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WVIS News

Headteacher's Message

September has flown by! I am thrilled with how the children have settled into their new classes and I see that they are working really hard for us all.

Thank you for your support.

We are having a real focus on reading this year; if your child is bringing home ELS reading books from our phonics scheme, please try hard to read each book three times. All books and home learning will be collected on Mondays and we will issue new books by Wednesday.

Best wishes, Mrs Ezzard

Can you help?

- Could you spare 20 minutes after morning drop-off to hear children read in a different class?
- Our picnic tables need sanding down and painting; materials supplied
- FOWVIS Fireworks display Friday 8th November: help to set up; during the event; or clearing up after the event.

Important

Dates:

October 2nd:

Panda Class to Cowarth
Flexlands 1-2.30pm

October 3rd:

'Flu vaccinations
Forest School Turtle Class

October 4th:

1-2.30pm Copse & Play

October 11th:

Forest School Panda Class

October 18th:

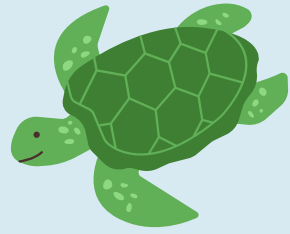
Forest School Tiger Class

October 24th

Break-up for half-term
holiday; children return
Monday 5th November



Turtle Class

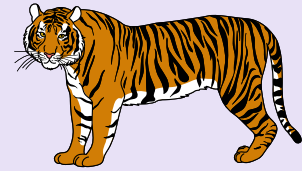


The children are settling into the routines of the classroom really well.

We have begun to learn our single letter sounds from Phase 2 with a daily phonics session all together; our first sounds are s, a, t, p, i, n. Please practice these sounds which are placed in your child's special sound tin as we learn them; if you can establish a habit of regular practice it will really help your child to learn each sound and remember it.



Tiger Class



The children are working really hard and are adapting well to a more formal approach to learning, with whole-class lessons where everyone is working at the same time.

Our History topic is **Toys**. Here are some photos from our toys workshop with the Chertsey Museum. Our main learning through this topic is how toys have changed over time-particularly in what materials they are made from. It would be brilliant if you could talk about your favourite toys from your childhood and compare these with your child's/children's favourite toys.

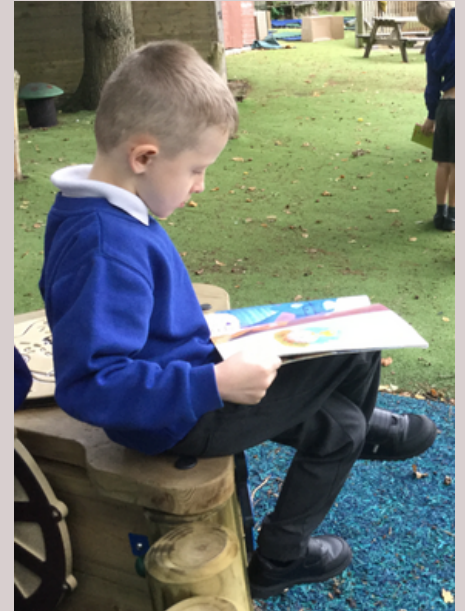


Our current focus in Maths is adding 1 more and learning that on a number line or track, the number which is *1 more* is the *next* number along. It would really help the children practice this if you could play games at home-'Snakes & Ladders' is a great way to practice moving along a number track. Any games with dice help the children to practice subitising- recognising an amount without having to count it.



Panda Class

Panda Class pupils will read anywhere!!

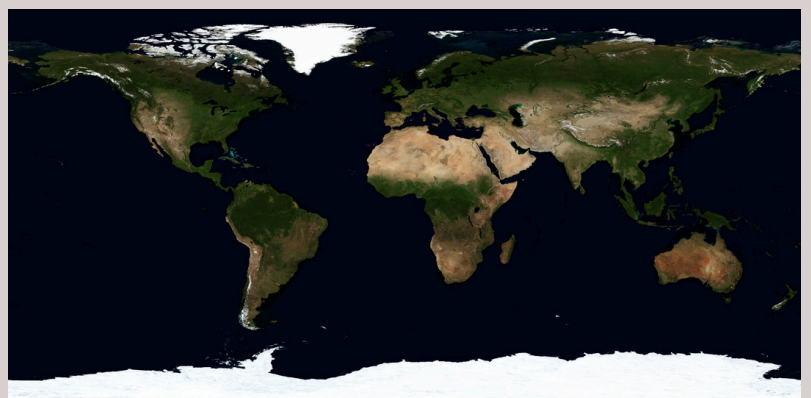


A great start to Year 2!

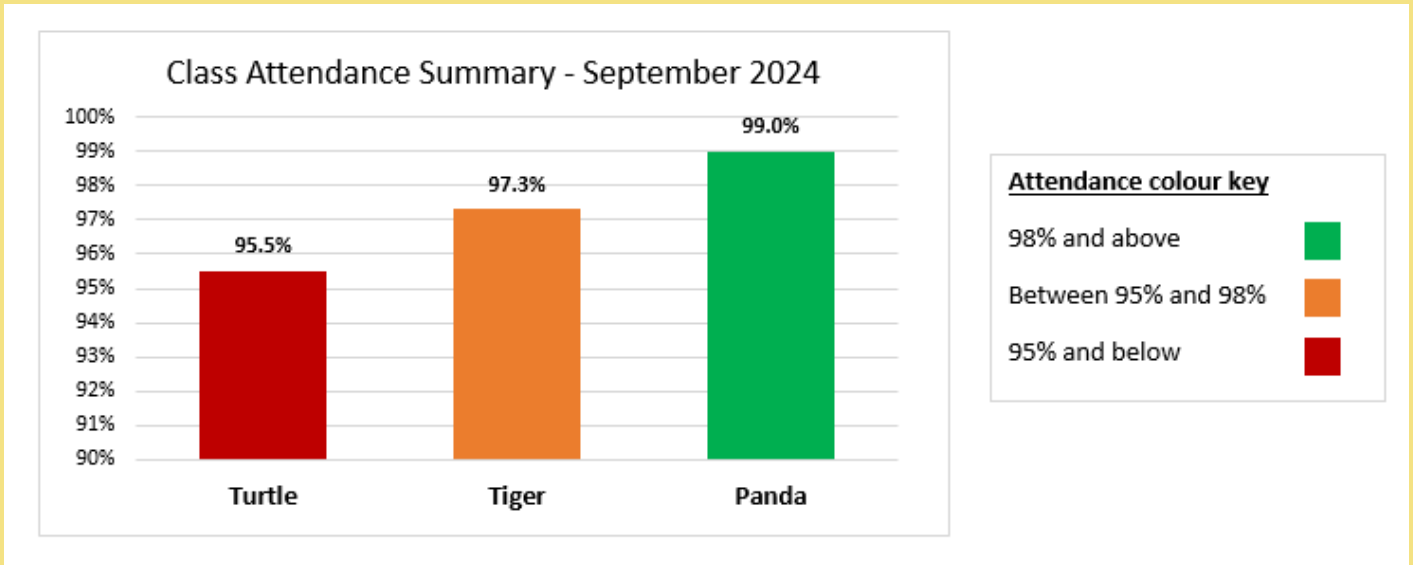
This half-term it's all about fairy tales, particularly in our Music and our English lessons. The children are really enjoying reading 'Little Red Reading Hood' and exploring how the story differs from the traditional tale.

In Maths the focus is all about Place Value-understanding how many tens and ones a number has and comparing numbers like 18 and 81. We will be progressing on to explore estimating-looking at a blank number line and estimating where we would position a certain number. A key skill is explaining our thinking.

In Geography, we are learning about the names of the continents and the oceans of the world. The children really enjoy looking at maps.



Attendance



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Online Safety Talk for Parents

Children of all ages have easier access to the internet than in any other time. There are clear benefits to enjoy from being online, but also potential dangers.

The aim of the presentation is to give parents more confidence with:

- Online facts identifying young people's vulnerabilities
- An understanding of what young people do online and the aspects of the activity they enjoy
- What to look at for as young people engage in online gaming both from a user and parent perspective
- Explanation of current games and tips for parents
- An understanding of the basic rules of social networking and how to use it safely
- An explanation of Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, WhatsApp and other current applications used by our young people
- How to set up your devices with step by step guides
- Useful resources, solutions and top tips

When: Thursday 10th October 2024 at 6.15pm

Where: Connaught Junior School

The event is free and open to all local schools, but we do ask you book yourself a ticket to enable us to plan seating .

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-talk-with-guest-speaker-sharon-girling-tickets-1021741064027?aff=oddtcreator>

Mental Wellbeing Focus

Separation Anxiety



How you might be feeling

You can feel anxious when leaving your child. You may worry about whether they will be ok – this is completely normal.

When your child is incredibly upset, you're likely to get upset too.

You may also feel frustrated or embarrassed by their behaviour. Or find it hard to think straight - making it hard to 'listen' to what their behaviour is telling you.

And that can make your child more upset, so things get worse, instead of better.

It can feel suffocating when your child won't leave you alone. Or if they want your attention all the time. Sometimes the more you need space the more your child seems to need you.

And, when you try to leave them at school, or with someone else, it's hard if they're screaming and clinging to your knees.

Some things to try that can help

- If something's unsettled them recently - give them lots of time and reassurance.
- Give them some exclusive one to one time every day when you're not on your phone or busy doing other things. A little time goes a long way towards helping your child feel safe.
- Show them you understand their feelings, say: 'It's hard saying goodbye, isn't it? But I will be back soon, and you can have fun while I am away'.
- Introduce a goodbye routine or ritual, for example a high five or the same number of kisses.
- Calm yourself before a separation. You can then communicate with confidence to your child that they'll be safe without you. If you're anxious you can pass that on to your child.
- Remember, it's often the moment of parting that's hardest. And your child will calm down once you've gone.