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Dear Parents/Carers,



House Gems

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated to receive a Values 'House Gem'.

Megan J	Firebirds	Fire	Quality and independence
Isher V	Firebirds	Air	Thoughtfulness, kindness and respect
Rocco C	Wyvern	Water	Thoughtfulness and quality
Ethan G	Hawks	Fire	Friendship, caring, understanding, confidence and co-operation
Elliott Mc	Hawks	Air	Friendship, caring, understanding, confidence and co-operation
Ekleen T	Hawks	Fire	Quality, determination and resilience
Anneliese C	Bennu	Fire	Determination and independence
Simran K	Turtles	Air	Responsibility



Value of the month - Resilience

We seem to hear the word resilience mentioned a lot at the moment, but what does being resilient actually mean? The Beyond Blue website has a great article about building resilience and states that when we talk about resilience, we're talking about the ability to cope with ups and downs, and bounce back from the challenges we all experience during



childhood and beyond - for example moving home, changing schools, studying for a test or dealing with the death of a loved one. Building resilience helps children not only to deal with current difficulties that are a part of everyday life, but also to develop the basic skills and habits that will help them later in life, during both adolescence and adulthood. The full article can be found at; <https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/healthy-homes/building-resilience>

School life is a challenge sometimes, because learning in its essence should in fact be challenging. It wouldn't be learning if we already knew it, so by the very fact that we don't know something, we need to challenge ourselves and be resilient if we don't get it right the first time. Social relationships, such as friendships, can also be challenging, because people don't always agree on everything so it is a skill to be able to learn to compromise. This is particularly true for young children who have to learn overtime how to form friendships and behave kindly around one another. At the moment, for some of our children, we can see it is even harder than usual due to the Lock-downs keeping them away from their peers and we are working especially hard to support our children in this area currently. So; this month, as we learn more about resilience, we want to give ourselves permission to be challenged and to explore and develop our strategies and approaches to responding to life's inevitable challenges whilst also using our values of tolerance and co-operation as we all learn and play together.



Sports Day 2021 - Years 1-6

After careful consideration and planning, in line with the current Covid-19 restrictions, we are pleased that we are still able to run a Sports Day for our children this year. Sports Day track events will take place for each year group in an individual slot on the school field. Classes within that year group **will sit separately** (away from other classes in their year group) while waiting for races and only "mix" for a short time when it is their turn to race against children from other year group classes.

Please ensure your child/children have the appropriate PE kit for the day, a water bottle, and sun hat as well as sun cream has been applied.

The Track races will be on Thursday 8th July throughout the day. All children in Y1-6 should therefore come to school in their PE kit on Thursday 8th July.

The children will also compete in a New Age Kurling House Tournament (in individual classes) during school lessons this July.

Unfortunately, due to continuing Covid restrictions and social distancing needs **we are not able to safely include parent spectators at Sports day this year**. We hope that we will finally be able to welcome you all back to Sports day in 2022 and thank you for your understanding.

Marcus Holloway, PE Subject Leader



Books we love

This week's book recommendations have been written by Year Three children...

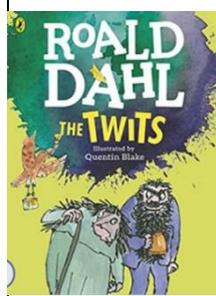


Star Friends
Mirror Magic
by Linda
Chapman

This book
pulls me in a
deep

interest of magic, mystery and adventure. When I read it, I was in a totally new world of imagination and experiences like nothing in history. The mystical animals mentioned in the book have INDIGO eyes like a dark galaxy in space! One part was scary when an evil spirit hid in a mirror to hypnotise the owner and fight the good spirits. I recommend the book to a friend, because it teaches you how to not give up and keep trying. I rate it five stars.

Teelia - Greyling

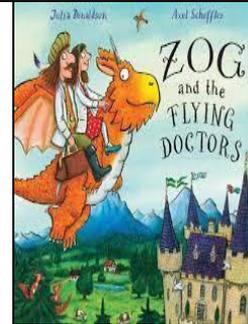


The Twits by
Roald Dahl

The Twits is a
book about
Mrs. and Mr.
Twit, they are

disgusting, horrible people and they always play nasty jokes on each other. In chapter 7 Mrs. Twit gave Mr. Twit worms in his spaghetti. My favourite part is when the Twits got super-duper glued onto the floor upside down. It's scary when Mr. Twit superglues 4 boys to the tree and threatens to bake them in a pie, but it's very funny when they escape by running down the road with no pants or underwear. 5 stars

Logan Robinson, Longwing



Zog and
the flying
doctors by
Julia
Donaldson
and Axel
Scheffler.

This story is beautifully written. I enjoyed reading this story because they go around and help animals. There is a girl called Pearl, a dragon and a knight called Gadabout. They help a Unicorn, Mermaid and a Lion. From this book, I learned that you do not assume things and to find the true meaning. However, I did not like how the king kept Pearl locked inside. I give this book 5 stars!

Advika Lotke, Wyvern

If your child reads one of these books as a result of these reviews, we would love it if you could email psa@loddon.wokingham.sch.uk and let us know.

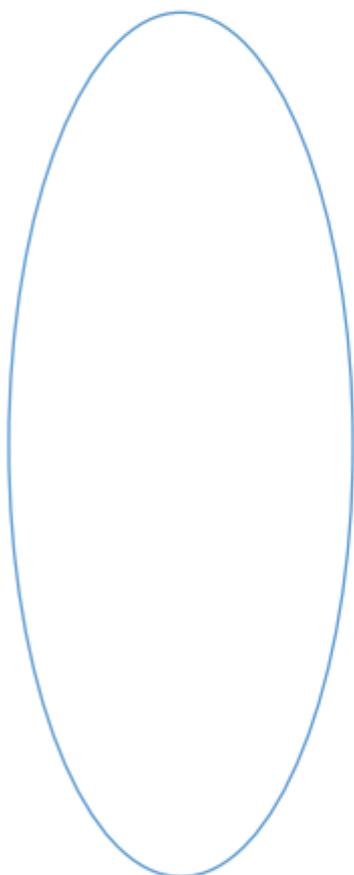
Top tips for supporting reading at home

Reading is a vital skill for life but it can sometimes be tricky to get your child motivated to read at home. I would like to share some research from the Education Endowment Foundation, who have published their 'Top Tips' to support reading at home. It includes some ideas for sparking enjoyment and fun in home reading. You can read their 'Top Tips' as an attachment to this newsletter.

We also have our Loddon Bookmarks available on each year group page on Its Learning. Please speak to your child's teacher if you cannot access this for any reason.

Year 4

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READING



My Bookmark



Reading with your child is crucial in developing their comprehension skills. It is important to read and discuss books with your child regularly.

When you sit down to read, encourage your child to summarise what they have already read.

When a chapter is finished, discuss what predictions they have for what might happen next.

Encourage your child to give reasons for their ideas, based on what has already happened.



Fiction related questions

How is the character feeling and how do you know?

What does this word/these words tell us about the character or setting?

How do you think the author wanted to make the reader think/feel?



Non - fiction

Retrieving key facts from the text.

E.g. How many...? When...?
Where...?

Why has the author chosen to set the page out in this way?

Which aspects of the layout help our understanding?

Many thanks, and happy reading! *Miss Baker, English subject leader*

Forest School

During the last two weeks, Year 2 and Year 3 have been learning how to use hand tools for making jewellery, within their Forest School Sessions. The children have learnt to overcome their fear and be brave! The tools look scary but with help from Mrs Legg they can use them safely. The children have listened well to the health and safety requirements and have learnt to follow them. Calmness, thoughtfulness and communication have remained the key focus over the last two weeks. The voice recordings taken at the end of the Forest School Sessions are becoming more sophisticated and profound. Extra groups of children at lunchtimes have been helping Mrs Legg with the Site management and Site development. The Year Two children have been great at watering the plants in this hot weather!! Well done to all the children that attended. Mrs Legg is proud of you. Keep up the good work.

Mrs Legg, Forest School Leader

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher

Diary Events List: Summer 2021

Date	Time	Event
21-Jun-21	All week	Y6 Bikeability cycle training
23-Jun-21	9.15-10.00	PSA Virtual coffee morning - all welcome
29-Jun-21	am	Yr R Vision school screening programme
30-Jun-21	9.15-10.00	PSA Virtual coffee morning - all welcome
7-Jul-21	9.15-10.00	PSA Virtual coffee morning - all welcome
8-Jul-21	During day	Years 1-6 Sports Day
14-Jul-21	9.15-10.00	PSA Virtual coffee morning - all welcome
21-Jul-21	9.15-10.00	PSA Virtual coffee morning - all welcome
21-Jul-21	End of day	End of Pupil Summer term - usual staggered finish time
22-Jul-31- Aug-21	All week	School Summer holiday
1-Sep-21	All day	INSET day School closed for staff training
2-Sep-21	All day	First day of pupil Autumn term