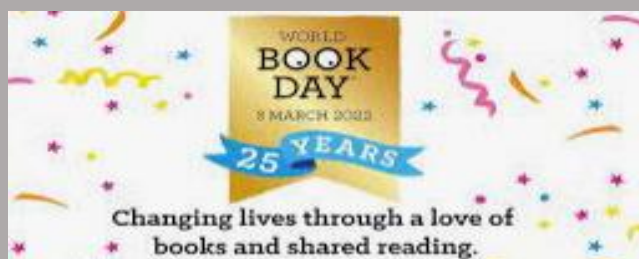


RPS Weekly Newsletter



Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a pleasure it was seeing the children dressed up for World Book Day. You are very creative! In assembly on Monday children learned that this is the 25th anniversary of World Book Day. The children were introduced to the plan for the day and considered why reading is so important and also so much fun. There was a character quiz too! You should have received a £1 book voucher today. Remember you can save it to spend at our book fair on the 28th March.

In class the children across the school shared a book with their friends and talked about their favourite books. They also engaged in online author workshops. Some illustrators provided tips or lessons on how to draw characters and some authors talked about how they bring characters to life in their books. Families can access some author academy workshops and lots of other resources at home using the following link:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families>

Do check out the author masterclasses they are great:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/>



FIND THE SEED OF YOUR STORY
The 'Korean story' and connect your ideas and experiences to create a story you care about in this session with Michael Morpurgo.

Watch on YouTube

There is also a story corner with free access to online books for younger children: <https://www.worldbookday.com/share-a-story-corner/>

Evidence shows that the more a child reads for pleasure, the greater their academic attainment, so don't forget to join Canada Water Library. It is a great way to get children interested in books.

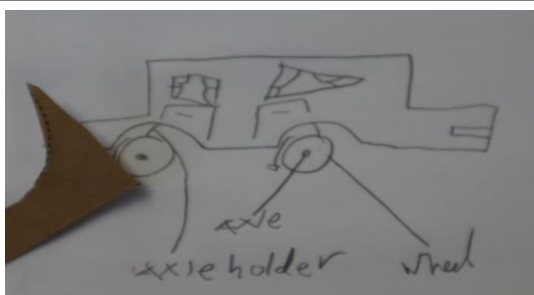
Consultation for joining the Nexus Trust

Parents and Carers were emailed the consultation documents on 28 February 2022. You can find these documents on our school website [HERE](#). Every Monday, for the duration of the consultation period, any questions or comments raised by the community will be updated / responded to on our FAQ page which can be found on our website.

Ukraine Crisis: This coming Monday, our school assembly will focus on the subject of migration and empathy. It will touch on the war in Ukraine and strategies children can use if they are concerned about what they have heard. A great deal of information is available online and we recommend that parents monitor what children are accessing. Please follow the attached link for tips on managing difficult content such as the war with children: [Click here](#).

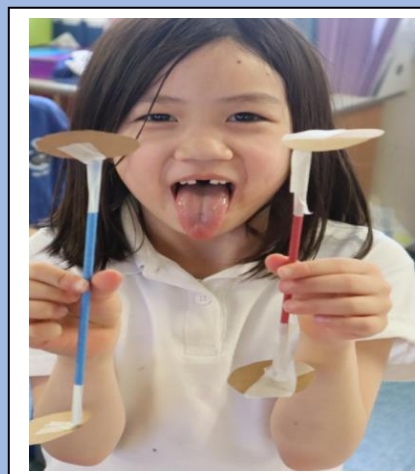
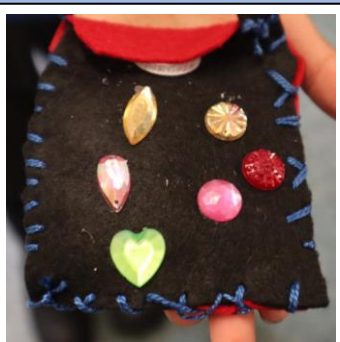
I do hope you manage to have a book filled weekend! Lisa Christiansen Head of School

DT at Rotherhithe



Today **year 1** children took part in an exciting Design and Technology lesson all about "wheels". The objective was to better understand how wheels move. After investigating how wheels move on a variety of different objects, the children were then asked to create a simple version of a wheel mechanism, including an axle, wheel and axle holder.

You can see more pictures on our website click [here](#).



This week as part of their Design & Technology lesson, the **year 2** children were learning about sewing and working with fabrics. During this lesson, the children learnt how to do a running stitch.

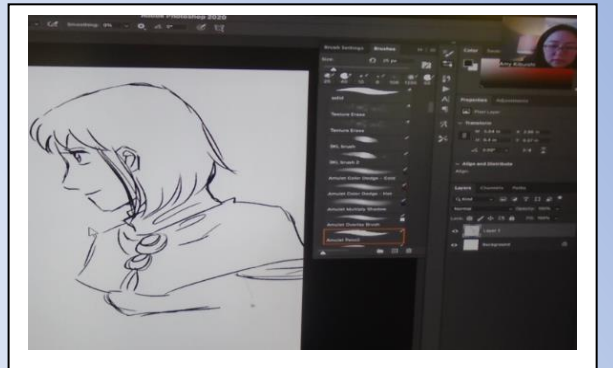
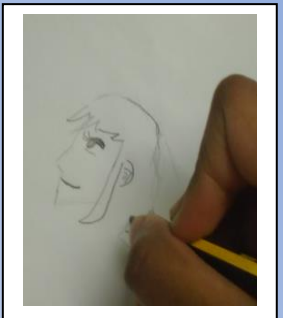
Using their newly found skills, the children were tasked with designing and building a purse or a pouch. They could decorate their purse in whatever way they wanted using the materials provided. The children did a fantastic job and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. You can see their handy work [here](#).



World Book Day 2022

As part of our World Book Day 2022 activities, Year 3/4 took part in creating manga-inspired graphic novels with artist Amy Kim Kibuishi.

Amy Kim Kibuishi is an American comic book cartoonist known for her Japanese-influenced artistic style. She illustrated for Avatar: The Last Airbender. Amy Kibuishi graduated from the School of Visual Arts in 2002 with a Cartooning BFA. She has since won numerous awards, one of which opened her career to the opportunity of further development for her graphic novel series. The children were fascinated.



Dress up time!



Is that the Tin Man
from the Wizard of
Oz?



Which book character can you spot?



Superheroes to the rescue!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Whale	Charlotte	Charlotte has had a fantastic week. She has really tried her best in English and has improved her handwriting. She put a lot of effort into her learning and we are very proud of her progress. Well done Charlotte!
Coral	Nyla	This week Nyla read beautifully and used her phonic knowledge to read tricky words. Nyla also used her creativity to design and make her own purse. Keep it up!
Seal	Kloe	Kloe always works really hard and puts 100% effort into everything she does. This week she has shown great determination while doing her assessments. She was able to check her answers and was able to correct them independently. Well done Kloe!
Effra	Dexter	Dexter has worked so hard to improve his handwriting. You can clearly see the progress from one page to the next. Well done Dexter! Remember to keep practicing your handwriting for homework.
Brent	Sheriff	Sheriff has produced very high quality work this week in English. While writing a report about Volcanoes, Sheriff has used both appropriate and interesting vocabulary. He has also set his work out to an extremely high standard. Superb work Sheriff!
Walbrook	Emma	Emma consistently works hard and to the best of her ability. She has done really well in maths this week, recognising and describing unit and non-unit fractions. She listens carefully in lessons and grasps new concepts quickly. Well done Emma!
Ravensbourne	Emil	Emil has shown excellent leadership skills this week in P.E. He encouraged his group using kind and helpful words to create and execute a performance. Well done, Emil for showing such great leadership qualities!
Wandle	Astera	For excellent progress in writing – her stamina has improved as well as her composition and use of original ideas. Keep it up!
Lea	Kayden	Kayden has been very settled in class and in the playground this week. He has been working very well in all areas of the curriculum. Keep it up Kayden!
Thames	Joshua	For excellent participation during our science lesson on the components of blood. He was able to use appropriate scientific vocabulary to explain each component's function. Well done!

Sponsorship Forms

Sponsorship forms were given out a little bit early, but I am impressed to see that some children have got busy collecting sponsors already, in preparation for our athlete visit on Thursday 24th March. We are very excited that Frederick Afrifa is visiting us!

This Thursday 10th March children will be introduced to the visit via a special assembly. They should then start collecting their sponsors. We would like all money brought into school by Tuesday 22nd March. Those children who have raised sponsorship money will meet Frederick who will present them with prizes.

This short film clip will show children what they will be asked to do on the day [click here](#).

For Younger bookworms



PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS SHEET

This game has been created to encourage reading at home and all the exciting ways you can share stories – not just at bedtime! Tick off a Reading Star each time you complete a reading task and have fun reaching all your stars!

For older bookworms





	Half Term
28th February	Fire Safety Workshops – Year 2 & 5
1st March	LA Science Review visit Parents Evening
2nd March	Tiger Conservation Workshop for KS2
3rd March	World Book Day – Costumes to the ready! Reception children eye test am Parents Evening
7th March	Parent meetings for children with SEND
10th March	Athlete school visit-special Assembly
14th March	Classical Roadshow trip for Brent and Walbrook Classes
15th March	Year 6 SATS preparation parents meeting
17th March	School photographer in
18th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 28th to Wednesday 30th March	Scholastic Book Fair
25th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
28th March	Poetry Week Science Week
1st April	100% attendance awards. Last day of term. Break up for the Easter holidays.

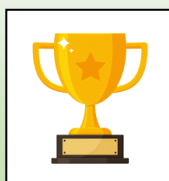
Attendance Matters

This week's winners of the attendance award.

Coral Class 98.3%

Wandle Class 96.7%

Well done and keep it up!



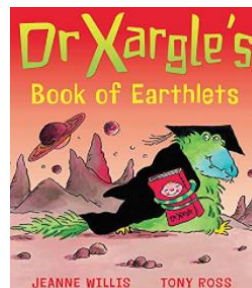
Teacher Book Recommendations

Teacher: Chris Evripidou

Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets

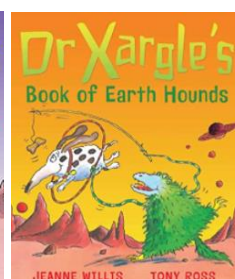
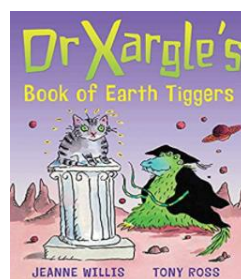
Author: Jeanne Willis

Illustrator: Tony Ross



This is a very funny book describing human behaviour from the perspective of Dr Xargle, who is writing a travel guide about humans for his fellow aliens. Although it is aimed at younger children (Year 2) I used it when report writing with year 5. We all thoroughly enjoyed laughing at the way he described how humans look and behave. It is a must read for all ages!

Other books in the series include: **Dr Xargle's Book of Tiggers (cats)** and **Dr Xargle's Book of Hounds (dogs)**.



The **MORE** that you
READ, the
more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
LEARN, the more places
you'll **GO**.
Dr. Seuss