

Newsletter

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An Exceptional Place to Flourish

Though your beginning was small,
your future will flourish indeed.
Job 8:7



Our school attendance target is:

96%

Actual attendance this academic year:

91.94%

Attendance this week:

Reception	96.59%
Year 1	88.06%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	96.67%
Whole school	96.77%

Winning year groups:

Gold – 1st	Yrs 2, 3 & 4
Silver – 2nd	-
Bronze – 3rd	-

Headteacher's message – Chinese New Year



Red Class has been learning all about Chinese New Year this week.

This year is the Year of the Tiger!

We made lanterns, masks, tried using chopsticks and painted numbers in Mandarin.

We also found out that we were either born in the Year of the Rooster (2017) or Monkey (2016).

In assembly, Dr Lawson taught us to say hello in Chinese:
Nǐ hǎo.

你好



We are **really concerned** about the attendance figures at school, especially compared with the previous three years for the same period: **1 September – 4 February.**

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of persistent absence pupils (below 90% attendance)
2018/2019	95.32%	14
2019/2020	95.86%	7
2020/2021	92.30%	33
2021/2022	91.94%	28



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Big questions of the week:

Value this half-term







Reception	Year 1	What would the world be like if animals could talk?
Year 2		Would you prefer to be a cat or a dog?
Year 3		What if no-one had a nose?
Year 4		You have the chance to meet Willie Wonka. What new sweet would you design? What would it taste like?
Year 5		What if people had xray eyes?
Year 6		What if your hands were feet and your feet were hands?

Achievers of the week

	Reader of the week	Writer of the week	Mathematician of the week	Scientist of the week	Star of the week	
Reception	Molly	Dylan	Acer	Dolly	Archie	
Year 1	Year 2	Eva	Cassidy	Brooke	Henry R	Charlie
Year 3	Year 4	Philomena	Teddie T	Gabriella	Sidney	Noah
Year 5	Year 6	Thomas	Tommy	Freya	Libby	George

House Points:

					
	Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards	
Reception	10+6=16	8+7=15	10+8=18	10+6=16	
Year 1	Year 2	8+36=44	3+9=12	15+22=37	8+31=39
Year 3	Year 4	46+16=62	40+10=50	34+14=48	24+15=39
Year 5	Year 6	36+40=76	48+38=86	42+40=82	36+48=84
TOTAL	198	163	185	178	

Pen licences

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received their pen licenses:



Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Freddie R Sienna M Talia M Archie B Gabriella A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily Charlotte Freddy G Freya



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We have been working hard on our handwriting and now have a pen licence.



Years 3 and 4 Pen licences

Best Friends of the week

These pupils are the class buddies, helping other pupils in class.



**Reception
Scarlett and Knightley**



**Years 1 & 2
Eva & Brooke**



**Years 3 & 4
Archie and Gabriella**



**Years 5 & 6
Naomi and Charlie**

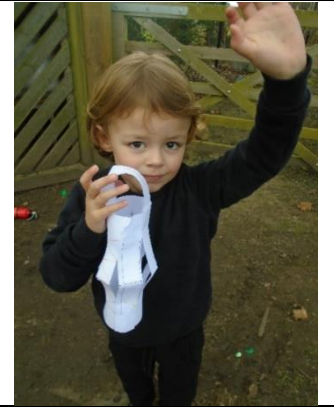


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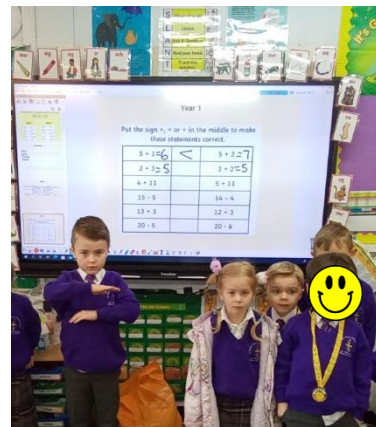


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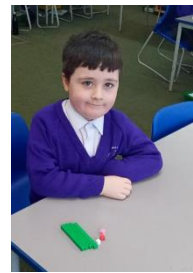
Chinese New Year
Reception – Red class



Years 1 and 2



In Maths, pupils were looking at comparing number sentences using $<$, $>$ or $=$.



We created microhabitats. Pupils researched how to build one for an animal (mainly insects) of their choosing.

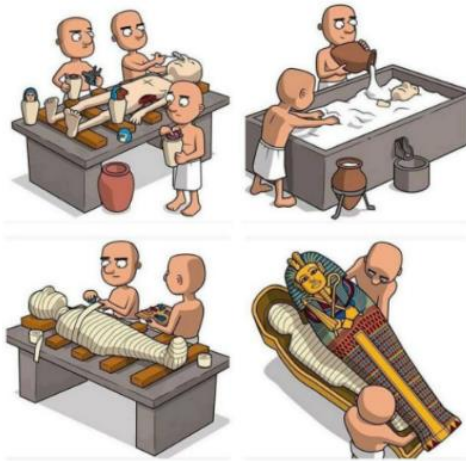


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As part of our Ancient Egypt topic, we became embalmers and mummified our 'dead bodies' (tomatoes). We scooped all the internal 'organs' out and then packed the carcass with 'natron' (salt and bicarbonate of soda). We were asked to predict how our 'body' would look after 2 weeks.



Years 5 and 6



After two weeks.



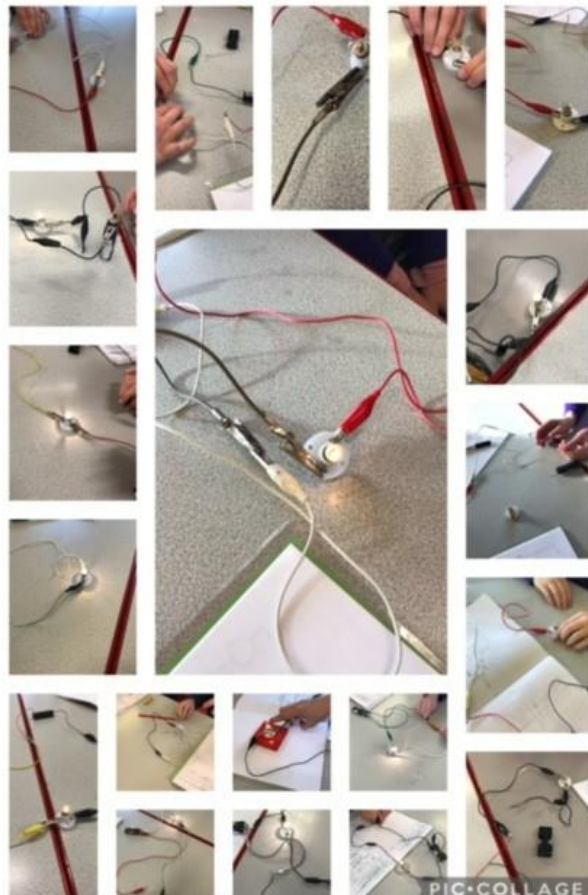
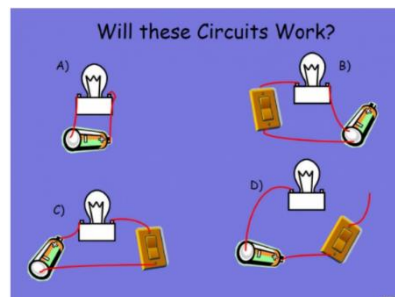
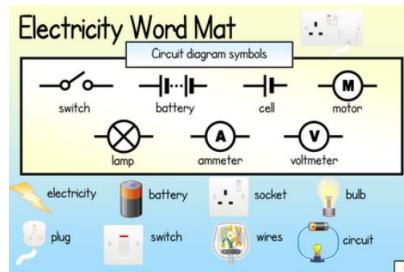
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Years 5 and 6

As part of our Electricity topic, Indigo-Violet completed an investigation to be able to observe and explain the effects of differing voltages in a circuit.



Adverse weather

Winter is here and we need to be informed in the event of adverse weather conditions.

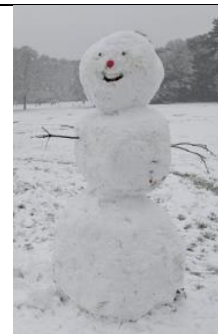
At this time of year it is always important for schools to consider adverse weather conditions such as snow, as it could result in school closures or variations to the normal start and end of the school day.

Safety of the children and their families and the staff is of paramount importance.

The decision to close the school is taken after assessing a number of factors such as heating, safety of the grounds and the number of staff able to get into school. In the event of us closing we will follow the procedure below:

- An e-mail will be sent to you stating we are closed or opening late.
- A message will be put onto this website.
- Parents can look on the Essex County Council's [website](#). For live updates. This page will be constantly updated as notifications of school closures are received and will list next day closures from 6:00 pm each evening.
- Essex Radio stations will also continue to broadcast school closure messages.

If none of the above occur, **we are OPEN**.



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GoWrite 'A Christmas Without' book project!

I am pleased to say parents helped raise **£45** for school funds.

Fundraiser



The mini-Marathon fundraiser we had, seems to have been done a while ago!



Fundraiser

As promised, the school has purchased a tablet for each class so that teaching staff can use these to help with ongoing assessment in class.

Thanks you for all who supported this initiative.

Every pupil has also received a Virgin Money Giving Min London Marathon badge today.



Attendance

The school's attendance target is

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Attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and schools should communicate clear and consistent expectations about attendance.



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<p>Pupil Progress cards</p>	<p>Next Friday, 11th February, individual pupil progress report cards will be sent home to show your child's the first three half-terms' progress and attainment.</p> <p>Age related expectations for your child, as set out by the Department of Education within the National Curriculum Objectives, are available on the school's website under CURRICULUM.</p>				
<p>Next Parent Meeting</p>	<p>Tuesday, 19th April is a staff INSET day and scheduled as a consultation day to discuss progress with teaching staff. Pupils will not be attending schools. Staff will arrange for meeting parents throughout the day to discuss progress and attainment.</p>				
<p>My Maths</p>	<p>As you aware, we follow the White Rose maths scheme across the school. They have now launched an app that could be downloaded on various devices for your child to develop some of their mental maths skills. Please have a look.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="font-size: small;"> <p>1-Minute Maths </p> <p>White Rose Education Services Limited Designed for iPad</p> <p>#5 in Education</p> <p>★★★★★ 4.9 • 22 Ratings</p> <p>Free</p> </div> </div>				
<p>GoRead</p>	<p>Calling all budding designers! Your chance to have your artwork shared with the GoRead world.</p> <p>Design your own reward card.</p> <p>Send your entries directly to: schools@goapps.app Closing date: 15th February at 5pm</p>				
<p>Updated policies</p>	<p>The following policies have been updated and will be available on the school's website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behaviour Policy • Complaints Policy • Drinking Water and Toileting Policy • School Uniform Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils will be asked to bring with them to school a labeled water bottle with their name on, filled with water. As we are promoting healthy lifestyles, fizzy drinks are not allowed. Juices are also not allowed, as these are not a healthy choice – unless for medical reasons, e.g. diabetes. 				
<p>School Uniform</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder that a tie is part of the school uniform. • We expect all parents/carers who send their pupils to Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School to ensure that they comply with the requirements of the school's uniform policy. • Parents / carers are also expected to send their pupils to school in clothing that is clean, well-fitting, and well-presented. • For parents / carers who do wish to purchase items with the school logo on them, our branded suppliers are: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">School Trends:</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">www.schooltrendsonline.com</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">Ciel School Uniform:</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">www.cielschooluniform.co.uk/dr-walker-primary-school/</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bags and ties can be purchased from the school office. <p>School Uniform items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White shirt (not polo). Girls can wear a white blouse. • Grey shorts or grey trousers. • Tartan skirt / checked kilt. • Purple and white summer checked dress/pinafore. 	School Trends:	www.schooltrendsonline.com	Ciel School Uniform:	www.cielschooluniform.co.uk/dr-walker-primary-school/
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School tie. • Purple jumper. • Plain white or grey socks. • Plain white or grey tights. • Black shoes / black trainers / black ankle boots with no heels style shoes (these should not have colour on them and be plain). • A coat - plain colours and styles are encouraged. No denim coats allowed. • School book bag or school dispatch bag – backpacks are discouraged, as they can be large. <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checked kilts available from school suppliers. • There are no purple cardigans available from the school’s suppliers. • Elaborate sock frills/shirt frills are strongly discouraged. • The school may supply purple tops with the school’s name on for external events, such as school trips or sports events. <p>P.E Kit items (Pupils are required to wear P.E. kits for the full day on P.E days – two days per week).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White or black polo shirt or white or black T-shirt. • Black shorts (girls can also wear black skorts). • Black jogging / tracksuit bottoms or leggings. • Black sweatshirts/tracksuit top (hoodies are not allowed). • Trainers (comfortable for full day of wear, protective for active feet and no lights or other distracting features or heelys). • Black plimsolls (optional footwear, for indoor PE lessons only, as an alternative to bare feet). • Plain drawstring bag. • Pupils to wear appropriate swimming trunks / swimsuits and hair caps for swimming lessons. <p>Please note: A message will be sent home if pupils are not wearing the correct P.E. kit.</p>						
<p>Year 5 & 6 Swimming</p>	<p>Swimming is a national curriculum requirement and it is an important part of KS2 education. Year 5 & 6 pupils will be having swimming lessons at Ongar Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Swimming sessions have been re-arranged as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th February • 21st February 						
<p>Year 6 SATs boosters</p>	<p>Our first sessions will start the week after half-term holiday up until the week of SATs.</p> <p>We will be running the following sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesdays 08:15-08:45 – 9 sessions • Thursdays 08:15-08:45 – 9 sessions • Fridays 15:30-16:30 – 9 sessions <p>I will be delivering Mental Arithmetic on Friday afternoons and Mrs Dean and Mrs Vorster, SPAG and Comprehension during the morning sessions.</p>						
<p>Important term dates</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="435 1704 922 1756">Start</th> <th data-bbox="922 1704 1184 1756">Finish</th> <th data-bbox="1184 1704 1479 1756">Half-term</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="435 1756 922 1827">4 January 2022</td> <td data-bbox="922 1756 1184 1827">1 April 2022</td> <td data-bbox="1184 1756 1479 1827">14-18 February 2022</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Start	Finish	Half-term	4 January 2022	1 April 2022	14-18 February 2022
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Menus

WEEK ONE commencing 1.11.21, 22.11.21, 13.12.21, 24.1.22, 21.2.22 & 14.3.22

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Chicken Curry with Naan Bread	Shredded Pork in a Yorkshire Pudding (Optional gravy)	Spaghetti Bolognese	Bubble Coated Fish Fillet
Rainbow Pizza (V)	Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry With Naan Bread (V)	Meat-Free Meatballs in a Yorkshire Pudding (V) (Optional gravy)	Quorn Bolognese (V)	Egg & Vegetable Wedge (V)
Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans
Sweetcorn Carrot & Sultana Salad Cucumber Slices	White & Wholegrain Rice Peas Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Cauliflower & Broccoli Florets	Homemade Cheese & Onion Bread Green Salad	Chips Baked Beans Sweetcorn
Healthy Fruit Day	Vanilla Sponge & Strawberry Custard	Coconut & Cranberry Cookie	Healthy Fruit Day	Chocolate Brownie

Bread, Milk and Water is available daily.

WEEK TWO commencing 8.11.21, 29.11.21, 10.01.22, 31.01.22, 28.2.22 & 21.3.22

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fish Finger Wrap	Chicken Pie	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Beef Pasticcio	Chipolata Pork Sausages
Meet-Free Meatball Wrap	Vegetarian Sausage Twist	Sage & Onion topped Quorn fillet	Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake	Quorn Dippers
Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans
White & Wholegrain Rice Cucumber Slices Grated Carrot & Shredded Lettuce	Mashed Potato Sweetcorn Shredded Cabbage	Roast Potatoes Carrots Broccoli Florets	Peas Mixed Garden Salad	Mini Potato Waffles Baked Beans Sweetcorn
Lemon Drizzle Cake	Healthy Fruit Day	Flapjack	Healthy Fruit Day	Chocolate Crispy Cake

Bread, Milk and Water is available daily.

WEEK THREE commencing 15.11.21, 6.12.21, 17.01.22, 7.2.22, 7.3.22 & 28.3.22

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Macaroni Cheese (V)	Beef Burger in a Bun	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding	Nacho Chicken	Jumbo Fish Fingers
Macaroni Cheese (V)	Spicy Bean Burger in a Bun	Sage & Onion topped Quorn Fillet (V)	Nacho Quorn (V)	Cheese Quesadillas (V)
Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna		Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans
Garden Salad Peas	Green Salad Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes Carrots Shredded Cabbage	White & Wholegrain Rice Broccoli Florets Mixed Salad	Chips Peas Baked Beans
Fruit Crumble & Custard	Healthy Fruit Day	Angel Delight Mousse	Healthy Fruit Day	Chocolate & Cinnamon Shortbread

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