



Thought of the Week

Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while. - Malorie Blackman

A Message from our Head of School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at DKH with not one, but two class assemblies! **Palm Class'** assembly was all about pirates and it went off with a bang! Children shared lots of information about the life of a pirate, and even included some maths. There were jokes, songs and a battle between two rival crews. Well done, Palm Class!

Eucalyptus Class delighted their audience with a mixture of brass, ukulele, singing, dancing and humour. They shared a very important message about being safe on line and making time and space for conversations about life on line. Well done, Eucalyptus Class!

Parent evening letters have gone out this week. If you have not received one, please speak with your child's class teacher. Parents' evenings are a great way to build teamwork and communication between home and school, which is key to your child's success.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the **book fair** a success. The money spent by our families on books means that the school was able to spend £327.48 on new books for our book corners and library. **A special thanks goes to Brenda, Lynn and all the other volunteers who made the book fair possible!**

The weather has been bright and sunny and perfect for fun and learning in our **forest school**. [Click here](#) to see our latest group of explorers joining Ms Hulse for some outdoor fun with muddy boots and hot chocolate!

Children are enjoying with the **extended care provision** with our new provider, Magna Groups. They have been having fun and enjoying some new board game challenges. You can find out more [here](#).

Mr Newman has been working with Year 3 pupils in Palm Class to calculate fractions using balls and hoops. Use this [link](#) to see more. You may even want to try it at home or in the park!

Wishing our school community a relaxing weekend.

Barbara Ghezzi

Our Curriculum

The **Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSE) curriculum** became statutory in September 2020. Relationships and Sex Education supports and guides children and young people in lifelong learning about relationships, emotions, the human biology of sex and sexuality. It is **compulsory** for all primary school children to receive relationship education. At DKH we follow the Christopher Winter's Project. **You can find out more [HERE](#)** as well as watch a video, which provides further information and answers **frequently asked questions**, [HERE](#). RSE will begin after the May Half Term.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. **Schools have a responsibility** to proactively manage and improve attendance across their school community. **Ms Nichols**, our Safeguarding and Intervention Officer, is here to help and support. Please feel free to contact her via the school to organise a meeting or phone call.

Note from the Office

Please do not reply directly to school text messages as they are not received. **Communication to the office should be via telephone, voicemail, email or in person.**



World Book Day

Today, we celebrated **World Book Day at DKH**. There were amazing costumes, exciting activities and reading galore. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success and celebrate the wonderful reading culture at DKH!





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Dates for the Diary



03.03.23	Eucalyptus Class Assembly
03.03.23	World Book Day
06.03.23	Eucalyptus Class Animation Workshop
08.03.23	Beech Class Assembly
09.03.23	Sycamore Class Assembly
09.03.23	Sycamore Class PE and Exercise for Mental Health Session
10.03.23 – 17.03.23	British Science Week
13.03.23	Eucalyptus Class Animation Workshop
15.03.23	Elder Class Assembly
16.03.23	Willow Class Assembly
17.03.23	Year 5 Virtual STEM Space Challenge
17.03.23	Red Nose Day
20.03.23	Eucalyptus Class Animation Workshop
20.03.23	Nursery Parents Evening
21.03.23	Copleston Church Easter Assembly
22.03.23	Reception to Year 6 Parents Evening
28.03.23	Year 5 Critical Thinking Workshop
27.03.23	Eucalyptus Class Animation Workshop
27.03.23	Nursery Parents Evening
29.03.23	EYFS Assembly
30.03.23	Reception to Year 6 Parents Evening
30.03.23	Autism Awareness Day
31.03.23	Last day of the Spring Term – Finish at 2pm
03.04.23 – 14.04.23	End of term holidays
17.04.23	Teacher Inset Day – No Children
18.04.23	Children return to school
18.04.23 – 21.04.23	Year 3 and Year 4 Bikeability workshops

Attendance

Caterpillar	93.88%	Eucalyptus	91.48%
Willow	87.56%	Sycamore	94.44%
Elder	92.72%	Hazel	93.78%
Palm	95.24%	Elm	95.67%
Beech	94.05%	Maple	91.79%

Star of the Week!



We would like to recognise the children who have been great examples of our school values and have shown true commitment to their learning. Well done!

Nursery	Lucas , for his creative and imaginative approach to learning. Matsan , for always being a kind, considerate and wonderful friend.
Reception	Kiyah , for her fantastic rainbow Alien painting. Shyanna , for always contributing during our whole class learning.
Willow	Chikaima , for her incredible poster on recycling that she made this week. What brilliant creativity! Khadija , for her efforts to engage with learning this week, making great progress.
Elder	Kamron , for amazing progress in phonics. Freddie , for a fantastic improvement with his writing.
Palm	Joel , for his wonderfully creative mind which he has applied to mathematical thinking to great effect. Daniel , for his excellent creative thinking during class-based discussions.
Beech	Ebony , for settling into life at DKH with never ending creativity and positivity. Wa'Yanate , for his wonderful pirate and pirate ship creations.
Eucalyptus	Emmie and Vanessa for their enthusiasm for the creative arts.
Sycamore	Chricila , for her phenomenal creativity in preparing props for our class assembly. Xavier , for his resilience and dedication in completing his character description of Bess.
Hazel	Mercy and Asya , for their creative character descriptions of the Highwayman.
Maple	Kendeh , for being creative in his writing and general artwork. Bola , for writing an excellent newspaper recount on the Luftwaffe attack on London Transport during The Blitz.
Elm	Gautami , Melody , Mariane and Olivia M , for creating fantastic Anderson shelters as part of their half term homework.

Charles's Friday Facts *By Charles, Year 4*

Did you know that when a pirate doubted its captain, they would be sent to the Boo Box? When they went into the Boo Box, the captain would drop scorpions on them!

Did you know that pirates believed that whistling on a ship would turn the weather stormy?

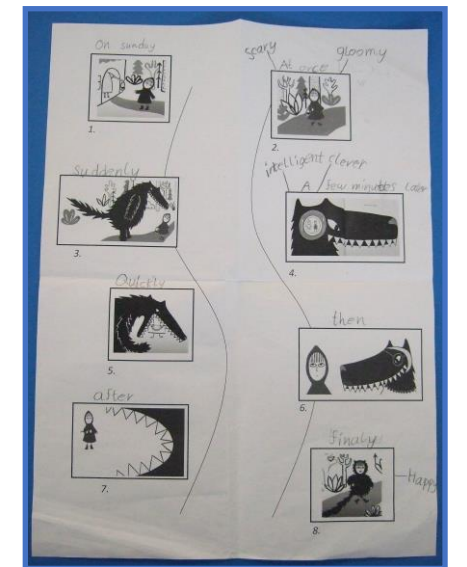
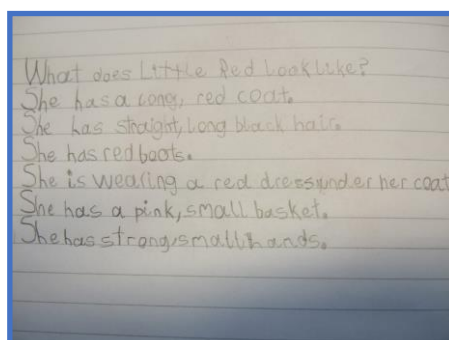
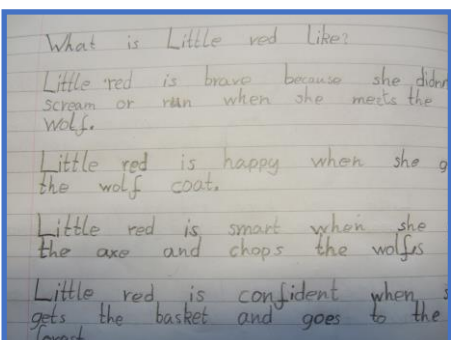
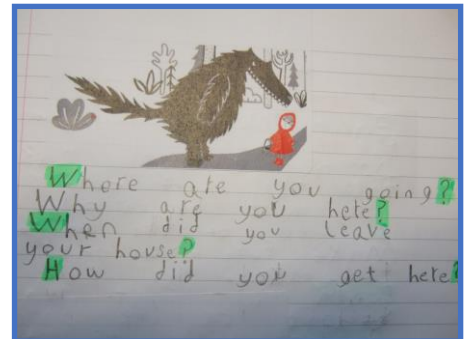
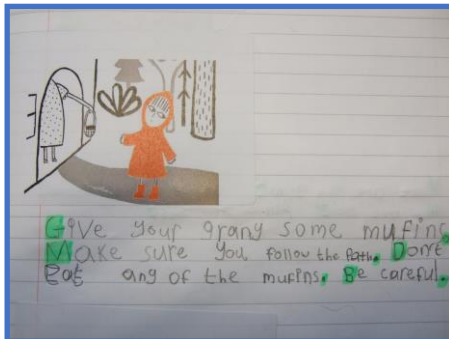
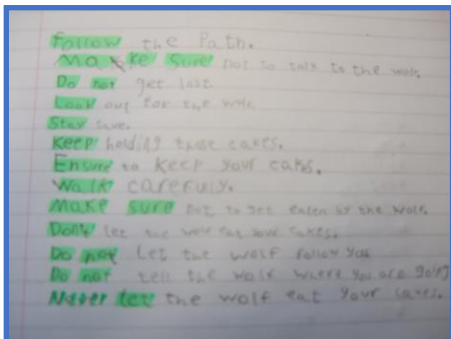
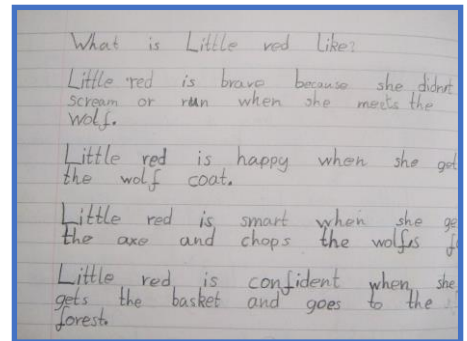
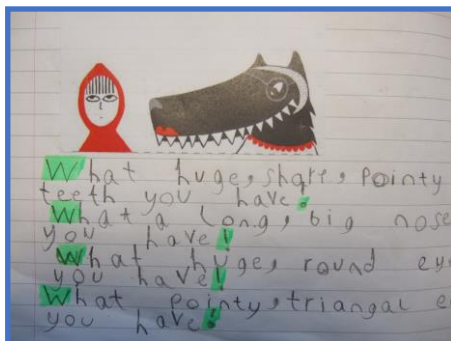
Click [here](#) for some more fun pirate facts.

If your child is good with deadlines and would like to contribute to the newsletter, please speak with Barbara Ghezzi, Head of School.



We love LEARNING

Elder Class have been reading the Story *Little Red* by Bethan Woolvin. It is based on Little Red Riding Hood but with a twist at the end! We have retold the story and added some details to a story map to help us get to know the story. After that, we used different sentence types to give Little Red some advice. We have written character descriptions and made lolly stick puppets so that we can pretend to be Little Red when we answer a letter from her cousin Little Green...





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