



SPRING GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CLASS NEWSLETTER

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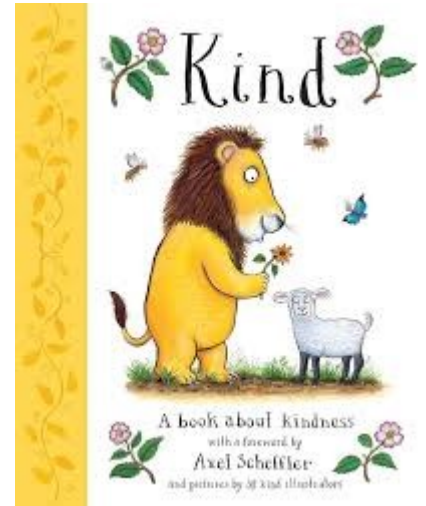
Assembly Theme — Kindness

This term we have been focusing on one of our school values- **kindness**. We started by defining what it means to be kind and looked at all the different ways one may show kindness to others. In the book *Kind* we looked closely at how acts of kindness makes others feel.

Not only have we been exploring different ways of showing kindness around the school and in our world , but we also took part in the **NSPCC Kindness challenge**.



I have loved finding out all the different ways the children had planned on raising funds to support this worthy course. My personal favourite act of kindness that a child shared was to make sure they always dry the family pet dog's feet after they come in from the garden to stop mum having to wash the kitchen floor! Only last week, classes in school paired up to complete the kindness walk- to be able to see our oldest children in Year Six walking hand in hand and offering support and encouragement to our youngest children in Nursery brought a huge smile to many faces of the staff!



I've also been keeping an eye out on acts of repeated kindness around the school, such as holding the door for others and thanking others, many children have managed to be rewarded 20 house points for their kind acts. Keep it up.

During assembly we learnt about some amazing role models such as **Mary Seacole- a British nurse**, who throughout her life showed such kindness to others. Her achievements linked to the **British Value of Respect** that we have also been exploring.

Mr Malin

Deputy Headteacher

Pupil Voice News

- ⇒ -Meetings will begin the first week back after half term (Monday 4th November at 8:15 in the Year Three classroom) and then every Monday for Six weeks
- ⇒ -The last meeting will be on the 9th December. Our meetings will then continue in the new year.
- ⇒ -The children will need to login to another google classroom specifically for their pupil voice group.
- ⇒ We appreciate your support in supporting your child's involvement in these groups and they do make a impact, so thank you

Sports News

Girls Football Festival

On Tuesday 8th October, nineteen very keen and enthusiastic girls took part in an inspiring Girls Football Festival which was held at Bolder Academy. They had lots of fun and great teamwork!



Key Stage Two Cross Country

On Wednesday 23rd October, twenty nine Key Stage Two children from Spring Grove took part in the gruelling Cross Country events at Osterley Park. Hundreds of children from different schools in the Hounslow Borough ran their hearts out within their year groups and did their very best!.



NURSERY—INKPEN

This half term has been a busy one for Nursery children. The children have done incredibly well learning the routines of Nursery and leaving their mummies and daddies at the door, for some of the children, for the very first time. Your teachers are very proud of you all - well done!

We have just started our Nursery Rhyme topic, so far we have enjoyed activities around Humpty Dumpty, Baa Baa black Sheep and I'm a Little Teapot.

Whilst learning about the rhyme Humpty Dumpty we were lucky enough to have a visit from the main egg himself, although we found that he kept falling over! Nursery was kind enough to build him a new wall and we practised our first aid skills to put him back together again!



Baa baa black sheep brought lots of discussions around farms and other animals that might live on a farm, we learnt about wool and how we get wool and what we use it for. We also made up our own silly rhymes.

RECEPTION—MCKEE

The children in Reception have had a very busy half term. We are so proud of how the children have settled in, learning the rules and routines and coming in without their parents. Well done Reception class!

The children have been talking about 'Myself'- they have drawn and painted self-portraits, talked about what they like to play and eat and learned about each other by listening carefully in circle time. They have also been practising writing their names and learning their sounds. We have been looking at the author David McKee (our class is named after him) and have enjoyed reading the Elmer stories that he has wrote.

In Maths, the children have learnt about 2D shapes and made repeating patterns, as well as starting to learn their number bonds. This week, we have been talking about celebrations and we have been learning about Divali. The children have made some lovely Rangoli patterns and Diva lights. Within this learning we have talked about how it is important to understand and respect each other.

We have also been learning about Autumn and have been noticing how the world has changed around us during this time of year.

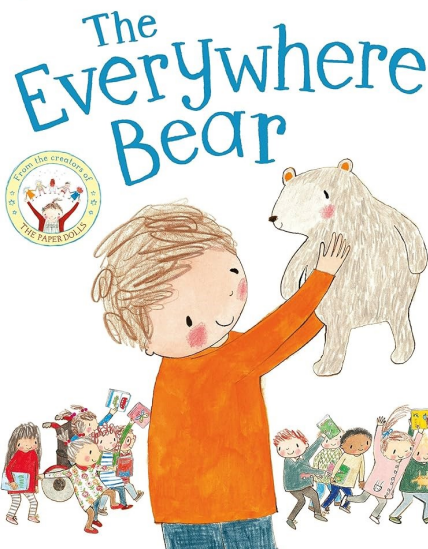


David McKee
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YEAR 1—DONALDSON

Julia Donaldson

Rebecca Cobb



The children have settled in well to Year One and we have had a great half term. We have thought about how we want to behave in Year One and have learnt the routines and expectations well.

We have looked at lots of books linked to our classroom author, Julia Donaldson. This half term, we have been using the text *The Everywhere Bear* in our English Lessons and have enjoyed learning all about his adventures. We have written invitations and a diary entry that have been inspired by *Everywhere Bears* adventures. We have also been discussing a range of different stories learning about settings and characters. This has really helped us with the language we need to write our own stories.

In Maths we have been learning about place value and number bonds to 10. We have also looked at fact families and part whole models which has helped us to learn our number bonds.

We have been geographers and looked at our school environment so that we could map it. We have also been looking at the world map and have begun to learn that there are seven continents and many countries which make up our world.

YEAR 2—GREY

What an excellent start to the Autumn term in Year Two! The children have come back ready and eager to learn.

We kicked off the new term with *The Great Fire of London* and the core of all of our learning. We have been learning about how, when and why the fire began in Pudding Lane in 1666.



Towards the end of the half term, we had a historical workshop all about the Great Fire of London and did a phenomenal performance of the Great Fire of London in our class assembly.

We took part in the kindness challenge, and completed the sponsored walk with the children in Year Five. It was lovely to see all the children be kind towards each other and get to know each other!

In English, our writing has been based around the Great Fire of London using the story *Vlad* and the Great Fire of London. We have written character descriptions and informative texts.

In Science, we have been learning about materials and their uses. We made cross-curricular links with our history topic about the Great Fire of London. We will be continuing with our materials topic in Autumn two. Well done, to all of the children for starting the term with perseverance and determination. Keep up the fantastic attitude to learning and we look forward to the exciting year ahead!



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YEAR 3—ROSEN

We have made a good start in Year Three and the children have settled well into their new routines. Not only have the children moved up another year in school but they have had to travel back to prehistoric times.....The Stone Age!

The children are enjoying learning about all the interesting facts about the Stone Age and are starting to connect these to how we live today.

However, for some of the children it has been hard to imagine what it was like to wear animal skins for clothes or live in a cave ... I think they are grateful not to be living back then! We will be continuing with our Stone Age Topic next half term and there are some great adventures planned- our Stone Age topic is not yet extinct unlike the fossils which we will be looking at in science!

Over the last few weeks, the children have been exploring various rocks and carrying out investigations, just like a real geologist. We have been reading UG, Cave Baby and Stone Age Boy, which the children have enjoyed. We have also been inspired by the text Stone Age Boy to write our own versions

YEAR 4—RAUF

Well....what an action packed start of the year we have had this first half term of Year Four! In Science, we have been learning about Solids, Liquids and Gases and have enjoyed taking part and watching amazing experiments- particularly when finding how and why Geysers happen!

On September 24th, we took part in pedestrian skills training and learnt how to cross the road safely. The children found it very informative and learnt so much.

Our book spine text this half term was called Hello Lighthouse and we have learnt about the role of a Lighthouse Keeper and over the last few weeks have produced various types of writing.

The highlight of our first half was a brilliant workshop led by the History Man who inspired us with his knowledge and fun activities as we learnt about the Ancient Egyptians. We had opportunities to dress up as ancient Egyptian characters, create clay sculptures, being mummified and experienced what it was



YEAR 5—RUNDELL

Year Five have hit the ground running and we have covered so much in many areas of the curriculum, especially in Maths and English.

We have read two books in English, *The Adventures of the Dish and the Spoon* and *Beowulf*. The children wrote some great newspaper reports about when Dish and Spoon robbed a bank and they wrote excellent, vivid character descriptions of Beowulf and Grendel using great vocabulary choices and expanded noun phrases.

This half term, the children really enjoyed learning about space in Science. We have had lots of lively discussions and the children have asked lots of interesting questions that they then investigated. They learned about and researched different planets and other space phenomena such as comets, black holes, and space junk. They even planned their own space exploration trip! Well done Year Five!

YEAR 6—MORPURGO

Year Six have had a very busy half term!

In History, the children have been learning how World War II changed Britain as part of the Home Front. They have really enjoyed learning about how Britain prepared for war, for example: evacuation and building air raid shelters, as well as what people experienced during the war, for example: The Blitz and women's roles in the home front.

The history study has helped us to put our English book spine, *When the Sky falls*, in context, as it is set during The Blitz in London. The children have found the book inspiring and exciting all at once. In writing lessons, the children have developed their skills in writing in role and selecting vocabulary to have an effect on the reader - which has been tricky!!

In Maths, the children have been improving their fluency and accuracy in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They have been consolidating the different methods they know, so that they can choose which method would be the most suitable and/or efficient.

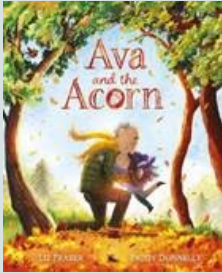
In Science, the children have been learning about 'Light'. The children have a better understanding of how we see things and enjoyed investigating and proving that light travels in a straight line; reflection angles and refraction.

We look forward to another exciting half term ahead of us!

READING NEWS

New book releases

Ages 0-3: **Ava and the Acorn** by Lu Fraser



Ava and her grandad share happy memories of an old oak tree. This book covers themes, for example, change, loss and growth.

Ages 4-5: **Brainy about Bears** by Owen Davey

Want to be an expert about bears? Then this is the book for you! This non-fiction book has lots of facts about bears!



Ages 6-8: **Hardit Singh Malik: World War One Flying Ace** by Bali Rai



This book is about Hardit Singh Malik, a British Indian soldier, who fought for Britain in World War One.

Ages 9-11: **The Summer I Saved the Wild** by Rachel Faturoti

Kammie is desperate to become more independent, and so one day, she goes on a cycle ride, crashes, but finds a mythical creature that shouldn't exist in the real world....



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