y5 = Laila Bettahar & Corey Hand
- Y6 = Riley James Cooke & Ruby Pearson



**Terrific Time Keepers**  
**Nursery**  
**Well Done !!**



### Year 1

The theme for this year's National Poetry day which was on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October was 'vision'. Year 1 read the poem "I saw a peacock with a fiery tail" and from this they wrote their own class poem about what they could see in the year 1 classroom.

I saw....

By Year 1CW

- I saw a rainbow telling us rules
- I saw a snowman showing us winter
- I saw planet Earth teaching us about the world
- I saw a rocket that tracks our reading
- I saw the alphabet teaching us how to write
- I saw the weather board keeping track of the weather
- I saw the date board telling us the days
- I saw flowers teaching us science
- I saw gold at the end of our rainbow
- I saw books that we can read
- I saw Rufus our class mascot
- I saw the number line that helps us with counting
- I see everyone doing fantastic learning