

# Slindon CofE Primary School Newsletter



13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Welcome to 2023!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the spring term, we are all very excited to be back in school and look forward to the term ahead.

This term is another busy one, with trips, sporting opportunities and a residential trip all crammed in. As a school, we want to ensure that the children have as many opportunities as possible, inside and outside of the classroom. If you would like to volunteer, or have a particular skill, to share with the children then please let us know.

Alongside this, we also want to ensure that the children are happy and confident in their learning. Within the school, we have very high expectations of what the children can achieve and will challenge them when they make errors. This is not to make them feel bad, but rather to explore their potential and ensure they are able to meet the expectations of the year. If you would like more information about what your child is learning in school, please check out the class pages on the website, which detail some of their learning.

Our wonderful PFA are busy organising a plethora of events for the upcoming term. They have also set up an Easy Fundraising page, which means you can raise funds for the school while you shop. It is easy to set up and does not cost you a penny.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/slindon-church-of-england-primary-school-pfa/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=clipboard&utm\\_content=rm](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/slindon-church-of-england-primary-school-pfa/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=clipboard&utm_content=rm)

Laura Webb  
Headteacher

***This half term we have been thinking about generosity. The children have been focusing on sharing and how it links to kindness. Galatians 5:22-24 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.***

## Dates

23/01	Weald and Downland trip for Reception to Year 4.
23/01	Dance House for specified children
24/01	Messy Church
27/01	Future Flyers for specified children
30/01	Year 5/6 Fracking day with Petworth
02/02	Chestnut Parliament Trip
4/02	Grounds clearance morning.
6/02	Valentine Cake Sale
7-20/02	Travelling Book Fair at school
8/02	Girls Netball tournament (yr5/6)
10/02	Valentines Disco (TBC)
20/02	INSET day 4
07/03	Parents evening 1
08/03	Parents evening 2
14/03	Messy Church
22 – 24/03	Chestnut Residential trip to Hooke Court
31/03	Break the rules day
21 <sup>04</sup>	Easter Egg Tombola
05/06	INSET day 5

# What's happening in school?

## Catkin Class



The children in Catkin class have been learning about 'The Three Little Pigs.'

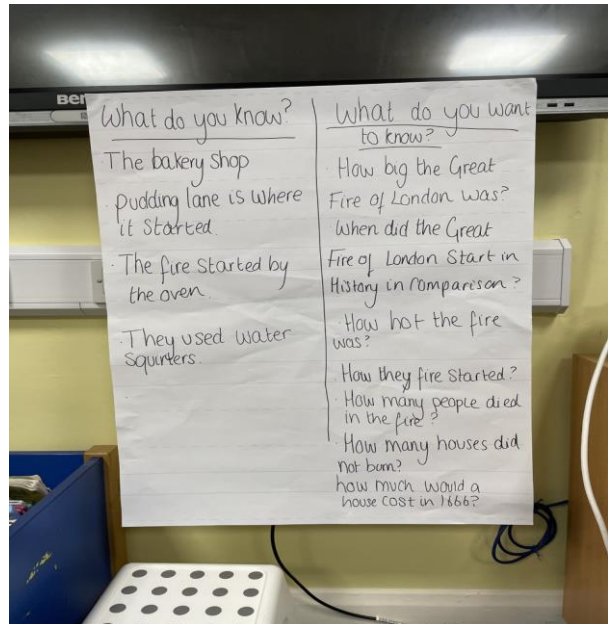
As a class they have been exploring the story, how the characters were feeling at different points of the story and then thinking about how they would end the story.

They have also had the opportunity to role play the story, acting out each of the main characters.

## Hazel Class

The children in Hazel Class have begun their learning about 'The Great Fire of London.' They have been focusing on Samuel Pepys diary and what this tells us about the event.

They then discovered how the fire started, why it spread so quickly and how it finally came to an end. The children have really enjoyed their learning so far and we cannot wait to see what they produce next.



### Maths fact – What is a square number?

A square number is the result when a number has been multiplied by itself.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \times 1 &= 1 \\ 2 \times 2 &= 4 \\ 3 \times 3 &= 9 \\ 4 \times 4 &= 16 \\ 5 \times 5 &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

### SPAG fact- Pronoun

Used in place of the noun, e.g. You need to be home by 9pm



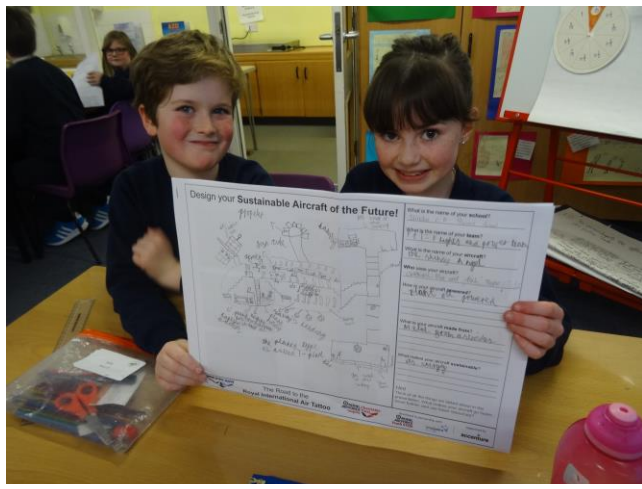
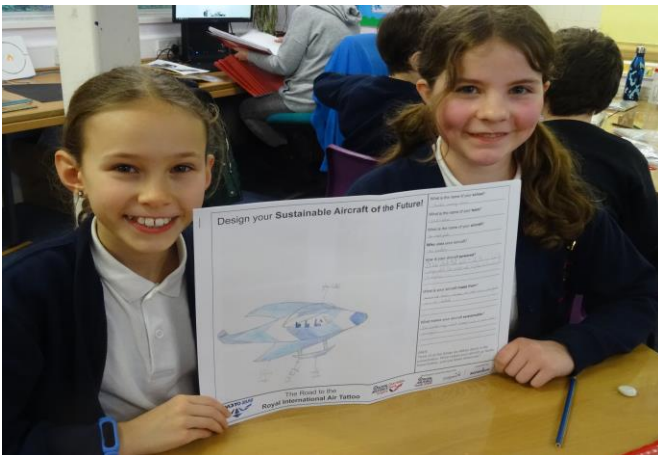
# Road to Riat – STEM challenge

## Chestnut Class

On Tuesday the children in Chestnuts took part in 'The Road to Riat' challenge. In the morning, they took part in The Space Challenge – working in teams to design, build and test their creations.

In the afternoon, they completed The Sustainability of Aerospace activity, which taught the students about sustainability and then challenged them to design a sustainable aircraft of the future, before developing a poster to present their ideas.

The children had a fantastic day and are looking forward to more activities in the future.



# Health News

## Worms!

There have been a couple of notified cases of worms in our school. We would suggest checking your children for them and follow the guidance at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

If your child has threadworms, they can still come into school, as long as they are being treated.

## Lunch boxes

As a school, we promote healthy eating and want to make sure that the children are safe when eating their lunch. We have noticed a growing number of children are coming into school with whole grapes. This can be a choking hazard and we ask that grapes are cut lengthwise, to avoid this.

Also, if you need ideas for a healthy lunchbox please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

## Magic Mile

This term we are introducing the children to the Magic Mile. We will be asking the children to run a mile around the playground three times a week, in an effort to promote healthy lifestyles and to allow the children a brain break, ready to start their next set of learning.









the national sleep helpline

# Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?  
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

**03303 530 541**  
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am



## 50%

**Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point\***

### WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

### HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
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- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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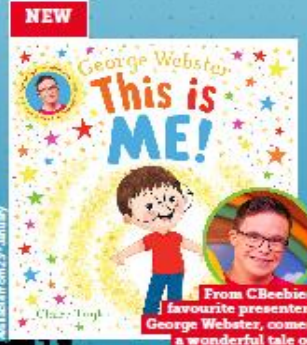
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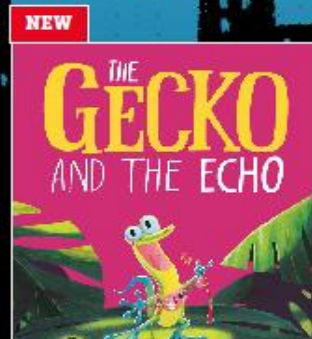
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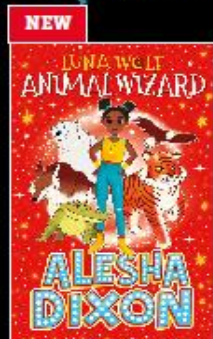
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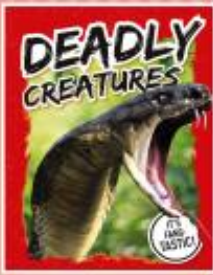




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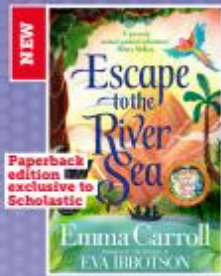
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