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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We launched this week with a whole school assembly linked to the history of Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire Night. Afterwards, we discussed firework safety and how children can stay safe this weekend.

A group of our upper junior children were very excited this week to attend a Zoolab experience at Trinity School. Teachers reviewed the children who had recorded the most reads on Boom Reader and rewarded them with an interactive, science workshop. Alexis reported, "My favourite animal was the corn snake because the scales were pretty." Alice reflected, "I learnt a lot about animal diversity and I enjoyed trying to group the animals using a classification key." A special thank you to Trinity for providing us with this enriching science opportunity.

Tonight, we welcome children from across the school to our special Halloween Disco! A huge thank you to Josh Knight and all the staff and parents that are supporting with the event. We will keep you posted on how much we raise!

Have an enjoyable, safe and sparkling weekend.

Mrs J Lewry
Headteacher



SEN Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 22nd November at 9 am
at Speenhamland School**

Come and join us for a cup of coffee and a chat!
A representative from Autism Berkshire
will be attending.

We look forward to seeing you!



We are excited to introduce Voxblock players to the school.

Voxblock is the screen-free audiobook player for children.

With no need for Wi-Fi, apps or downloads, children can operate the player independently and listen without distraction.

There is no set up required, children can start listening as soon as they take their player out of the box. If you'd like to buy a Voxblock you can and in doing so can also support the school via the Support Your School programme.

For every order of a Voxblock Starter Pack, we will receive a free audiobook to help build our library; you will also receive a 10% discount on the normal Starter Pack price when using our unique discount code **SPEENHAMLANDPS**.

The Voxblock Starter Pack includes a Voxblock player, a bumper of your choice and three audio books. Just follow this link

www.voxblock.co.uk/speenhamlandps

Thank you, FOSS - they are amazing headphones and we love that we can now have audio books in our library!
One big thank you for our Voxblock audio books.
By Millie from Acer class



Christmas Fair



FOSS Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair planning meeting will be on
Tuesday 21st November at 6pm in school.
Please come along and offer support or see about
having your own stall.

We look forward to seeing you!

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AWARDS, READING AND ATTENDANCE

AND THE
WINNERS
ARE...



Achievement and PSHE Awards

	SCHOOL	PSHE
Wisteria	Grace Johnson	Saharsh Anna Varapu
Willow	Jean-Bosco Cinotti	Hana Mahmoud
Cherry	Oscar Terry-Stanswood	Athulya Chandramohan
Oak	Daisy Sandel	Kartikey Tyagi
Ash	Theo Kent	Prayansh Singh
Hawthorn	Immy Curson	Joshnika Mattaparathi
Juniper	Thomas King	Sham Alharbat
Maple	Lera Smarovoz	Ava Metcalf
Acer	Caleb Higgs	Luke McCourt
Redwood	Michal Jankowski	Zahra Ali
Cedar	Luiz Gustavo Tavares Nogueira	Lauren Tipler
Maths/English Group	Oscar Terry-Stanswood	



HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this WEEK are:

1st Azul 282
2nd Verde 246
3rd Laal 241
4th Zolty 176

Congratulations to Azul!

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 92.19%
There was also 248 learning minutes lost this week
through late arrivals.

***Please ensure your child is in class
for 8.30 am.***

EVERY DAY REALLY DOES MATTER!

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Keep reading!

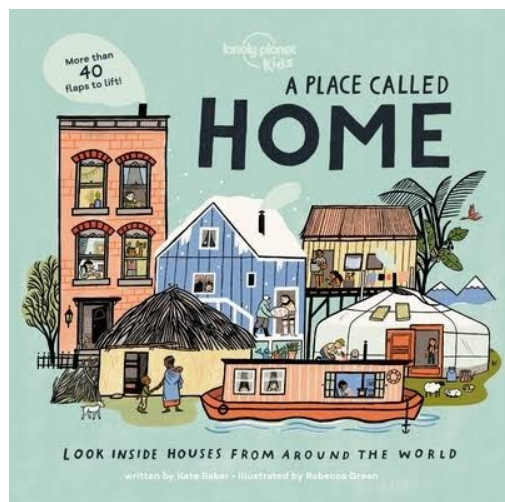
Reading logged in school and at home (3+ reads).

READING LOGGED 16-10-23 to 20-10-23

Class	Number of children	Percentage
Acer	15	50%
Ash	13	50%
Cedar	20	65%
Cherry	16	65%
Hawthorn	17	65%
Juniper	10	40%
Maple	13	45%
Oak	15	60%
Redwood	16	50%
Willow	5	25%
Wisteria	2	10%

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PUPILS AMAZING WORK THIS WEEK



In Reception this week, we have been reading "A Place Called Home", which takes the children on a journey, looking inside houses from around the world. We have looked at houses in Greenland, where the children discussed how they would feel living somewhere cold. "If there's snow on the ground it will be

freezing all day" said Jana. "Wear warm clothes to protect from the snow coming down" said Zoe. We also looked at the Maasai people who live on the baking hot grasslands of Kenya. The children then made mud huts using sticks, mud and water like the Maasai people would.

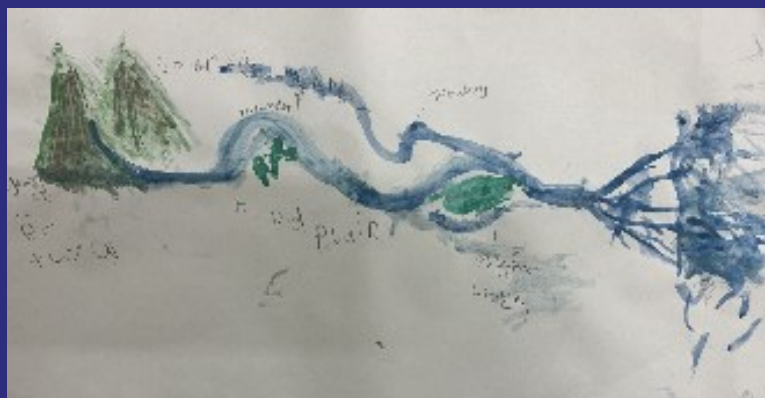
The children all went to the library for the first time this week. Each class spent sometime in the library listening to stories and singing nursery rhymes. The children then chose their own book to share with their family at home.

We would like to invite all Reception and Year 1 parents to a workshop about phonics, on Wednesday 8th November at 6 pm. We look forward to see you!

What happened to the Ancient Maya Civilisation?

We think the Spanish caused a landfall which caused the death of the cities on the coast. The Yucatan coast could have been a main trade route for the other cities. Without trade means little food; little food means starving villages; starving villages means death. They might have taken a while to die as you can go a little while without food. The Maya also played Pok-a-Tok a lot, so there would have been a lot of decapitation, causing the wipe-out quicker. The 'extended drought' theory could have something to do with this wipe-out also as we think it would be hard to grow crops without rain.

Isla-Grace and Samjin (Acer Class)



In LKS2 this week we have painted river systems using watercolours and labelled the key features we would find.
Paintings by Aaliyah and Lera from Maple class.

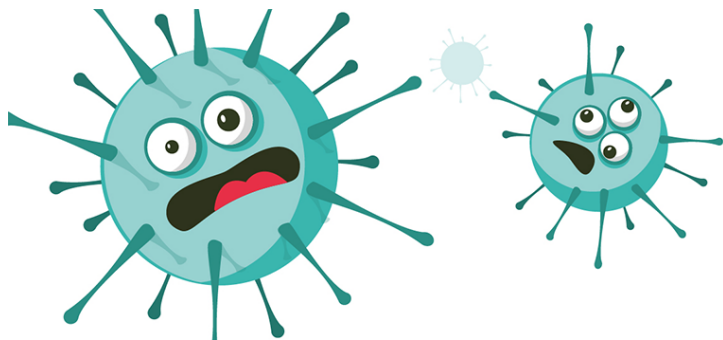
Beautiful water colour river picture painted by Megan and Alanna from Juniper class.

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Flu Immunisation

10th November 2023

Don't forget to book your child's flu immunisation via:
<https://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School Code: BK143999



Northcroft Kitchen would like to invite parents/carers and their children, including those living in temporary accommodation, to a free meal at **Northcroft Kitchen at Newbury Cricket Pavilion, Northcroft Road, RG14 1RS.**

Just drop in to enjoy a free two course hot meal every Monday

from 3.30pm to 4.45pm

(the last meal is served at 4.30pm)

Northcroft Kitchen look forward to welcoming you and your children.

For further information, please contact:

admin@looseendsnewbury.org

or text 07907 122007

POPPY APPEAL

Poppies, slap bands, rulers etc are now being sold by the school council during break times every day. 50p to £1 per item.



CENTRE for AUTISM

Wellbeing Hub Launch

The Wellbeing Hub is a new project funded through the support of University of Reading donors, who work with autistic young people and their families to identify activities that they could offer and areas for research that will support autistic young people and their families to lead their best lives.

They aim to create an inclusive community where autistic young people, their families, and supporting professionals can explore what is important to autistic people.

During their launch event, they will give a detailed overview of the project and set out how the autism community can be involved in shaping its future direction.

LAUNCH

9th November 2023

19:00 – 21:00 (in person)/19:00 – 20:15 (online)

Palmer Building, G10 lecture theatre, University of Reading OR online

For more information and to book a place, please follow this link:

<https://research.reading.ac.uk/autism/wellbeing-hub-launch/>