

Working together

I wanted to let you know that this year we have been working closely with other local schools in an informal collaboration, which we have called the CSI (Collaboration for School Improvement). All schools involved are primary schools in the Eastbourne area, each school is unique in terms of history, location, size and structure and each school brings its own particular strengths and expertise to the group.

School staff and governors benefit from sharing ideas and professional development and our children engage in shared inter-school sporting and cultural activities, encouraging self-confidence, mindfulness and physical and mental wellbeing.

The schools in our alliance are Bourne, Hankham, Hellingly, Parkmead, Pashley Down, Roselands and Stafford and Stone Cross. I will keep you posted about our collaborative work via the newsletter so please look out for updates.

Young Engineers Challenge

Four pupils from year 6 represented us in the Young Engineers Challenge. They had to build a transporter bridge and travel a heavy load across it. They were up against some secondary schools and came 5th out of the 9 schools. Well done.



Headteacher Awards



All these fantastic children received Headteacher's awards this week:

Geovani in Panthers Class for creating a poem independently

Tia, Martha and Leonor in Hawks Class for working well as a team

James and Ryan in Koala Class for writing amazing Kennings poems

Kyle in Kangaroo Class for great mental maths

Cosmin in Kangaroo Class for amazing home learning

Tola in Eagles Class for creating a memorable maths song

Mckenna in Squirrels Class for marvellous writing about polar bears

Simeon in Blue Butterflies Class for amazing writing about a lizard

Tanya in Eagles Class for persevering in maths

Destiny in Squirrels Class for working hard in all areas

Martha in Hawks Class for beautiful art work

Ziva in Kangaroos Class for fantastic writing

Lily in Hawks Class for a well-structured science report

Patryk in Hawks Class for fantastic writing from a character's point of view

Wanda and Amelia in Koalas Class for writing fantastic Roman poems

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5th February- Giraffes assembly

Thursday 14th February -
Cooking workshop for Year 5
and 6 with the community chef.



HALF TERM- Monday 18th- Friday 22nd
February

Thursday 7th March- World book day

World Book Day

This year our theme for world book day will be books that have been adapted into films. We would love it if your children could come dressed up to support this theme. Please don't feel you need to buy anything, we love a homemade outfit.

Dibley the reading dog



Meet Dibley the reading dog. Every week he has been coming in on a Friday afternoon to listen to children in reception read.

After half term he will be visiting the children in Year 2. He loves listening to stories and non-fiction books.



It's Leopards' week!

In Leopards class we have been going poetry crazy, we have created Haikus and Cinquains, we even created poems about our topic - Ancient Egypt!

For computing this week we have started looking into how to be a YouTuber! We talked about what a Vlog is and discovered a Vlog is a Blog that includes videos. Using the new iPads we have started designing a front cover for our Vlogs.



This week in Maths, we have been busy solving equivalent fractions, improper fractions and mixed numbers. They can be quite tricky but we have solved them in a '**fraction**' of the time!

Continuing with our Ancient Egyptian topic we have had the opportunity to uncover and crack codes using hieroglyphics and start our DT designs of death masks.



Well done Leopards!