

MARSHLAND ST. JAMES SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who helped us to promote Reading by recognising World Book Day this week. The children all looked great and the Wonka Bars added a special, personal touch to the day, with many children finding golden tickets.

## World Book Day photos



Wishing you a lovely weekend,  
*Ms Lucca and the MSJ team.*

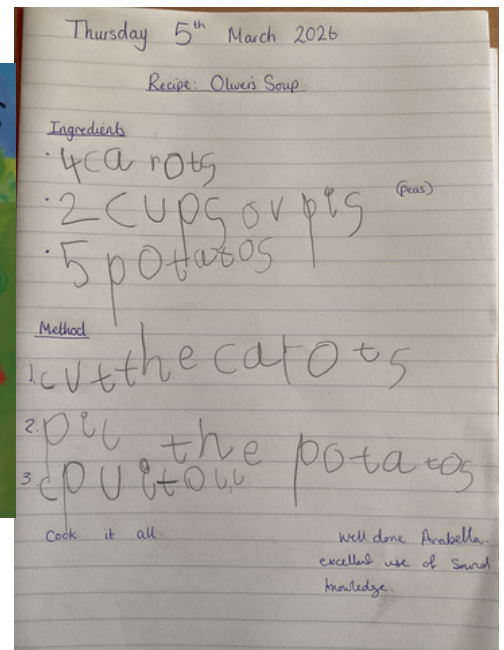
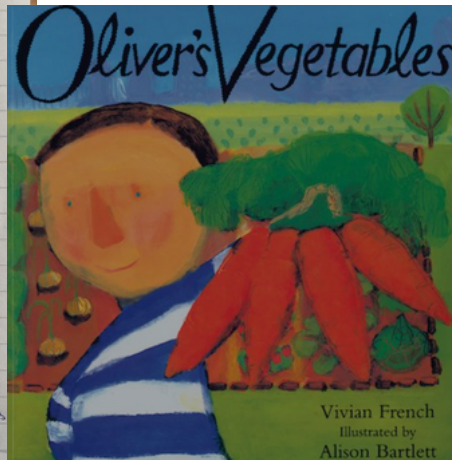
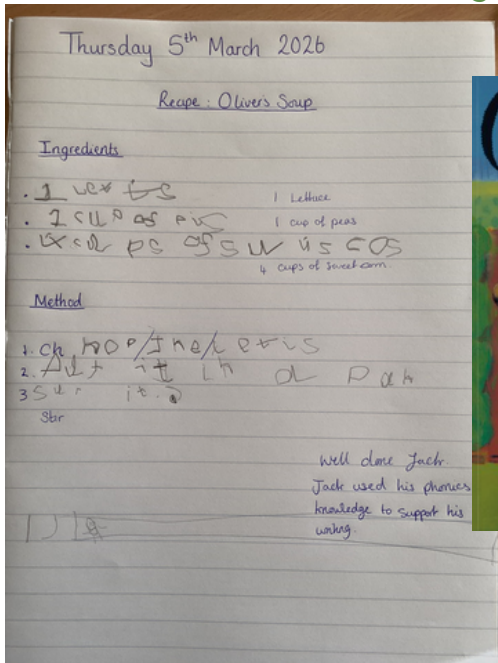
## HOUSEPOINTS

Well done to **GREEN** team this week for gaining the most housepoints!  
Well done everyone!

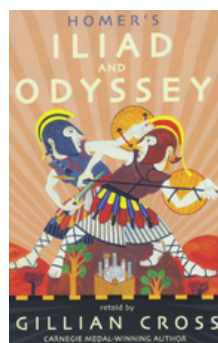
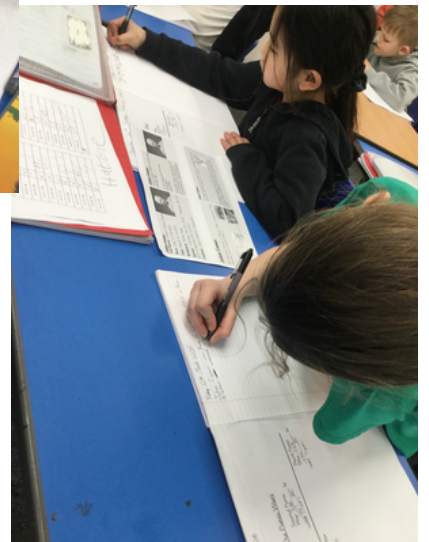
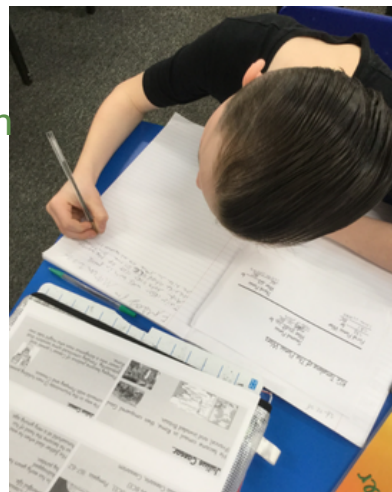
## WRITING ACROSS THE SCHOOL

This week the children have been exploring the story Oliver's Vegetables. We have talked about the different foods Oliver tried and why it is important to try new things. The children had a food tasting session this week and many children tried new foods and engaged in discussions about foods they like and dislike. We have linked our story to our PKC topic Growing and Changing and have been working to prepare the ground in our garden to grow some of our own fruits and vegetables. The children worked as a group to write a recipe for their own vegetable soup. We made a list of ingredients and wrote down a method.

We will be making our soup next week and testing our method.



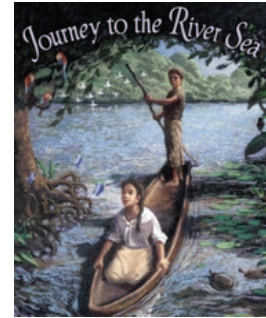
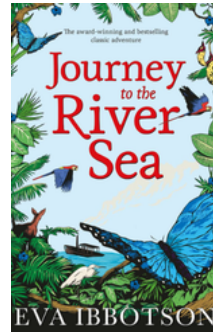
During this week in 3/4A the children have been preparing for their writing task, looking at the differences between simple, compound and complex sentences. They will use this knowledge, in addition to their upcoming lessons focussing on expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and similes, to help them write an in-depth description of the character Odysseus, from the story 'The Odyssey', written by Gillian Cross. Today they have written some wonderful sentences, showing their extensive knowledge on the life of Julius Caesar.



Maia continued to follow him. She was puzzled. While in the day, the tribe acted as if he didn't exist; but at night, they shun their feet and live in kindness. Maia occupied Furo, down beside the creek. At the wooden bridge, a shabby dugout was moored into the ground. It was the exact one he went to go fishing in the evening. Inside, Furo insisted, pointing at the boat. She stared, only for a second, then obeyed. They conformed down many swirly rivers. Moments later, Maia thought that the environment was familiar; everything also was different too. When she tried to start small talk, Furo either turned his head or ignored her, but then he had a smile. They paddled down the stream, and Maia felt uneasy since Furo pulled out a piece of cloth and shown her what to do by pulling it over her eyes, then put it over her eyes. Maia put on Furo's cloth but when Maia shook her head, he said it repeatedly until she agreed. Maia leaned forward and he tied it around her eyes.

She felt butterflies in her stomach. The boat drifted slowly forward, and she heard the quick ~~bird~~ chirping coming and going with the as the boat passed them. Then, she felt a soft vine brush her arm. Suddenly, the boat lurched forward and Furo reached forward to untie her blindfold. They were in a grand lagoon full of shimmering, blue water, shielded from the outside world by a ring of trees.

She began to gear the journey ahead. The canoe slowly crept forward, she heard a bird chirping a calming melody, she felt so joyous but still somewhat scared. Then she let out a laugh as the vines tickled her neck. All of a sudden, the boat jumped forward as Furo took off the blindfold and she was speechless it was so serene. It was a paradise protected by a ring of lush plants and trees, the water was too clear like it was fake but it wasn't.



Over the last 2 weeks we have been working on including different clauses and a variety of punctuation in our narrative writing. We have based our writing around our class text 'Journey to the River Sea'. Here are some pieces written this week by Iris, Summer and Albie

### MORE WORLD BOOK DAY PHOTOS



### STARS OF THE WEEK



A huge 'Well Done' to:  
**Aurelia, Dolly, Skyla and  
 Conor** for being our stars  
 of the week - Well done!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## March

9<sup>th</sup> - FOSA Mother's Day Present Room after school.

12<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultations - to begin at 1.30pm in the hall.

Ms. Grant will carry out Year 3 and 4 Parent Consultations on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 4-6.30pm and also on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 1-4pm.

19<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 trip to Duxford

**20<sup>th</sup> - Comic Relief Red Nose Day: Non-uniform, wear red! Just Giving page link [here](#).**

23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 3 / 4 'History off the Page' school based Life in Roman Britain day.

26<sup>th</sup> - NRC trip to Church Farm

Year 1 / 2 trip to Denney Abbey - date TBC.

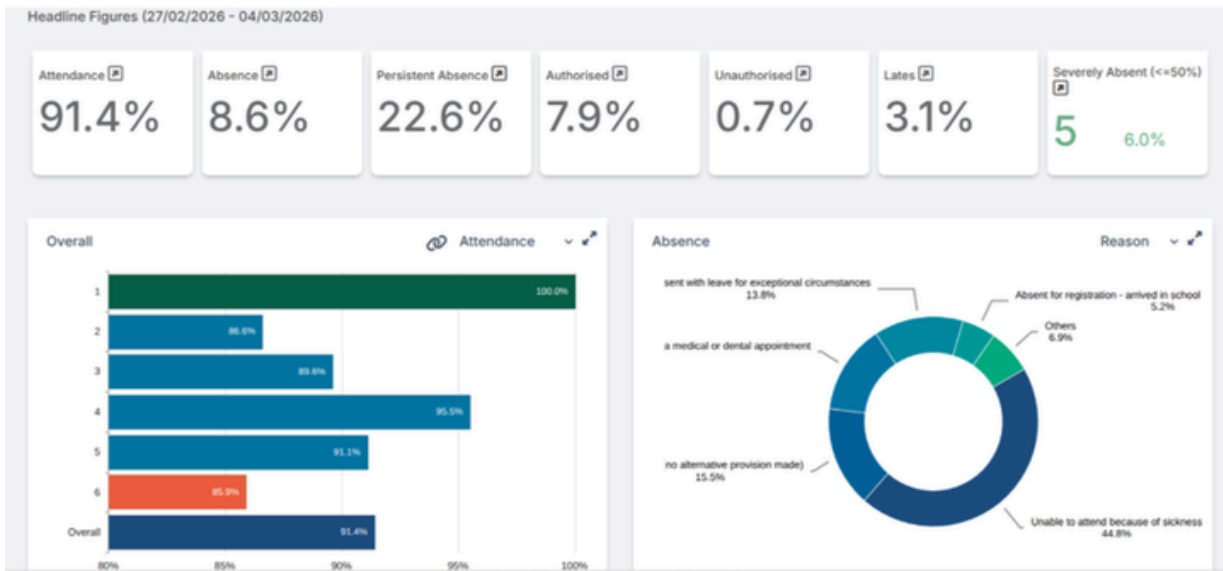
**26<sup>th</sup> - FOSA Cake sale after school, 3pm start at the front of school.**

27<sup>th</sup> - Last day of term.

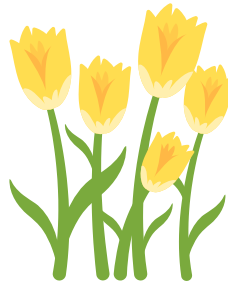


# ATTENDANCE

**YEAR TO DATE: 93.5%**



**FOSA PRESENT ROOM TODAY - THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF FOR GIVING UP THEIR TIME**



# NEW SCHOOL VISION AND VALUES

We have begun to work our new Vision and Values for Marshland St. James Primary and Nursery School. We consulted the children and took their ideas - settling on the following vision:

**'Blessed are those whose strength is in you': Psalm 84:5**

More information to follow!

