

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I read last week that the darkest ten weeks of the year are over - I hope so...come on Spring, we are ready for you now!

This week, our focus in school has once again been behaviour, and the insistence on 100% commitment to our expectations from all staff and children. As such, our staff training this week has been based on our Behaviour Curriculum, and I will be sending this out at the the beginning of next week with our recent amendments in place

If you have any questions around this, or about your own child's behaviour in school, then your first port of call should always be the Class Teacher. Currently, this is our substantive teachers- Miss Cadman and Mrs Penfold. If your child is in Years 1,2,3 or 4, then please speak to the class TA in the first instance. If these members of staff cannot resolve any issues arising, then they will speak to me and we will work together with you to find a solution.

This is the same with any SEN enquiries. In the first instance, please discuss any concerns or queries you have with the class teacher, as they are the staff member who spends the most time with your child. If you feel that you have new worries, please make an appointment through the school office to meet with teacher as we are here to allay those concerns. If the teacher feels that further support is needed, they will come to me as acting SENDCo, and we will meet altogether to move forward.

We have said goodbye to our two temporary teachers, Miss Rawlings and Miss Wilson, this week. Both are starting new roles, with Miss Rawlings travelling to New Zealand to teach there, we wish her all the best! We still have adverts out for the Y3/4 teacher but have a DEMAT teacher from a Wisbech school starting on secondment after half-term, so watch this space for more info as I have it.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Ms Lucca and the MSJ team.

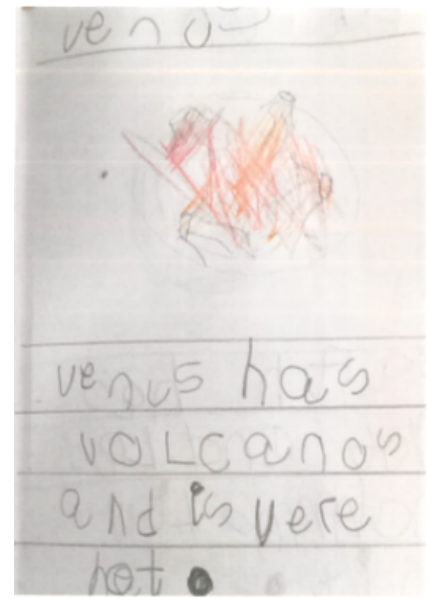
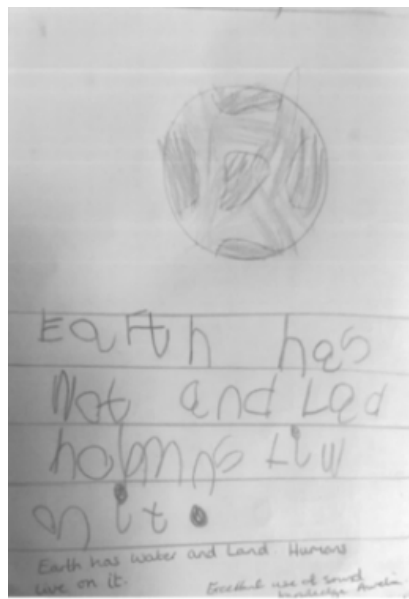
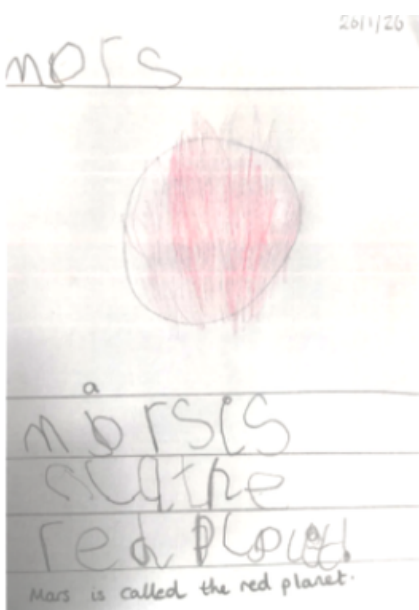
HOUSEPOINTS

Well done to **Red**
team again this week!

WRITING AROUND THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

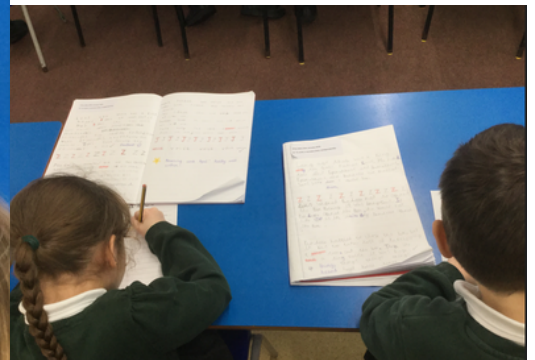
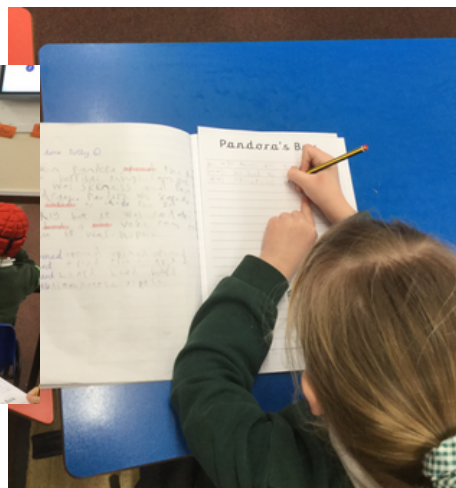
N/RC

Our writing in NRC has been all about the planets in our solar system which is part of our PKC topic 'Space'. The children have been listening to the story 'Meet the Planets' by Caryl Hart. Using the information that they have learnt they have been using their phonics knowledge to create their own fact file on solar system. The children have been learning to use sound mats to support them with their independent writing and we have encouraged the children to listen to the sounds they can hear in words when they are said very slowly. We are very proud of their work and so are they.



1/2B

For the last few weeks, we have been working towards rewriting an ancient Greek Myth called 'Pandora's Box'. This week, we planned our stories and then each day has been spent writing the opening, climax and ending. Today, we edited and published our writing and made illustrations to go along with them. These will be coming home with the children today. I am very proud of the work the children have produced and they are excited to show you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

February

4th FOSA AGM - at school, 6pm.

9-15th Children's Mental Health Week

11th - School Disco: **R/1/2 - 4-5pm 3/4/5/6: 5.15-6.15pm - In the school hall**

13th - NON-UNIFORM DAY 'Come as yourself'

13th - Leavers' hoodies being presented to children, ALL YEAR 6 parents welcome for Celebration Worship in the hall at 8.50am

23rd - Bookable appointments in school with Georgie Baldwin (Early Help Community Worker) Please contact the school office to book. 12pm - 3pm.

March

5th - World Book Day - dress up as favourite book character or come in pjs. (Age appropriate and sensible shoes as always please!) FOSA will also be organising an event on this day, more details to follow! (Think Golden Ticket..!)

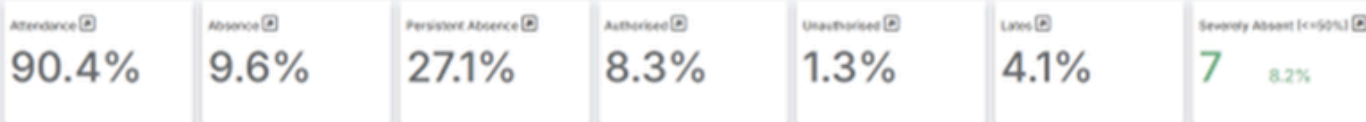
12th - Parent Consultations - to begin at 1.30pm in the hall.



ATTENDANCE

YEAR TO DATE: **93.9%**

Headline Figures (23/01/2026 - 28/01/2026)



SAFEGUARDING

We have a large amount of pupils who are now wearing smart watches in school, or at least watches that have games on them. Please ensure that these are not worn, as they are not part of our school uniform policy and may well be connected to the internet which presents us with a safeguarding concern. Analogue and digital watches are very welcome though as they will support your child in learning to tell the time!

Plea for storage boxes!

We have recently ordered a large amount of new Maths resources for use in all year groups. Can we ask that if you have any clean, plastic 'takeaway' boxes with lids, that you send them in next week so that we can set packs up for the children.

Thank you!

JEWELLERY

Please remember that jewellery (particularly bracelets, earrings other than studs and necklaces) SHOULD NOT be worn to school.

