

City Academy Whitehawk

An aerial photograph of City Academy Whitehawk, a large brick school building with a red-tiled roof and a central tower. The school is surrounded by a dense residential area with many houses and some solar panels on the roofs. In the foreground, there is a green field with trees and a path. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

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January 27th 2023

Friday 27th January

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

Our Spring Term is going from strength to strength, we're loving our [areas of study](#) and the children are producing excellent learning.

Thank you for setting aside some time to read this newsletter – including the dates page – around the running of the school so that we can continue to work well together to support the children! There are some important updates inside about our Reading Raffle and World Book Day.

This year, Miss Scozzafava has worked her magic to ensure that all children have the option to order the World Book Day book of their choice! To make sure your child gets the book they want, follow [this link](#) to complete the form by Friday 3rd February. If you don't complete the form, we will choose a suitable book for your child. I'd like to publicly thank Miss. Scozzafava and the team for all they do to ensure that the children of Whitehawk have the best possible opportunities to fall in love with reading.

This week you were invited to our family/teacher consultation evenings on the 7th and 8th of February. Please use the Arbor app to do so!

Please click [here](#) for an update about what your children are up to this term!



Nursery
Hatchlings



Year Three
Kites
Kestrels



Reception
Robins



Year Four
Jackdawes
Magpies



Year One
Puffins
Woodpeckers



Year Five
Barn Owls
Hérons



Year Two
Goldfinches
Greenfinches



Year Six
Eagles
Falcons

Strike Action – Wednesday 1st February 2023

Dear City Academy Whitehawk Families,

I wrote to you this Wednesday to notify you of the below:

The National Education Union (NEU) has declared strike action. These strikes due to take place on:

- Wednesday 1st February,
- Thursday 2nd March,
- Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March 2023.

These strikes are happening because of a national dispute between the Unions and the Government over how schools are funded and teachers' pay and conditions.

Due to the likely disruption to be caused around staffing arrangements, City Academy Whitehawk will be closed to all pupils on Wednesday 1st February 2023. This decision has not been made lightly. I am communicating my decision now to allow families as much time as possible to make childcare arrangements for the day.

We are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils. For this to be achieved, we require a minimum number of trained colleagues to be on site and this cannot be guaranteed on Wednesday 1st February.

I fully understand that this situation may be frustrating for you as parents but we recognise and respect the rights of our staff to take part in industrial action. I recognise the impact that this is likely to have on our families and I regret the disruption that will be caused on Wednesday.

The school will be open to all pupils as normal on Thursday 2nd February 2023.

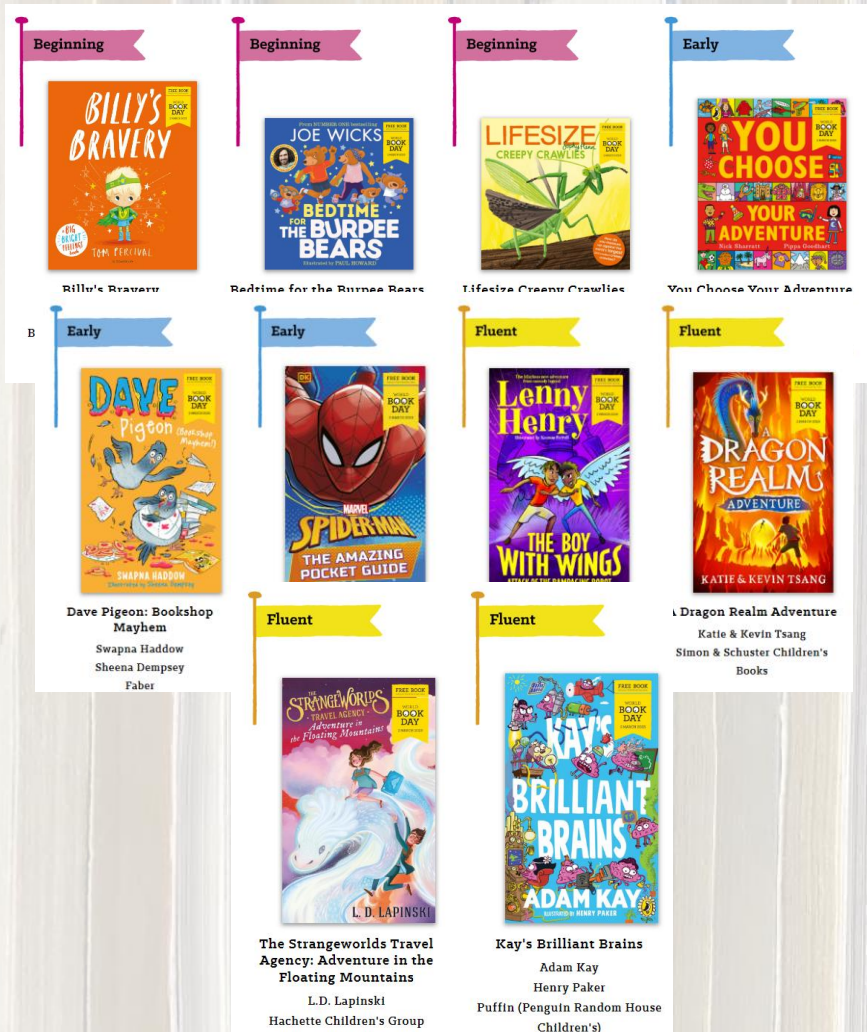
As ever, I thank you for your continued support.

World Book Day Books!

Action required!

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023



This year, children have the option to order the World Book Day book of their choice! To make sure your child gets the book they want, follow this link to complete the form by Friday 3rd February. If you don't complete the form, we will choose a suitable book for your child.

<https://forms.office.com/r/gSfiRSvUcH>

Family Engagement Events: Spring 1

During our recent parent surveys we received loads of praise and thanks for our engagement events and our parents evenings. We run these to keep you informed about your child's time at school. One family said, *'The parent engagement sessions are a fantastic event, supporting school/home chat between children and parents and builds context and relationship between parents and staff.'* To build on the success of this feedback, we're going to think of new and exciting ways to do more (see next page!).

	9:00	14:15
Mon 6 th February		Year 5
Tues 7 th February	Reception	Year 3
Weds 8 th February	Year 4	Year 6
Thurs 9 th February	Year 2	Year 1
Fri 10 th February		

coffee on the gate

Early Years



Hatchlings and Robins Families

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to the families that stayed for a chat at our 'coffee on the gate' this Wednesday.

We look forward to getting in touch for a date for next month and for seeing you all again at our Engagement Event and at Family consultation evening.



Reading Raffle 3 is underway

Please see the next slide with links to read aloud of the new raffle prizes.

We're so proud that we have built a culture that values reading. In our recent parent survey, families said:

- 'CAW understands my daughter's capabilities and helps her exceed in reading every day is really good too!'
- 'The reading raffle is very exciting and encourages my child to read.'
- 'We love hearing about all the different things she does at school and the support she has from different staff to learn and explore. She loves mixing with other children and especially doing her phonics!'

Reading Raffle 3

Which out of this world book will you vote for?

One Week Left!
Everyone could earn one more ticket by then!
Raffle will close 12:00 Friday 3rd

CHOOSE YOUR OWN BOOK!

Reading Raffle 3 is underway

[Marcus Rashford](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fN_iVuVnqys

Luckiest Kid Alive

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRDgtOTvrqc>

Poppy Goes wild

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZ6FKSguEWc>

Octopus Shocktopus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6pd0Z8JAIO>

Into the volcano (watch from 14:01!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2u3cpKVtIA&t=839s>

Headkid

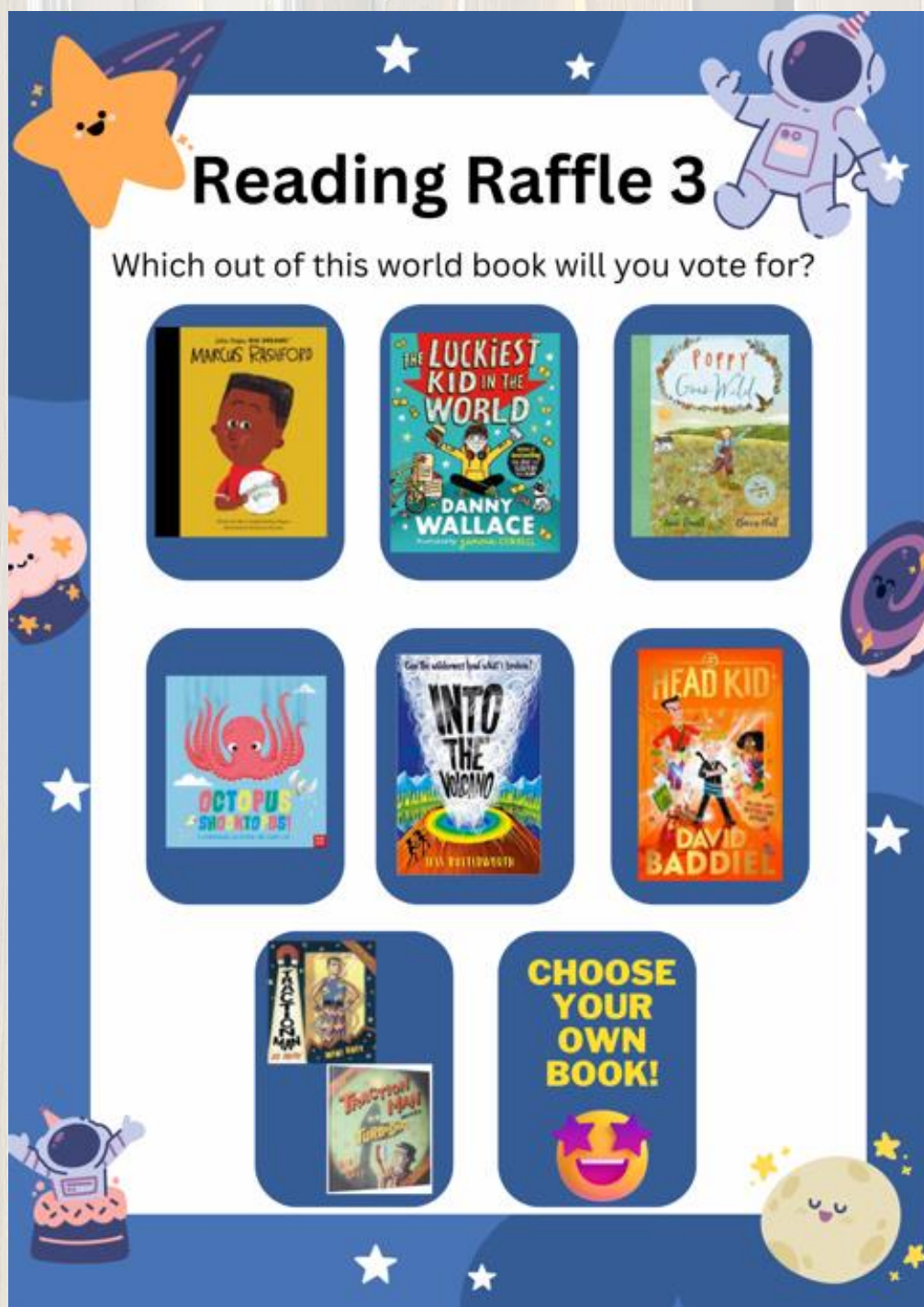
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wt6t91Zbrvc>

Traction Man

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dB5dH6jamUY>

Traction Man & Turbo Dog

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMNLt-2pf_c



Nursery & Year 5 Library Visits

Hatchlings and Year 5 both had their half-termly visit to Whitehawk Library and enjoyed exploring the book selection and hearing some stories!





We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic
W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

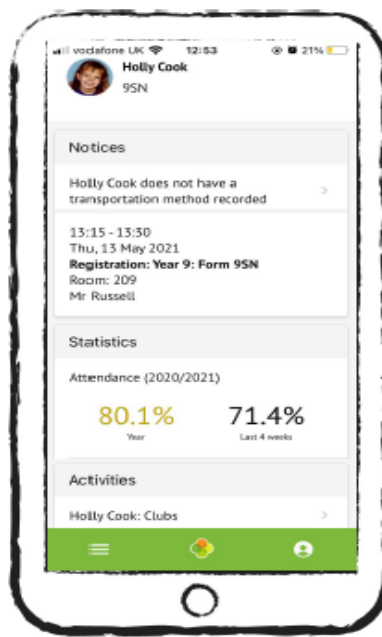
Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



So far 61% of our parents/carers have signed up to use the App.

You should have received the activation email, if you are having any problems activating the App please contact the school office.

We are aiming to use this Portal as our main Communication channel, to help reduce the amount of paper used in school.

Hi Everyone,

Thank you again to everyone who has been engaging in home reading and recording it in their journal.

All Year 1 and 2 children have been sent home with an Oxford Owl letter today. This will allow them to log into their Reading group's page and choose a story to read and take a quiz on.

This information will also be accessible on the school's website. [Click Pupils / Reading / Oxford Owl.](#)

Thank you for supporting your child to read!

Miss Varco

Home reading Oxford owl log in

Pink group

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

School code: ppo7
Your username: Pinkgroup
Password: Pinkgroup
Class: Colour groups

Orange group

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

School code: ppo7
Your username: Orangegroup
Password: Orangegroup
Class: Colour groups

Yellow group

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

School code: ppo7
Your username: Yellowgroup
Password: Yellowgroup
Class: Colour groups

Green group

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

School code: ppo7
Your username: Greengroup
Password: Greengroup
Class: Colour groups

Purple group

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

School code: ppo7
Your username: Purplegroup
Password: Purplegroup
Class: Colour groups

Oxford owl help sheet

The Oxford Owl website is an amazing resource for home reading. Your child has a personalised log in that links to the story books they read at school during Read Write Inc sessions. Your child's log in is their group colour, followed by the word 'group'. For example, Username: **Pinkgroup**, Password: **Pinkgroup**.

1. Visit www.oxfordowl.co.uk
2. Click log in
3. Type in class log in details. Please use a capital letter.
4. Select Homework
5. Select the book your child has been reading at school that week.
6. Read the story, then take the quiz.

Pink Set 3 Storybook 2 Tab the cat
Due on Friday 19th December
28 days left

Practice reading at home with this phonically decodable eBook from Read Write Inc. Phonics. Speed Sounds: all of Set 1. Focus: a e i o u.

[Read the eBook](#) [Take the quiz](#)

This can be recorded in your child's reading record if you have it ☺



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Attendance at City Academy

Overall winners of last week's best attendance are

Puffins, Goldfinches and Eagles
who will be enjoying a smoothie next week!


















Did you know that in our recent Parent Survey, 90% of families reported that they agreed / strongly agreed that their child had 'lots of opportunities to take part in school clubs and activities'? We were very pleased with this feedback and we're pleased to publish our club offer for the Spring Term. Our 'first come, first served' ParentPay sign up process opened at 18:00 on Wednesday 4th of January and we are thrilled with the uptake. With the exception of karate, we are very proud of our commitment to funding all after school clubs for children.



CAW Spring Term Clubs 2023

If your child would like to join one of these clubs, please register on Parent Pay

MONDAY		Girls Football Club Y4, Y5 & Y6 3:10-4:10 Mrs Al-Hattabi South Playground/Gym 	Art Club Rec-Y2 3:10-4:10 Miss Varco Y1 classroom 	Glitter Art Club Y3-Y4 3:10-4:10 Miss Woodward Room 7 	
TUESDAY		Cricket Club Y3-Y6 3:10-4:10 Liam - Sussex Cricket North Playground/Gym 	Lego Club Y1-Y6 3:10-4:10 Mrs Linehan & Mr Marshall Hall 		
WEDNESDAY		Football Club (RMA) Y1-Y6 3:10-4:10 Josh & Jacob - RMA South Playground/Hall 	Basketball Club Y5-Y6 3:10-4:10 Mr McAdam Gym 	Music Club Y3-Y6 3:10-4:10 Mrs Elliott Music Room 	Board Games Y3-Y6 3:10-4:10 Miss Reynolds Y4 Classroom 
THURSDAY		Italian Club Y4, Y5 & Y6 3:10-4:10 Miss Scozzafava Y5 Classroom 	Chess Club Y3-Y6 3:10-4:10 Mr Wood Y2 Classroom 	Multi-Skills Club Y1-Y2 3:10-4:10 Mr McQuillan Gym 	
FRIDAY	Running Club Y3-Y6 8:00-8:35 Mrs Al-Hattabi South Playground 	Netball Club Y4-Y6 3:10-4:10 Miss Briggs & Mr Issacs North Playground/Gym 	Karate Club (SAMA) R-Y6 3:10-4:10 Charlie - SAMA Hall 		

Hi Everyone,

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be sent home with a sound booklet this week. This contains sound practice sheets which match the sounds they are learning in their Phonics lessons.

These booklets can stay in your child's Reading folder, or stay at home. When your child practises a sound with you, you can record it as a read in their Reading record.

Thank you,
Miss Varco



House Points

We continue to be impressed by the amazing learning characteristics we see from City Academy Whitehawk children, and are delighted to see so many Learning Tickets being awarded.

Remember that every single ticket makes a difference...it could be your contribution that wins the end of term House Celebration!

C	Collaboration	
A	Aspiration	
R	Resilience	
E	Effort	
E	Excellence	
R	Respect	

Air
2719 points

Earth
3158 points



Fire
3134 points

Water
3092 points

Each week there are two classes who win a Class Reward. Congratulations to these previous winners:

	Year 1 to 3	Years 4 to 6
Week 2	Woodpeckers	Magpies
Week 3	Greenfinches	Falcons

COLLABORATION

AWARDED TO

Name:

Class:

- Be positive
- Listen to each other
- Everybody has a job to do
- Accept feedback from others
- Care about the team's success

Teacher's Comments

This week we are working towards effective COLLABORATION: this means working together to achieve success! This can be in the form of helping others, but also in *accepting* help from other children and adults. Together we are stronger!



Spring 1 Week 5 CAW Quality of the Week

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Collaboration

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Excellence

R

Respect



[Who was Ada Lovelace?](#)
(Newsround)

[Ada Lovelace history](#)

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EVERYONE MUST
KNOW CHILDREN'S
RIGHTS

Article 42

You have the
right to know
your rights

CAW Collaboration Role Model of the Week

Ada Lovelace (1815-1852)

The world's first computer programmer!

Ada Lovelace worked on one of the world's first computers (called The Analytical Engine). As well as collaborating with its inventor, she realised that it could do so much more than just make calculations: she wrote the first ever ALGORITHM (set of instructions for a computer).

ASPIRATION

AWARDED TO

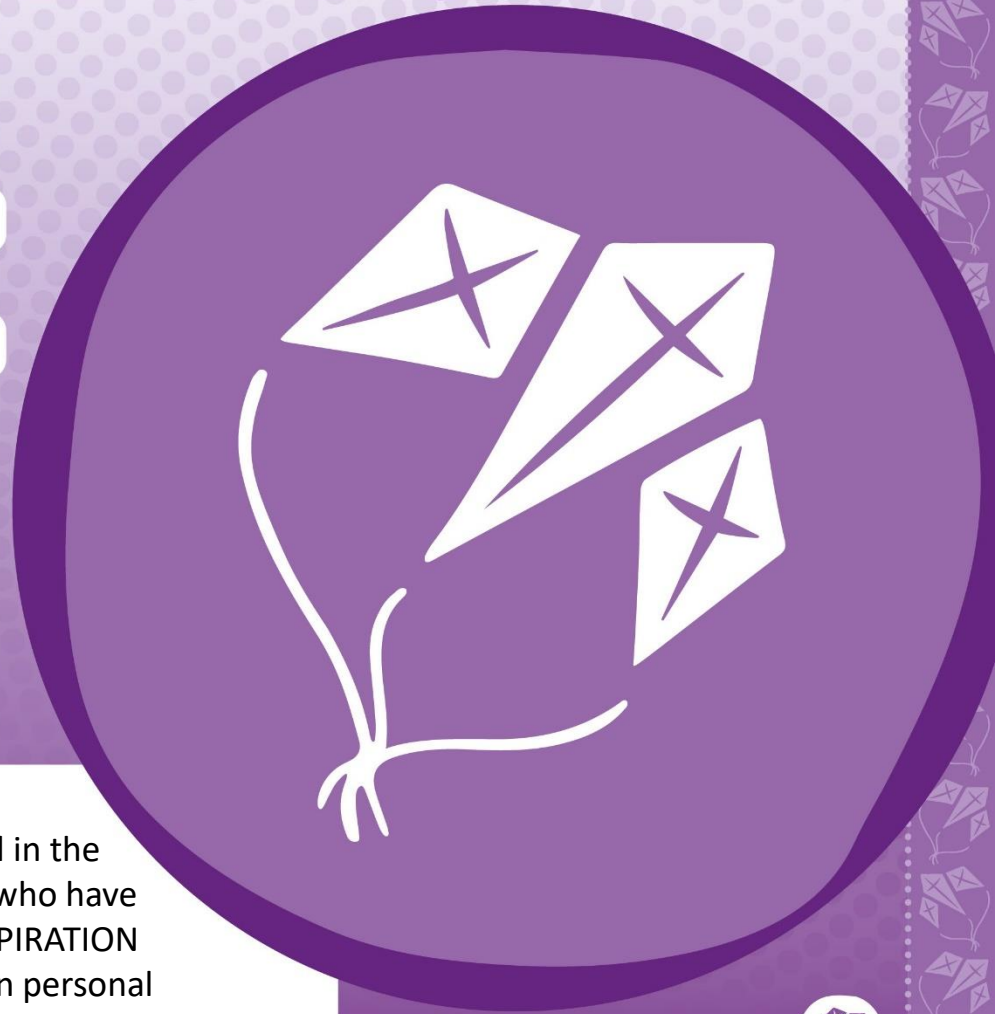
Name:

Class:

- Aim for the top
- Achieve your best
- Be proud of yourself
- Apply your learning
- Learn from your mistakes
- Know that you will do it!

Teacher's Comments

Our ASPIRATION certificates will be awarded in the assembly on Monday 30th January to children who have really shown they have aimed for the stars! ASPIRATION means always working hard to achieve your own personal best results, and being the best 'you' you can be.



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Spring 1 Week 4 CAW Quality of the Week

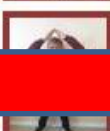
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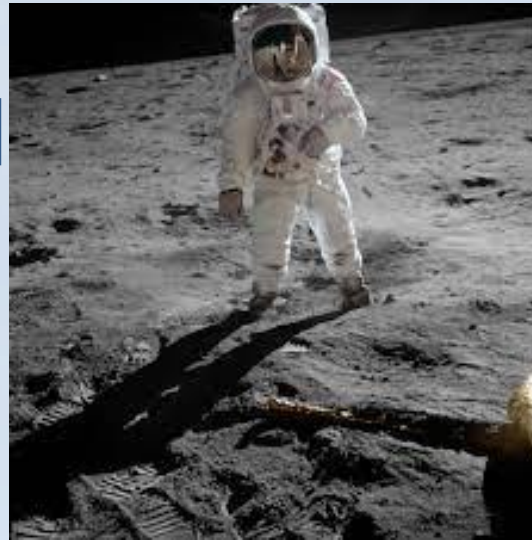
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[Moon landing](#)

[Newsround Apollo 11](#)

[Tim Peake Newsround Q&A](#)

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IDENTITY

Article 8

You have the right to an identity

CAW Aspiration Role Models of the Week

Astronauts Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong

Neil Armstrong was the first human being to set foot on the moon! In 1969, the USA won the 'space race' with the USSR (Russia) and reached the moon first. Tim Peake is a British astronaut from Sussex! He has spent time on the International Space Station, and is living proof that if you aim high you can reach the stars!



Healthy Start



If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops.

You can use your card to collect:

- Healthy Start vitamins – these support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- vitamin drops for babies and young children – these are suitable from birth to 4 years old

You can use your card to buy:

- plain liquid cow's milk
- fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
- infant formula milk based on cow's milk

Click this link to find out if you are eligible and to apply: <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/>

Fluency Badges



Massive congratulations to those who have earned their fluency badges! It is so great to see so many children wearing these with such great pride!



Safer Sleep in Winter



Keeping your baby safe when the weather gets cold

The Lullaby Trust has issued information around safe sleep for babies during the winter in response to rising energy costs. Please see below:

The recommended room temperature is 16-20 degrees, this may be difficult to maintain in the colder months. It can be tempting to wrap your baby up to keep them warm, however we know that overheating a baby increases the chances of SIDS (also known as cot death). Research shows babies are better to be cooler than too hot.

Follow the link below to find out more information on:

- Bedding
- Bed sharing
- Things to avoid
- How to check if a baby is too hot
- How to check if a baby is unwell
- Finding support for energy bills



<https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/safer-sleep-advice/safer-sleep-winter/>

Year 2 Sculpting

Hello, this term we will be sculpting using recycled materials. If anyone has any of the below materials at home that they wouldn't mind collecting and bringing in we would really appreciate it. As soon as possible please ☺

Wrappers

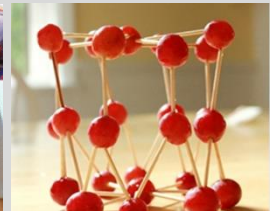
Any of these or similar
(clean only please)



Buttons & Marbles



Fruit & Veg netting, Newspaper



PE Kits

For Spring 1, we will continue to ask that children come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please remember, as ever, that it is fine to wear trackies and school jumpers in colder weather.

Please wear PE kit into school on these days:

YG	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Day	Mondays	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday
		Thursday	Friday	Thursday	Friday	Friday	Thursday

Children should bring an appropriate change of clothes for after school sport clubs.

2020-2021 Dates for your Diary

Our term dates for 22/23 are online: click [here](#) to see them.

Friday 3rd February: NSPCC Number Day

Wb 6th February: Spring 1 Family Engagement Events (time tbc)

Tues 7th and Weds 8th February: Family/Teacher Consultations

Friday 10th February: End of Spring 1

Monday 20th February: Start of Spring 2

Friday 24th February: Rare Disease Day (wearing Jeans 4 Genes)

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day

Friday 3rd March: INSET Day

Friday 17th March: Red Nose Day

Friday 31st March: End of Term 2

Monday 17th April: Start of Summer 1

I hope this letter has provided you with all the information you need but please do not hesitate to get in touch or check through [previous newsletters](#) catalogued on our website.

I look forward to seeing you on the gates on Monday morning!

Yours sincerely,

Thomas McMorris
Headteacher

