



The Orchard Newsletter

Friday 5th January 2024



Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year to you all.

I hope you all had an enjoyable and festive Christmas and New Year break. It was lovely seeing the children arrive back on Wednesday and they have settled back into their learning and our many routines really well. We offer a special welcome to the new families that have joined us.

In Reception, the children have been writing thank you letters for the lovely gifts and activities they did over the Christmas break. They have also revisited our school rules and other rules which keep them safe. There is a strong focus in Reception on conversations using full sentences. When interacting with them, the adults continue to model this and encourage the children to do the same.



Year 1 have started their learning about hot and cold countries and have been wondering about what might happen to Sunny the Meerkat in the Meerkat Mail story. Please ask them about the equator and where it is. The children have also been developing their understanding of shape in their maths lessons. The words *tetraminoes* and *pentaminoes* have been used a lot today!

Year 2 children have started their history topic on the Great Fire of London and have asked some really interesting questions about it. This will feed in to lots of their writing as well. They are also learning about Islam this half term and some key facts about it. I am also impressed with their learning of the 2 x table.

Keep it up Year 2!



Our whole school PSHE topic is Dreams and Goals and we will all be learning this half term about how we can reach our goals and what we can do when we come across challenges. Ask the children about my difficulties in blowing up balloons! We got there in the end 😊.



Wishing you all a happy and not too drizzly weekend.

See you Monday.

Mrs Cary



Parent Coffee Morning

Wednesday 10th January @ 9am



Please join us for a hot drink and a chat together with other parents and our Family Support Worker, Teresa Doe.



School Admissions September 2024



Please remember that the deadline is coming up soon.

If your child will be joining **Reception** here or moving on to **Year 3** in another school, you must submit your application by

Monday 15th January 2024

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

David Bowie...about time!



- 1) Regarded as one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century
- 2) David Bowie's first recorded song was found decades later tucked away in a bread box.
- 3) Ziggy Stardust was David Bowie's alter ego and took on a glam rock persona.
- 4) His song, Space Oddity, was played in the Tesla that Elon Musk launched into space. This song was also played during the BBC coverage of the lunar Landing in July 1969 and because his first big UK hit.
- 5) In his life time he sold over 100 million records.

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3R1yaSLe86e0whpzbaIMG0?si=7bc300bf2edd439a>

School Census Day

Thursday 18th
January 2024

Special school
lunch

**NEW YEAR
CELEBRATION**
January 2024

**Crispy Italian Style Chicken Goujons
Or
Crispy Garden Goujons**✔
**Served With
Waffle Fries, Peas or Beans**

Chocolate Muffin✔

**Tuck Into Something Tasty
This New Year**

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PTA

Thank you again for all of the wonderful support given for our Christmas fayre last month.

You helped to raise **£4,418.94** for our PTA.

We are very grateful.

Please join the PTA meeting at **The Bell** pub on **Wednesday 31st January** to help decide how this money is spent to directly impact the children at The Orchard and to also help plan other PTA events.

MISSING

A red 2 wheeled micro-scooter

Name: Max Lemon

Taken from outside the office on the last day of term in December.

Please can you check to see if you have mistakenly taken the wrong scooter home and return to the school and we will make sure it gets back to Max.

Thank you!

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 9th January

Reception: Fossil Workshop



Wednesday 10th January

Parent Coffee Morning @ 9am
with our Family Support Worker
Teresa Doe



Thursday 11th January

Year 2 Fire Safety Talks with
Surrey Fire & Rescue Service



Monday 15th January

Deadline for applications for Reception and Year 3
places - September 2024



Wednesday 31st January

PTA Meeting @ The Bell



Tuesday 6th February

Safer Internet Day



Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Half term



Thursday 9th February +

PTA: Chinese New Year celebrations



Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th February

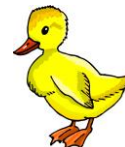
Parents Evenings

(more details to follow later next term)



Tuesday 5th March

Reception: Ducklings



Wednesday 6th March

Drama Workshops



Thursday 7th March

World Book Day



Thursday 8th March

Year 2 Wisley Trip



w/c Monday 11th March

Book Fair



Orchard Reading Recommendations



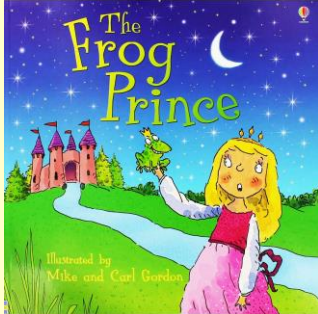
You can click on the book covers to link you to Amazon to read more about each book.

Year 1

Bella in Maple Class chose the book

The Frog Prince

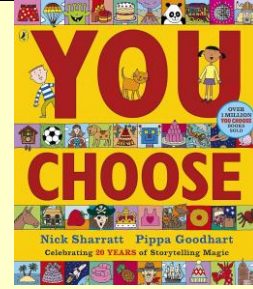
Retold by Susanna Davidson



Bella says that she likes this book because the frog is very funny.

This book, based on a traditional tale by the Brothers Grimm, has some hilarious pictures in it.

Reception



Maddie in Elm class recommends

You Choose

by Nick Sharratt by Pippa Goodhart

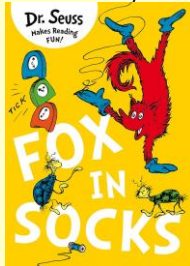
Maddie says that she really likes this book because you get choose lots of fun things. Maddie particularly likes the idea of choosing to live in a pink castle and also eating lots of jelly!

What a great book to start lots of conversations about all sorts of wonderful things about life.

Staff

Mrs Alexander recommends

Fox in Socks by Dr Seuss



Mrs Alexander loves this book because it is funny. She says, "It makes me laugh and challenges my tongue twisting skills quite literally!"

Fox in Socks teaches a baffled Mr Knox some of the slickest, quickest tongue-twisters in town, and you can read along too – if your tongue can manage it! A perfect book for budding readers.

Year 2

Mr Gum and the Dancing Bear

by Andy Stanton

is an excellent book recommendation. Benji says. "I like it because it's funny and the author makes up words. He writes down things and says they are true – but they're not actually true! My favourite bit is where it says that Padlock bit her head off but then "Not really, but it would have been funny if he had".

