

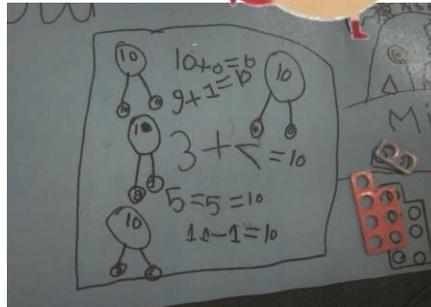


Polling Station UPDATE

We agree with parents that in an ideal world schools would not need to be used as polling stations, but, due to electoral regulations, in practice there are few alternatives. We are trialling staying open to children, and are confident we can keep things safe. Fencing etc. has just arrived and we will set up and trial for our detailed risk assessment next week. This has been the result of a huge amount of work with the council and our premises team. **A detailed letter outlining arrangements will be out next week.**

Year 1

Children in year 1 have written their very own Super Hero stories! Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra need to look out because they are amazing! They have also enjoyed making numbers with a part-part-whole method and some children have been 'up for a challenge' with making ten using subtraction as well as addition!



Year 2

Year 2 bravely put the houses they had made in DT into a model of 1666 London. Tom Farinnor's bakery was right in the middle...

They were able to see for themselves how quickly a fire can spread through closely packed houses, the effect of the weather, and explore flammable materials. One house did not burn – was it Samuel Pepys' house?



Dates for your diary:

(New/changed dates will be in red)

- **Wed 27th November, Downs Junior School Open Day 2pm/6pm**
- 7 December (Sat) Christmas Choir at the Market
- Wed 11 December, Christmas Dinner and Rocking Horse Dress as an Elf Day (fundraiser) (sorry for the previous error)
- Thursday 12 December, General Election. School will be used as a polling station but will remain open to pupils as a trial. **LUNCH CHOICES IN ADVANCE EVEN IF YOU ARE BRINGING A PACKED LUNCH. A letter about other arrangements will be out next week.**
- Friday 13 December, Christmas Jumper Day and bring chocolate for the Fair
- 15 December Christmas Fair 12-3pm
- Mon 16 & Tues 17 Dec Reception Performance 9.30am
- Wed 18 and Thur 19 Dec Year 1 Performance 9.30am
- Thurs 19 Dec Year 2 Performance (5pm, children to arrive 4.45pm).

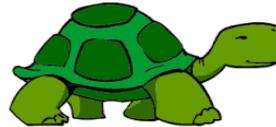
Reception

What fun Reception have had learning nursery rhymes! They dressed up as their favourite characters and enjoyed a nursery rhyme tea-party, complete with home-made jam tarts fit for the Queen of Hearts herself.



LITTLE BO-PEEP

Little Bo-Peep has lost her sheep,
And can't tell where to find them;
Leave them alone, and they'll come home,
And bring their tails behind them.



Bench of Brilliance!

These children have been recognised for their achievements in school.

Badger: Eliza and Louis **Fox:** George K and Yasya
Hedgehog: Emilia and Rosie **Squirrel:** Mia and Nate!



Kingfisher: Lexi, Ayla and Leon **Puffin:** Adam, Luca and Finn
Owl: Mimi and Joseph **Swallow:** Isaac and James



This half term all our certificates are linked to our 'Real PE' assessment focus of 'Personal Skills: sharing, taking turns and helping others.'



The Sun Books for Schools

We will be collecting tokens from The Sun for free books for schools. Please bring them to school until 18th January.



Health and Safety

With the darker evenings, please ensure your children are well supervised on roads and consider reflective or light coloured out-door clothing.



Values

To learn more about this half term's value: Belonging, KS1 watched a short film about Edgar the dragon (otherwise known as a Christmas advert!). The children were interested in how he tried so hard to fit in and talked about how the little girl helped him belong.

