



The Duchy of Lancaster Newsletter

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News and information for families and the community



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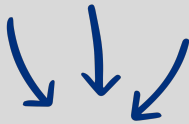
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Message from Mr Finney



We have made an excellent start to the new term. It has been encouraging to see our pupils so well focused and engaged in their learning from day one. This positive momentum is something we are keen to maintain throughout the coming weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the significant impact that home learning support has on our pupils' progress.

Reading remains a cornerstone of literacy development.

We encourage you to read to your child regularly and to listen to them read aloud. This practice not only builds confidence and fluency but also fosters a love of reading that will serve them well throughout their education.



Additionally, practising multiplication tables at home is invaluable in supporting numeracy skills. Even short, regular sessions make a measurable difference to your child's mathematical development.

Finally, I would emphasise that consistent school attendance is the most effective ways you can support your child's learning.

Every day in school matters, and we ask that you prioritise regular attendance to help your child make the most of their education.

RABBITS



In Rabbits we have started our new topic 'Growing and Changing'.

As part of this we have been listening to 'The Lark Ascending' by Vaughan Williams.

We have learning about the pitch of music and how the pitch of a sound can be high or low.

The children enjoyed exploring high and low sounds using the glockenspiels, by creating music that represented a bird flying.

HEDGEHOGS

This week, Hedgehogs class were very excited to start work on our new Design and Technology project - making pencil cases!

We discussed what it means to design something and how we have to consider its purpose and what materials we will use to make it.

We also practiced one of the key skills we are going to use when making our pencil cases. Sewing!

We had great fun and many proud moments learning to do a running stitch!



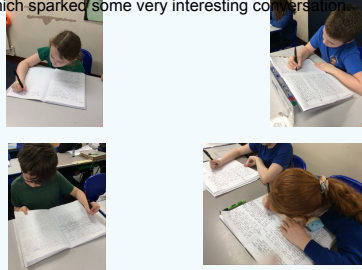
SQUIRRELS

Squirrels have started their new science topic this week about sound and we completed an experiment to see what would happen to the volume of sound if we change how far away we are. In maths the year 4s have been learning all about equivalent fractions and have enjoyed spotting the times table patterns. We have also been focusing on our 3 times tables this week, having the chance to play our new game with the number cards again. Year 4s are doing a great job at their MTC practise in the morning but don't forget to practice at home as well!



BADGERS

This week Badgers have been working on redrafting a paragraph from their narrative making sure they vary sentence structure, include speech and expanded noun phrases and think carefully about the effect their choice of words have on the reader. In maths Badgers are continuing to develop their knowledge of fractions by comparing them to decimals and percentages. Badgers have started their new science topic of light and explored what light is natural and what is artificial which sparked some very interesting conversations.



CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday to
FREDDIE, DELILAH, REX

Be On Time Bee Winners
BADGERS - 94.7%
SCHOOL - 93.1%

Elephant of Excellence Winners

Positive Points

Green Mercator - 93
Yellow Hillary- 97
Blue Raleigh- 98
Red Goodall- 91



Diary Dates



Wrap Around Care

EVERY DAY - 07:45-18:00

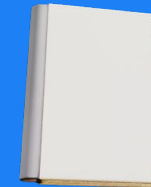
Our excellent Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club are open every day. You can book through MCAS.

Links



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