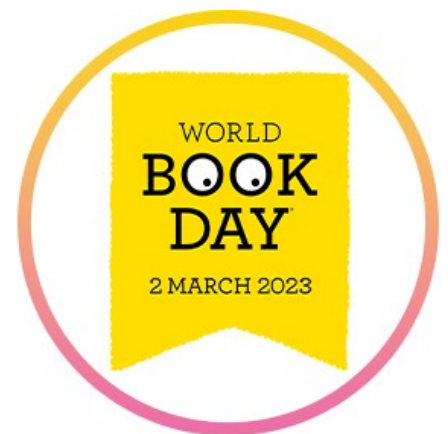
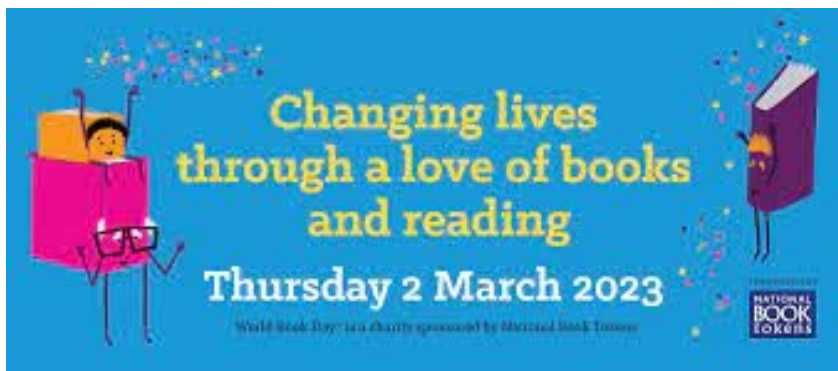




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***This half term our Corvus Core Value is:
to express creativity***



Book Week

Next week is Book Week across the whole school! We are excited to spend the week encouraging a love of books and reading with the children. We will be focussing on the stories of Roald Dahl, but we also encourage children to explore and enjoy any stories and authors they wish.

On Wednesday 1st March, Year 3 and 4 will have a visit from James Campbell, aka the Hilarious Author! He will share some of his fabulous stories with the children and inspire them to write for themselves. If the children would like to buy a signed copy of his book, James will stay after school to sell them at home time.

There is a potential teacher strike day on March 1st but we hope that we will not have to close and the visit will continue as planned.

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day and all the children can come to school dressed as a character from a favourite book. This may be one of the Roald Dahl characters or could be from any other book your child enjoys. We are aware of the cost of living crisis and how it affects many of our families. Please do not feel you have to buy elaborate costumes. Simple adaptations to normal clothes or a few handmade accessories can be amazing! We can't wait to see who the children are inspired by!



Well done to Peake class with the highest attendance in February.

Please keep the school layby clear

Over the next 12 weeks, the children at the junior school will be going swimming and their coach will need to use the layby on West Road from 8.50am each Friday. Please make sure you do not obstruct the layby when bringing your children to school.

SMILE: We aspire to unlock the full potential of every pupil by
Stimulating, Motivating, Inspiring Learning and Enjoyment
in a safe environment

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Curriculum News

We have had a fantastic February learning about a whole variety of different things across the school...

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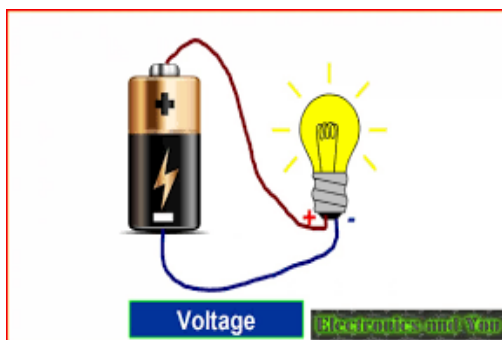
In English, the children have had their own fairy tale to look at. Every class has then looked at the Revolting Rhyme that Roald Dahl had written based on each fairy tale. In reading, the children have had their own part to learn and are in the process of memorising and starting to develop actions, ready to perform in front of the other classes at the end of next week. In English, they have been creating their own versions of the fairy tale by altering different parts. In maths, they have

looked at fractions. They have investigated what a fraction is, unit fractions and non-unit fractions and have started to compare fractions. This week in topic, they have been finished off their volcanoes and had fun exploding them. They have also started to look at counties in geography.

UKS

Just before half-term, our topic lessons were DT, where we made a moving toy using cams and levers. The toys were inspired by our core story (Shakleton's Journey). Some classes have finished the DT, and some are starting new topic: Art. In art we will be sketching and drawing. We will use sketching techniques to generate lifelike pictures. We finished reading our core story. We've written brilliant persuasive application letters, motivating speeches and brilliant poems throughout the half term.

Our penultimate piece of work were some wonderful double page spreads, and this week we have written our biography of Ernest Shackleton. In math's, we finished our fractions unit after adding, subtracting and multiplying with fractions. We learnt about percentages and have started our unit on decimals. There has been some great work produced and excellent mathematical talk around the classroom. This week we have focused on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals. In science, we learnt about electrical circuits and conducted an investigation into the impact of voltage. It was great to see everyone curious and getting stuck into this learning.



Netball

Watton Junior School Netball Club took part in an Active Norfolk Hi-5 netball tournament at Lyng Primary School on the 7th February. Seven nervous, but excited, boys and girls set off with Mrs Watts and Mrs Stratton to take part in a tournament for the first time. There were 8 schools that took part. Watton Junior won 3 out of 4 games, making us 1st overall before the play-offs. The team achieved this by working together, using all the skills they had learnt in Netball Club. Watton Junior looked smart, played smart and represented the school perfectly. We then won our semi-final but were beaten by 2 goals in the final. It was an outstanding and unforgettable achievement for those who took part. Well done team!

Diary Dates:

Monday 27th February—Book Week

Wednesday 1st March—Hilarious Author Visit for KS1

Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day

Friday 3rd March—Bug Busters

Monday 6th March—Parent Interview Week

Wednesday 8th March—Kings Coronation Fundraising Project Art Work being sent home

Wednesday 15th March—Deadline for orders for King's Coronation Art Work

Friday 17th March—Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Monday 20th March—Science Week

Wednesday 22nd March—School Photos

Monday 27th March—RSPCA visit day

Friday 31st March—Last day before school closes for Easter break

Tuesday 18th April - School Reopens for Summer Term 1

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