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Friday 15th March 2024

Year 1 reading workshop

Thank you to all our parents and carers that joined us for our Year 1 Reading parent workshop this week. I'm sure you'll agree the children's reading skills are really coming along! We hope you found the information on how we teach Reading in Year 1 and what we are focusing on at present useful and had fun trying some of the activities we use to support reading with your child. We have uploaded the PowerPoint and accompanying videos of how to say the Phase 5 sounds and how to support with tricky words to the school website under the Curriculum - Phonics tab as well as the handouts from the workshop.

Attendance Matters

Spring 2 Attendance

	<u>Wk1</u>	<u>Wk2</u>	<u>Wk3</u>	<u>Wk4</u>	<u>Wk5</u>	<u>½ term</u>	<u>Year so far</u>
<u>Year 1</u>	94.7	96.7	98.7	94.7			
<u>Year 2</u>	98.7	99.3	98.7	97.0			
<u>Year 3</u>	95.7	96.7	92.3	96.0			
<u>Year 4</u>	93.1	94.5	94.1	94.5			
<u>Year 5</u>	98.3	98.6	97.2	95.9			
<u>Year 6</u>	96.5	92.3	90.3	93.5			
<u>Whole school</u>	96.1	96.3	95.2	95.3			

Well done **Year 2** you have the best attendance this week.

Whole school attendance since the beginning of the academic year is running at **94.4%**.

Certificates this week

Congratulations to the following children for getting certificates this week.

- Musa, Skyler and Minnie
- Lexi, Claude and Panth
- Evie, Nardeen and Lottie

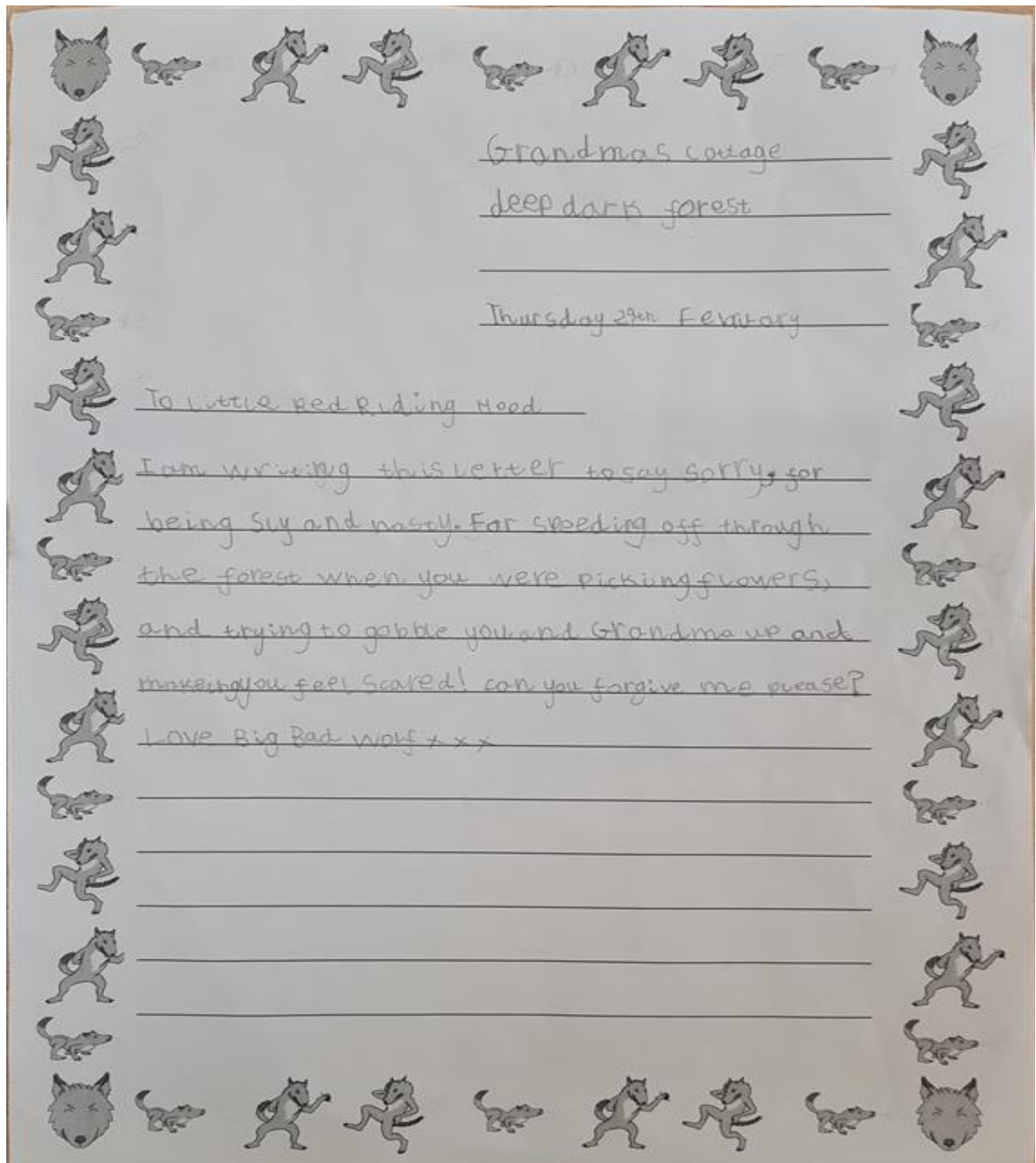


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Writer of the Week

This week's **writer of the week** is **Jafar in Year 1** for his excellent apology letter as the Big Bad Wolf to Little Red Riding Hood. Jafar has used precise adjectives and verbs as well as accurate use of a question mark. Jafar's letter formation is accurate, and his lowercase letters are accurately and consistently sized. Well done Jafar.



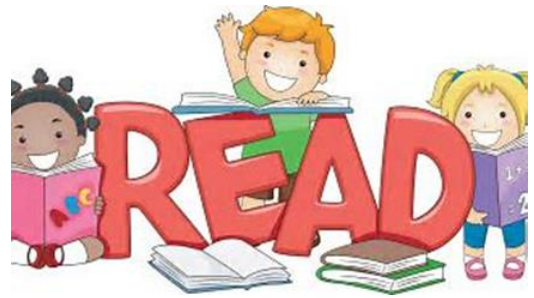


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Reading Tips

Welcome to our new weekly section on practical advice to support your child with Reading and Reading for Pleasure.



This week in our section on practical advice to support your child with Reading and Reading for Pleasure we focus on **Reading recipes**.



Find a simple recipe and have a fun time baking together! It's a good chance for your child to practise reading and following instructions. For younger children, share the recipe with your child before you begin and read out the ingredients to them. Talk about what you need. They can help fetch the ingredients and mix them together, following the instructions you read to them.

For older children, let them read the recipe themselves and follow the instructions; be on hand to offer support where needed and for handling hot things or anything sharp. Perhaps you'll make some Easter themed treats like cupcakes or biscuits! We'd love to see photos or you reading recipes and baking together!

Parent Readers WANTED!

We are looking for any parents who would like to volunteer to come in to school and read to their child's class over the course of the year. This could be a story, information text, comic, or poem. You can either bring in your own or we can provide one for you. The session would take place at 2:45-3:00pm and days are flexible. Whether you can commit to a regular slot or just come in as a one off, we need you! Maybe you can't commit yourself, but a grandparent or aunty can! If you are interested, please email your child's class teacher directly through the class email address. They will then work with you on a suitable date and time.

We thank you for your continued support.



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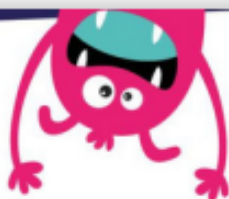
Dates for your Diary

New things added this week are in bold

Month	Date	
March	20 th	Early Years Easter Assembly 9.00 – 9.45
March	21 st	KS1 Easter Assembly 2.15 – 3.00
March/ April	25 th – 5 th	Easter Holidays
April	8 th	Summer term starts for pupils
	9 th	Year 1 and Year 2 rescreen parents Phonics screening briefing
April	24 th – 26 th	Year 3 to Year 6 residential trip to Frank Chapman
May	3 rd	Year 5 @ Holly Lodge for Moana rehearsal and performance
May	6 th	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
May	8 th – 16 th	Year 6 SATS breakfast club
	9 th	Early Years Math's Workshop for parents 9 - 10
May	13 th – 16 th	Year 6 SATS week, all year 6 pupils MUST be in school this week for Statutory testing
May	20 th – 23 rd	Summer Book Fair
May	Tuesday 21 st	EYFS trip to Wild Lives Forest School at Warley Woods
May	27 th – 31 st	Half Term Holiday
June	3 rd – 7 th	Year 4 multiplication test will happen this week
June	3 rd – 6 th	Bike ability sessions for Year 5 & Year 6
June	6 th	Class Photographs
	7 th	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter studios
	7 th	Year 5 transition meeting for parents with Sandwell's transition manager
June	10 th – 14 th	Year 1 Phonic screening test & Year 2 retake this week
	19 th	Nursery Stay and Play with parents – reading focus 10.30 – 11.30
June	28 th	Provisional Date for Sports Day @ Thimblemill Rec
July	5 th	Year 1 trip to Hatton Farm Park
July	10 th	Year 6 end of year production 9.30 in school Hall
July	11 th	Year 6 end of year production 1.30 in school Hall
July	Friday 12 th	Reports out to Parents
July	15 th	Year 6 Leavers Prom @ Thimblemill Rec 6pm – 8pm
July	17 th	Class Swap – pupils will meet their new class teacher 9.15 – 10.15
July	19 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.15 – 3.00
July	19 th	Pupils Break up for Summer Holidays
July	22 nd	Training Day – school closed to pupils



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Holiday Activities- Oldbury

Sandwell Holiday Activities offer exciting opportunities for children who live or go to school in Sandwell to take part in activities during school holidays. There is lots of choice right across Sandwell with different activities happening in each town. Activities are for children aged between school age 4-16 years.

Easter activities will run from Saturday 23 March to Sunday 7 April 2024 (excluding bank holidays)

If your child is eligible for HAF then you will have received an email or text with a HAF activity voucher containing unique HAF codes for your child and a link that enables you to book activities.

If your child does not meet the criteria, you can find other activities on our website (some may have a charge attached) visit <https://holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk/>

You can access activities anywhere in Sandwell but here are some activities available in your local area:

Oldbury United at Portway Lifestyle Centre - offering multi-sports such as football, dodgeball, basketball, athletics, dance, and party games.

Lion Farm Action Centre - lots of fun activities, craft, sports and days out!

4 Community Trust at Tivdale Community and Burntree Primary - a range of activities, arts & crafts, drama, dance, cooking, healthy eating, nutrition workshops, sports, digital games, social play, themed activities, plus, many more!

The Albion Foundation at Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy and Portway Lifestyle centre (SEND) - we will be offering a variety of sports including basketball, football, cricket, and hockey.

Earls Gymnastics Centre - children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of gymnastic activities as well as themed arts and crafts. We will also host a inflatable fun day with slides!

Brandhall Primary School for Brandhall Primary pupils only - offer a range of sporting activities including football, tennis, basketball, dodgeball, golf, athletics and many more sports. We also provide table tennis, climbing equipment and a range of crafts!

Warrens Hall Riding School - activities include stable management activities as well as a 30-Minute pat a pony session. We also offer craft and sensory activities.

Precious Times Day Nursery - showing children how to prepare, make and experiment with different foods, physical activities including ball sports, nature exploration walks. We also have a sensory shed containing lights, sensory toys and textured decoration on the walls for children with special educational needs.

Ideal for all - activities include practical games, quizzes, goal setting, physical activity, enrichment 'let's grow' harvesting herbs, dance and many more!

Go Play Sandwell - FREE play for all ages <https://goplaysandwell.co.uk/>

Provision to meet high level SEND needs- search SEND on our website for more!

4 Community Trust SEND at 4 Community Trust Hub in West Bromwich - offer a range of activities, arts & crafts, drama, dance, cooking, healthy eating, nutrition workshops, sports, digital, games, social play, themed activities, sensory play, water play, plus, many more.

Fantastic Journeys at Windmill Community Centre - Fantastic Journeys is a social enterprise providing a multi-sensory music and movement session for children with additional needs.

KIDS Specialist Provision - provide borough wide activities focused around the social, physical, sensory and emotional needs of the children / young people with SEND. Activities will take place at Forge Mill farm, Langley Lodge and Wednesbury Leisure Pool.

Fun at Forge Mill - unique experience for SEND individuals. They can come and participate in activities that get them even closer to our animals.

Sandwell Young Peoples Services at Malthouse Activity Centre - additional needs activity days at malthouse will consist of team games, canoeing, archery, walking and abseiling.

