



DUCKLINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Thoughts

I mentioned the talent show last week in the newsletter and then forgot to add a photograph of the performing team. I have rectified that this week – look out for the photo in the 'Around the School' section.

Last Friday evening was the FODS disco, which was very well attended and it was great to see the smiles on the dancers' faces. Thank you to the FODS team for giving up their time to support the school by running this event – it is much appreciated.

Just a reminder, also from last week's newsletter about World Book Day, the children can choose to come in dressed as their favourite fiction character on the day. I would also like them to bring the book related to their chosen character to share with their class. The special World Book Day Headteacher Challenge video will be sent out today – if you can submit a photo for the challenge, then the email address is photos@ducklington.oxon.sch.uk. I look forward to receiving them.

I hope you have a good week and stay safe and well and we will return refreshed on Monday 19th February. I look forward to seeing you then.

Mr. Leigh

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Perseverance

We will be thinking about its meaning to keep trying even when the going gets tough. The children will be encouraged to have self-belief in order to keep on going and to speak out for what they believe is right. They will also reflect upon God's persevering love.

*Jesus said: 'Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you'.
(Matthew 7:7).*

Future Diary Dates.

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – HALF TERM

Monday 19th February – 3:30pm Pioneer Information Evening Y6

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Monday 11th – 15th March – Y6 Pioneer Residential

Monday 18th March – Y4 Drama Day at Cokethorpe

Tuesday 19th March – Author visit for Year 4 & 5

Friday 22nd March – Parents' sharing afternoon

Tuesday 26th March – 2pm – Years 3 & 4 Easter Performance

Achievements Assembly

A big well done to the children mentioned in our achievement assembly this week.

Ducklings	Toby Campbell, Georgia Clements, Daisy Godfrey
Owls:	Tilly Wootton, Harley Emery-Graves
Mandarins:	Olivia Keen-Green, Jack Mason
Eagles:	Owen Reed
Robins:	Esme Borer, Florence White
Kingfishers:	Rosie Tollett
Red Kites:	Abbie Harris, Josie Howes

Around the school

Star for the Night talent show performers in the green room



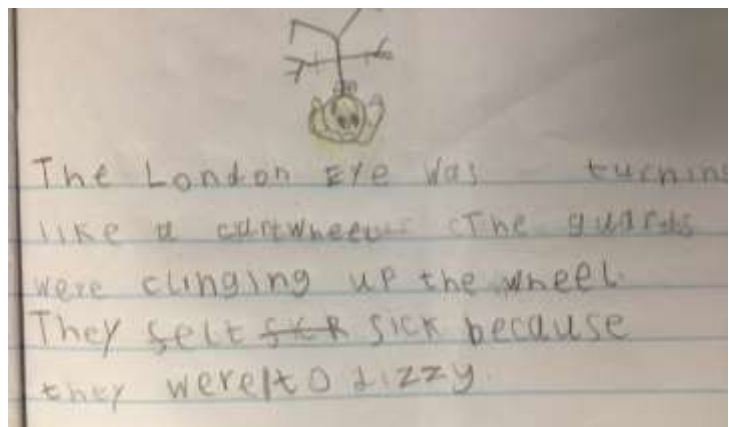
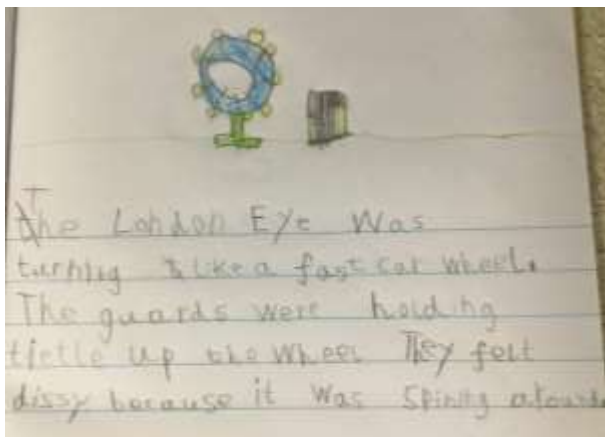
It has been another busy term in **Year 1!** We are enjoying our Forest School sessions and have been watching out for signs that Spring is on the way. We have seen daisies as well as daffodils in bloom, so the season is showing signs that it's on its way! This week, we got to make our very own flags, which have been seen fluttering in the wind in various places all around Forest school. We used a glue made from flour and water to stick our flags onto sticks, which resulted in us getting a little sticky!



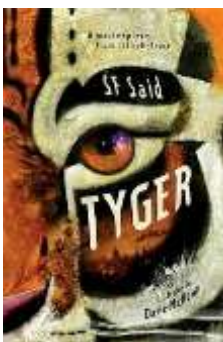


Year 1 were very lucky to watch year 5 as they did some great gymnastic moves for us this week. The year 5 class were very professional as they did their moves! Afterwards, we all did some exercise moves which was great fun and allowed us all to practise our skills!

In English, we are reading a book called 'The Queen's hat' and it has been helping us with our sentence writing. It is all about a Queen who loses her hat in a gust of wind and she ends up chasing it all across London! In the story, we have been seeing many of the famous landmarks of London, which has been very interesting, so we have been finding out facts about them too! Our sentences are rather good too!



Year 5



This term, year 5 have been reading the book Tyger by S.F. Said. Every day we have been sitting on the carpet and reading one or two chapters together. We love having discussions and sharing our interesting predictions. For our writing we re-wrote chapter 2. First, we wrote from Adam's perspective and then from the Tyger's perspective. We have really enjoyed this book!

By Thomas and Mason



Before reading our class text, we did some artwork based on the front cover. We used oil pastels, going from using the lightest colour to the darkest to layer them up to get the colour we wanted. We could choose between a tiger, a lion, a lioness and a jaguar for our art.

By Lennon and Corin



This term year 5 have been doing some fun things with year 1 such as Supermovers, reading and PE. In PE, we shared our Mission Impossible gymnastics with year 1 and then did some Supermovers dances together. We also visited year 1 to hear them read and shared some picture books with them.

By Ryan and Isaac

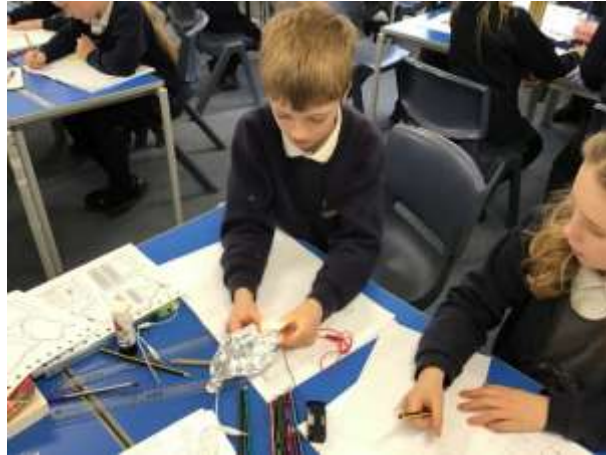


This term we have been learning about properties of materials. We tested some materials to find the best conductor of electricity. We had to create a circuit to investigate materials and found that metal is a conductor. We also found out that some materials are insulators.
By Mo and Ledjan



We also investigated which material is the best thermal insulator using foil, felt, bubble wrap and a control cup with no insulation. We had to wrap a cup in our material and use a thermometer to measure the temperature every five minutes. The foil cup stayed the hottest after half an hour so foil was the best thermal insulator.

By Oliver D and Owen



An appeal from the Witney Food bank.

We have updated our 40 Days of Giving calendar ready for Lent and the Spring half-term!

This, much like our reverse advent calendar initiative is a fun little way to get people interested and talking about what they can donate to the foodbank. Now, we don't expect people to donate every single thing on the calendar (because there is rather a lot!), it is just to demonstrate all the different things you can donate that we can use in our parcels.

Thank you all for your continued support, we couldn't do what we do without you!

40 DAYS OF GIVING

Not sure what to give up for lent?
Why not give instead! Collect an item each day, for 40 days, and then donate it!

1	 SPAM	2	 HAM	3	 CORNED BEEF	4	 HOT DOGS	5	 VEGGIE ALT.	6	 MEAT PIE	7	 CHICKEN IN SAUCE	8	 TINNED MINCE	9	 TINNED CURRY	10	 TUNA
11	 MIXED VEG	12	 CARROTS	13	 POTATOES	14	 GREEN BEANS	15	 PULSES	16	 KIDNEY BEANS	17	 SMASH	18	 SWEET CORN	19	 CHICKPEAS	20	 PEAS
21	 KETCHUP	22	 MAYO	23	 BROWN SAUCE	24	 PASTA SAUCE	25	 PESTO	26	 OIL	27	 PACKET SAUCE	28	 STOCK CUBES	29	 GRAVY GRANULES	30	 SALAD CREAM
31	 RICE PUDDING	32	 ANGEL DELIGHT	33	 CUSTARD	34	 JELLY	35	 TINNED FRUIT	36	 CONDENSED MILK	37	 STEAMED PUDDING	38	 FRUIT IN JELLY	39	 FRUIT SQUASH	40	 DEODORANT

Images are just examples. Please donate whatever you can!

witney.foodbank.org.uk | 07949 442342 | info@witney.foodbank.org.uk
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Finished!
Time to donate!