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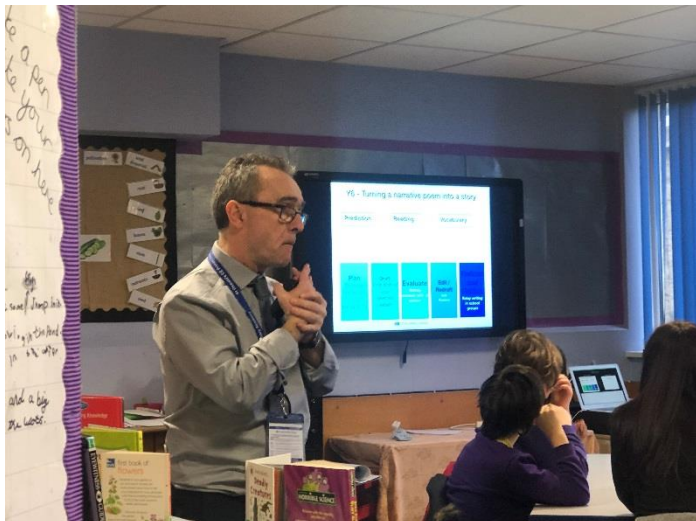
HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

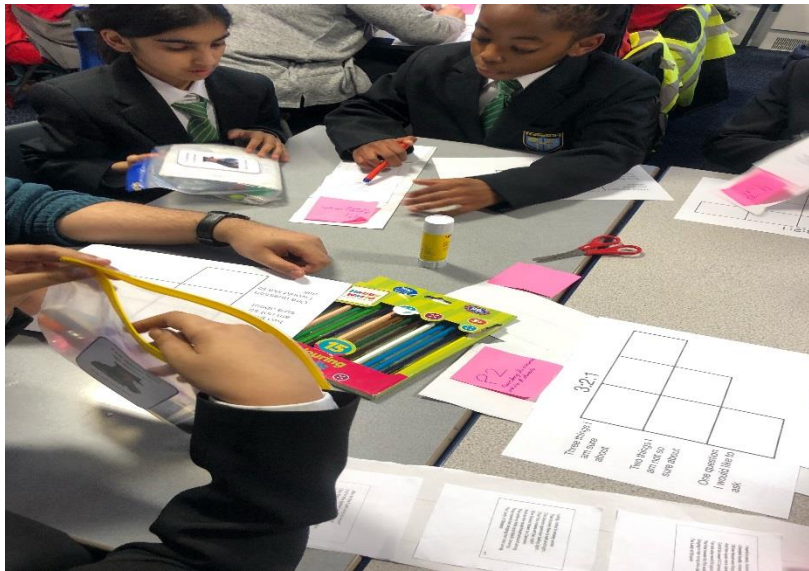
Whole school attendance this week: 96.2%! Thursday was fantastic - 97.2%

Let's keep this up! Remember - every day counts if you want your Mad Hatter's Tea Party. *Don't be the class with the white rabbit and the fob watch!!!*

Dear Parents and Carers

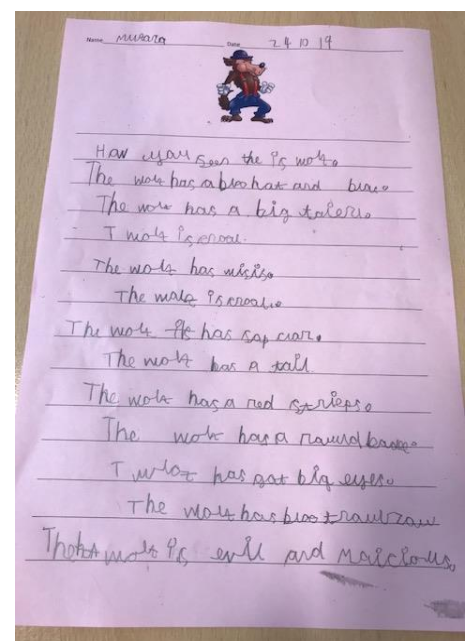
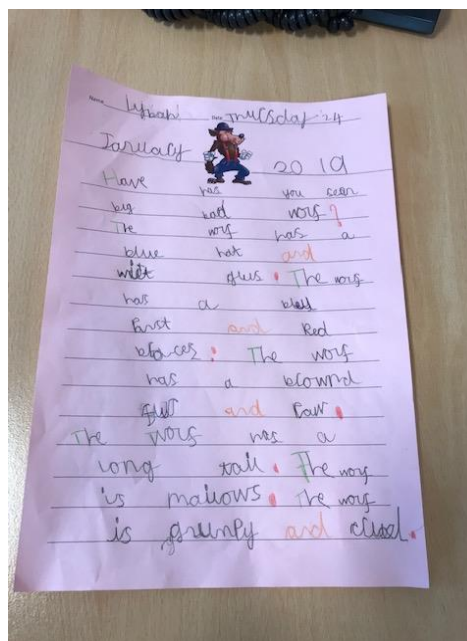
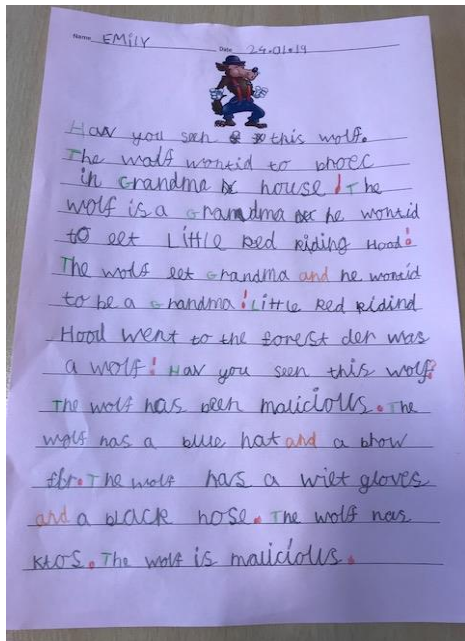
What a busy and productive couple of weeks we have had since our last newsletter. Last week, St Oswald's hosted a greater depth writing day with Philip Webb leading. We had groups of year 6 children and their teachers from several BDAT schools attending. The children studied Tennyson's poem 'The Lady of Shalott' and children produced some amazing writing from this! In fact, this has been so successful that we are hosting a similar day for year 5 greater depth writers.



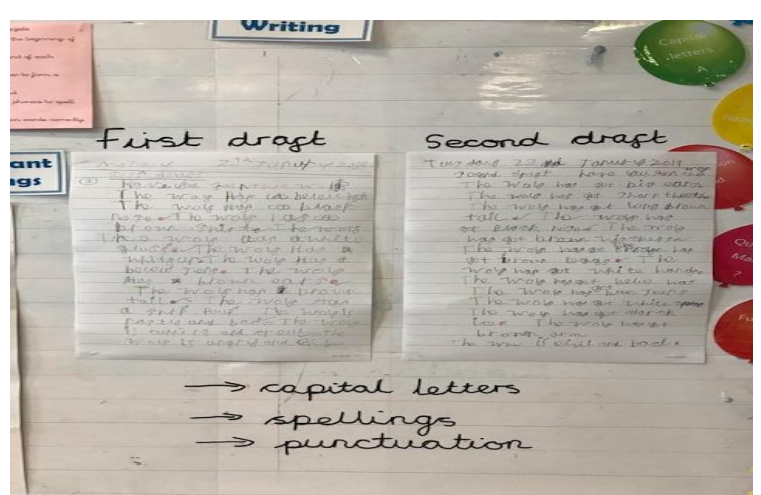


.... Our whole school greater depth writing wall will be arriving soon in the main corridor....

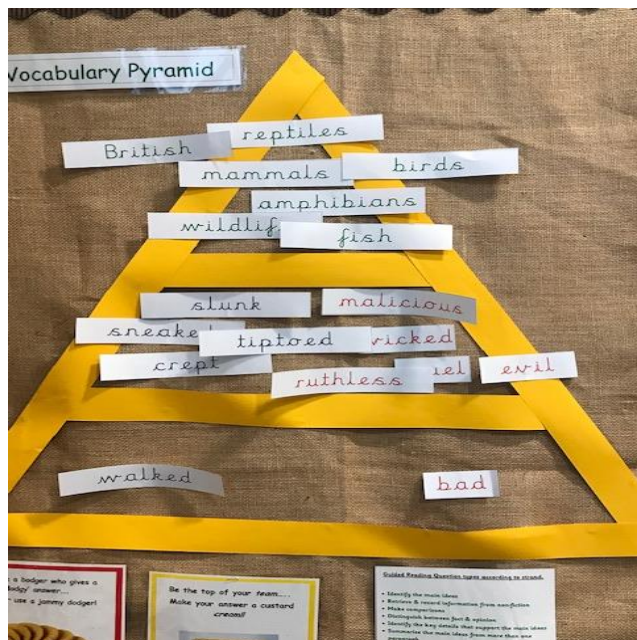
At the other end of school, we are also very proud of our young writers....



Some superb examples of year 1 writing we are very proud of!



Year 1 working walls which have helped children with their writing.



Reading corners to immerse children in the text...

We are extremely proud of all our children. Starting next week, we have Stay and Calculate happening each Thursday. Just like 'Stay and Read' you will receive a text message invite beforehand. Please come - this will be an invaluable process for you to find out about how we teach calculations across school. And we promise - we won't expect you to do any maths - *WE* will show you the way we teach calculations to the year group your child is in, so please don't be worried and just come along!

Next Wednesday, 30th January, I will be holding my termly meeting for all Parents and Carers about the school's progress with the 2018/19 school development plan. Please check your child's book bag for the invitation due out this Monday.

In the meantime, thank you all for your continued support and please continue to read with your children at home.

Kindest regards

Miss G Wilson
Headteacher

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

What we are learning in Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been discussing the characters from the story of 'Goldilocks and the three bears.'

Children focused on why a character was good or bad and justified their answers by giving reasons.

In Maths, we have been focusing on 1 more than a number, counting, and ordering numbers up to 5 and 10.

In art, we have been practising fine motor skills, e.g. make holes in pieces of cards/paper using hole-punches, threading through treasury tags and then compared who made a lonest/shortest paper chains.

Our 'Rhyme of the Week' this week is: Jack and Jill went up the hill...

What we are learning in Reception

This week, reception class children have been working hard with reading and phonics. The staff in reception have been especially pleased with how children are reading more at home and remembering their letter sounds.

In provision, children are applying their writing skills in the different areas and writing about their creations.

What we are learning in Year 1

In English we will be starting to write our hot writes! The children have been learning to write sentences using adjectives and they will be using this learning to write a WANTED poster for the big bad wolf from Little Red Riding Hood.

In Maths we will be starting our learning about addition to 20 starting with number bonds to 10 and 20. In Topic we will be learning about winter and winter weather and how the amount of daylight changes throughout the year.

What we are learning in Year 2

In English we have been reading about pirates and answering colour coded questions – this is good practise for our SATs in May. We have also been developing our writing by using a range of conjunctions to add detail and different vocabulary to make our writing exciting for the reader.

In maths we have been adding up money and finding change. We have also been solving word problems related to money.

During our topic lessons we have been writing wanted posters about famous pirates. We have also been practising our sewing skills to make our own parts of a patchwork flag.

What we are learning in Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have been using our Scientific skills and understanding to help us with learning about magnets. We are using a book as part of our English work called “Magnets push, magnets pull” which is a fantastic non-fiction text helping us understand the process of magnetism. We are investigating ways of how they can help our robots that we built during WOW week.

In Maths, we are still focussing on multiplication and making links with division. We are focussing on the following times tables: 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10. It is important that children are practicing these at home on Timetable Rock stars.

What we are learning in Year 4

This week we have been learning to identify features of a non-fiction text. We found lots of interesting facts about the Romans and how they used to live.

In maths we have been using our multiplication and division facts. We need to keep practising our times tables at home so we can become faster at recalling them.

As part of our topic work, we had Alex Fellowes visit for the day. He was in role as a Roman soldier and he taught us battle formations and about the Roman Empire.

What we are learning in Year 5

In year 5 this week we have had a very exciting week trialling a new approach in Maths, looking at our own work and noticing our own mistakes. We have been counting in fractions and ordering fractions with different denominators.

In literacy, we have answered language and theme questions about different texts we have read, all of which were based on the lifecycles of different animals.

In topic, we have learned about Anglo-Saxon kings (King Alfred the great and King Athelstan).

What we are learning in Year 6

In reading, year 6 are concentrating on answering inference questions, and on gathering evidence from the text to support their answers. Miss Wilson has been especially pleased with her reading group this week, with some children scoring full marks and answering all questions for a section of a paper within 20 minutes.

Eden Suite

In Eden this week we have continued to work on our poetry writing, here using some of the wonderful illustrations and language from the lost words book, we have started to write our own versions and produce some images to go with them. We have also continued our hard work on counting, multiplication and division using our knowledge or times tables to help us solve a variety of problems. In forest schools this week, we developed our skills in the forest exploring how animals prepare for winter, gathering and hiding food.



THIS WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK ARE:

RECEPTION:

YEAR 1:

YEAR 2: 2 Maple – Hashim Megson Yousaf 2 Redwood -

YEAR 3:

YEAR 4:

YEAR 5: Romeesa Noor (5 Rosewood) Ivan Conka (5 Willow)

YEAR 6:

Miss Wilson's Year 6 Star: Dawud Yousaf

EDEN: