



Roberts Primary School Weekly Newsletter 04.10.24

A message from the Leadership Team

Dear Parents/Carers,

How is it October already! With the morning and nights getting colder, please remember to take extra care when travelling to and from school and to send children to school with a coat.

Thank you to the parents/carers who joined us for another coffee evening this week. It was great to chat with you all and share ideas on how we can move the school forward.

We will shortly be advertising for three lunch time supervisor jobs. Please do look out on WM Jobs (should be live over the weekend or early next week) if you are interested or know anyone who might be.

Don't forget, on Thursday next week (10th) the children can come to school in their own clothes as long as they are wearing something yellow and donate £1. All donations will be for charity in support of World Mental Health Day.

Last week our attendance was 94% which is below our target of 96%. Some classes dropped as low as 92%. It is a legal requirement for children to be in school and can still attend with coughs and colds. It is the time of year where lots of children are getting seasonal coughs and colds but unless they have a high temperature, they should still attend. Mr Hughes, our senior attendance champion, will be contacting parents in the coming week where attendance has fell below the expected levels. As you will have seen in the letter Mr Hughes sent out this week, we now have to follow the government guidelines and enforce poor, unauthorised attendance and term time holidays with a fine.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Watkins, Mr Hughes, Miss Beddoes, Miss Gregory

Attendance



Our goal for each week for attendance is 96% and above for every class.

At the end of this week our attendance for each year group is:

Reception attendance is 92.79%

Year 1 attendance is 97.09%

Year 2 attendance is 89.44%

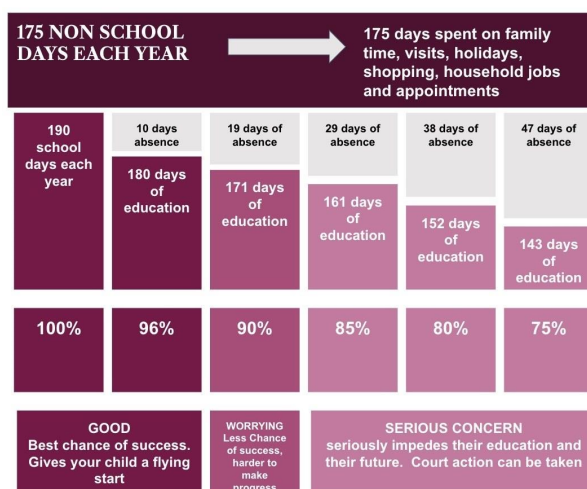
Year 3 attendance is 94.20%

Year 4 attendance is 94.73%

Year 5 attendance is 93.33%

Year 6 attendance is 94.73%

Overall whole school attendance is 93.96%



A message from Communications and Public Affairs

UKSPF People & Skills programme is providing thousands of opportunities for individuals to gain a brighter future through upskilling and/or gaining employment.

No job? No benefits*? Need support?

We can help.

**Support is available for individuals in receipt of health-related benefits*

- Upskilling/ development opportunities
- Education opportunities
- Routes into training and qualifications
- Support in securing a job

The programme is designed to support people who are economically inactive, meaning those who are without work and not in receipt of benefits, or those out of work but in receipt of certain health-related benefits. It's for adults aged 19 right up to retirement.

Do you know someone who could benefit from the programme? Contact the team on 01384 813567 or email UKSPFPS@dudley.gov.uk

For more information visit: www.dudley.gov.uk/ukspf-people-skills

Regards,

Communications & Public Affairs Team

Chief Executives Directorate



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Are you looking for?

Upskilling/development opportunities

**Education
opportunities**

**Routes into training
and qualifications**

**Support in
securing a job**

UKSPF People & Skills is providing thousands of opportunities for individuals aged 19+ to gain a brighter future through upskilling and/or gaining employment.

Build your future in a way that is tailored to you, through:

- 1-2-1 support • Development opportunities
- Customised training • Coaching • Apprenticeships
- Work placements • Self-employment advice...and more

Who are we and how can we help?

Through specialised services ranging from coaching to managed work placements, our work will ultimately give you the best employability prospects for the future, benefiting you and the wider communities. Taking those first steps

UKSPF People and Skills is in a unique position to have a wide range of influence with local employers across the Dudley borough.

We can help you overcome the barriers to employment. We provide:

- a programme to support employability and skills
- a Key Worker/Mentor trained to support you throughout your journey
- advice and guidance, along with customised support tailored to you. We may even be able to help with travel, childcare and equipment
- brokering between you and the opportunity you decide upon, making it simple for you to start



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Polite Reminders



Please can we remind all parents to park and drive safely around the school community. It is also important that our gates are not blocked as this is preventing emergency access. We will shortly be putting barriers out to prevent the gates from being blocked. Thank you for your support with this.

Can we also remind all parents/carers of our expectations for anyone who is on the school site regarding the language we are using. As we have young children around, please do not use any inappropriate language as we do not want children overhearing this and using it on the playground. Many thanks for your understanding.

Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 9th October- 9:30am- School Tours for Reception class 2025

Thursday 10th October- non-uniform day- wear something yellow and bring £1

Thursday 10th October- 9:30am and 5pm- Reception/Year 1 Phonics Meeting- This meeting is so you can find out more about how you can support your child with their phonics.

Friday 11th October- 9:30am- School Tours for Reception class 2025

Friday 11th October- 9:40am- Year 3 Harvest Assembly- Year 3 parents/carers to go to the main hall.

Wednesday 16th October: Anti-bullying workshop for Year 6 and World Water workshop for Year 4.

Thursday 17th October- Year 6 SATs meeting for parents/carers- 9:30am and 5pm- This meeting is so you can find out more about SATs and how you can support your child/ren. Please go to the main hall.

Friday 18th October: Theatre trip- details to follow

Thursday 24th October- 4pm- School Tours for Reception class 2025

Friday 25th October- 9:40am- Year 2 Diwali Assembly- Year 2 parents/carers to go to the main hall.

Monday 28th October: Half Term

Monday 4th November: INSET day- school closed for pupils

Tuesday 5th November: Pupils return to school

Monday 11th November- Remembrance Parade- School Council. Taking place in Gornal Village- parents/carers welcome to attend.

Wednesday 18th December- Nursery Carol Service- 11:30am and 3pm- Parents/carers to go to Nursery during the session your child attends.

Wednesday 18th December- Reception Nativity Performance- 9:30am and 2pm- This will be in the main hall. More information to follow regarding tickets.

Thursday 19th December- Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Performance- 9:30am and 2pm- This will be in the main hall. More information to follow regarding tickets.

After School Clubs



Our extra-curricular clubs this half term are as follows:

Monday - Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball run by Ace Coaching Club (3.30pm - 4.30pm)

Tuesday - Year 6 Commando Joe's (8.00am - 8.45am)

Tuesday - Year 4, 5 and 6 Choir (3.30pm - 4.15pm)

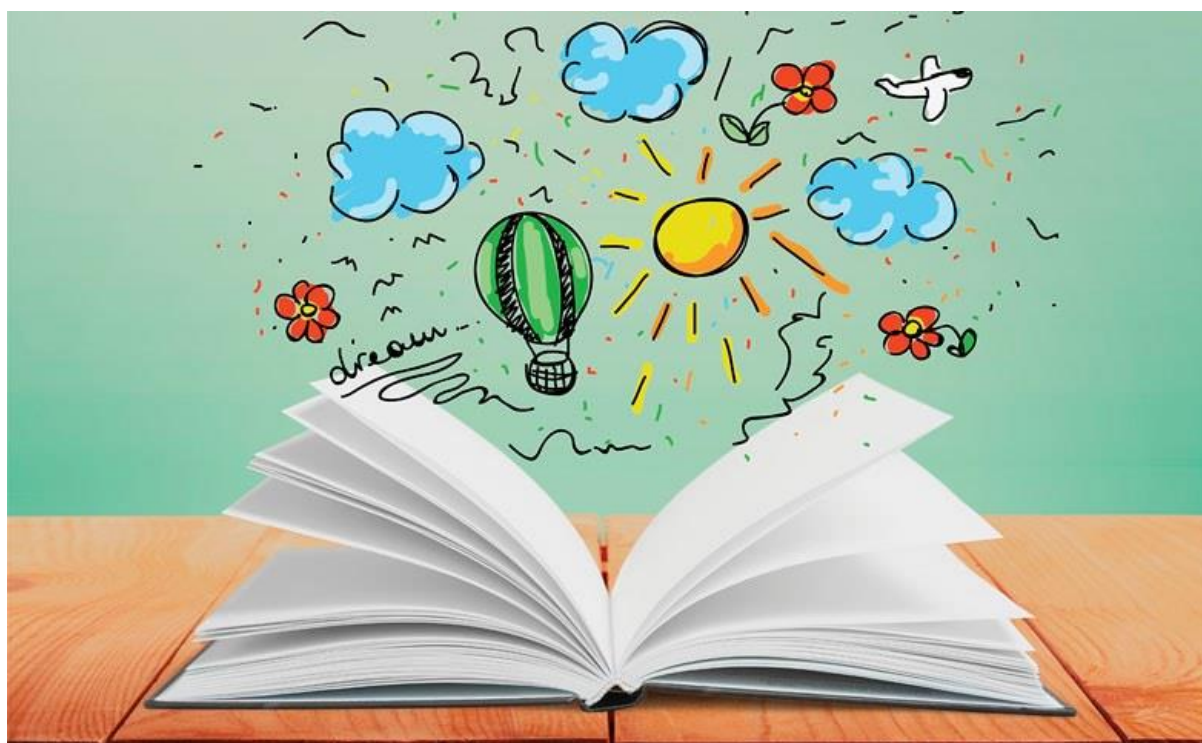
Tuesday - Year 3 Commando Joe's (3.30pm - 4.30pm)

Wednesday - Year 1 and 2 Multi Sports run by Ace Coaching Club (3.30pm - 4.30pm)

Thursday - Year 6 Tag Rugby Club (3.30pm - 4.30pm)

Thursday - KS2 Orchestra (3.30pm - 4.15pm)

Reading at Roberts!



The Book With No Pictures

B.J. Novak

1 - This week's recommendation is a book that makes children (and adults) of all ages laugh!

Let us know when you have read it!

Class Information



2 - Nursery - Important Information

What a busy week we have had, and what fun we have had in the process.

Our main theme has been around learning the Nursery rhyme 'Humpty Dumpty'. So we have made sand castles for the kings men, we have built walls for Humpty Dumpty, we have been kind friends and stuck Humpty back together again as well as other fun things.

As well as doing this, we have also managed to:

- We have continued with the Autumn theme and made leaf crowns, talking about the leaves and why they change colours.
- We have been talking about our feelings, using the amazing book called 'The Colour Monster'. We talked about what made us happy, sad, angry, scared and loved.
- Paint and decorate Harvest foods to decorate the classroom with.



3 - "I'm not Humpty Dumpty. I won't fall off."



4 - "I like Pumpkins."

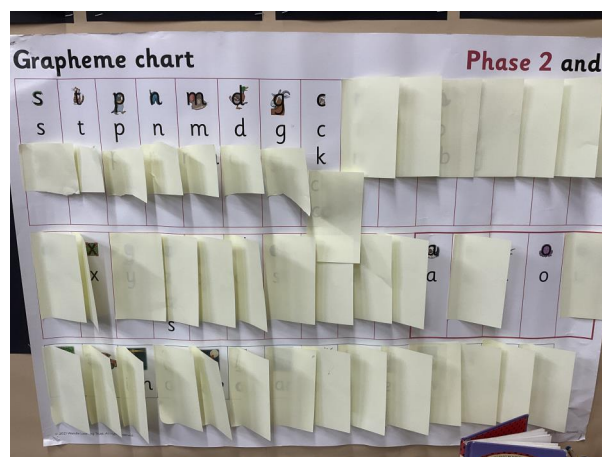


5 - "It's turning red"



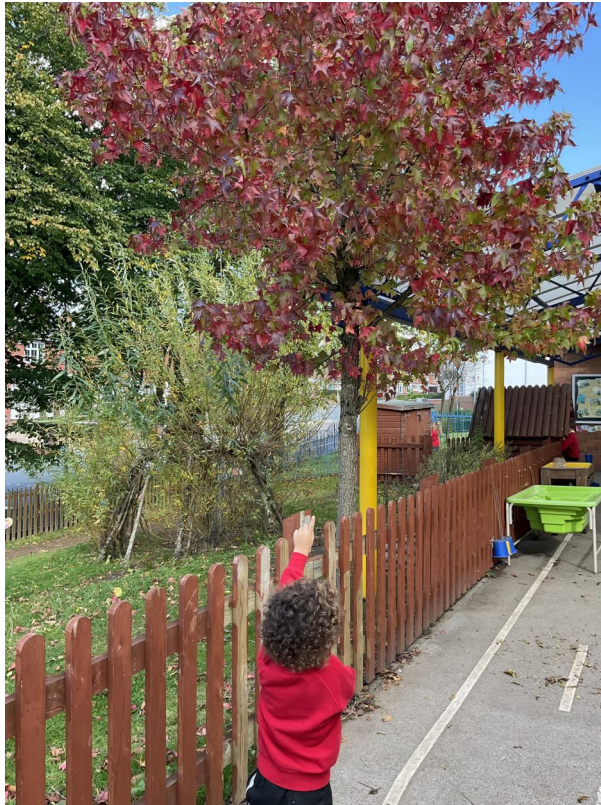
6 - "I feel loved when mom and dad give me hugs."

Reception



7 - Over the last three weeks the children have been very busy and have learnt 12 phonemes. Using these phonemes, the children have been learning how to blend. Next week your child will participate in Reading Application sessions. In these sessions the children will read a book appropriately matched to their phonic ability. The children will read this book 3 times a week with an adult in school. If your child is on a reading book with words, this will be sent home. Please can we ask for all books to be returned on Mondays, new books will not be given to your child until they return their previous book.

Homework is now set on TEAMS. Your child will receive phonics and handwriting homework weekly. Log on details were sent out in September. Well done to all children for completing homework last week.



8 - This week Reception have been looking for signs of Autumn. We have been on an Autumn walk, where we collected leaves to use to create pictures. If you see any signs of Autumn while you are out and about, please encourage your child to share this with us in class.

Reception have had great fun participating in their first P.E lesson. Please let your child practise getting themselves dressed and undressed at home. A little reminder to ensure all items of clothing are names. Thank you.

Year 1

In Year 1, the children have enjoyed reading, reciting and acting out the story

We're Going on a Bear Hunt. They recorded the places the family visited looking for the bear and retold the story in parts using the story language. They had lots of fun! Next week, the children are writing their own versions. The children have used the story to create their own art work.



Year 2



Year 2 are really enjoying their work in PE. They have been working on their throwing and catching skills using bean bags, tennis balls and basketballs. Can you practise your throwing and catching skills at home?

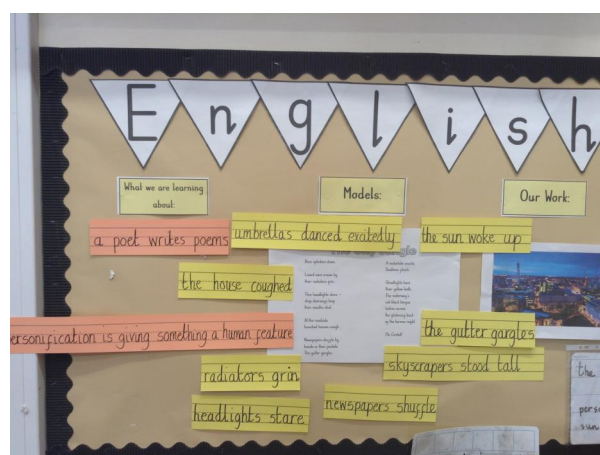
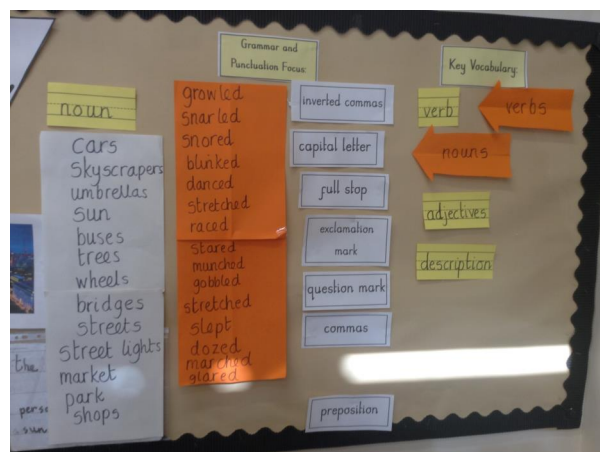
In English, we have shared the story of Where The Wild Things Are. We described our own wild thing using adjectives, and we even got a visit from a wild thing in the classroom!

Year 3

This week in Literacy we have looked at a variety of poems. Our focus has been personification. We know in Year 3 that personification means giving something a human feature. The children have written some fantastic poems using personification. They have shared them with the class.

In Science we have looked at how our skeleton looks and different sized bones that make up our body. We have looked at different animal skeletons and made a skeleton together.

We have also been very busy in Year 3 practising for our harvest assembly next week, we look forward to welcoming parents and guests to join us for our special harvest assembly at 9.40am. Friday 11th October.



Year 4

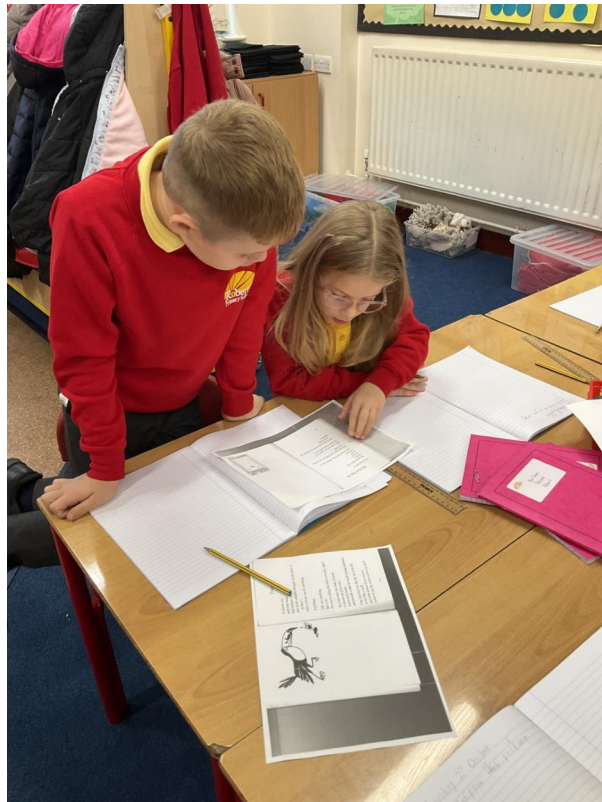
9 - Year 4 - Important Information

This week, year 4 have enjoyed listening, reading and responding to poems by Kate Wakeling. The children have written some amazing imaginative poems based on 'Some Other Names for Rain'. In addition, they have also had opportunity to read and perform a range of poems from 'Cloud Soup'.

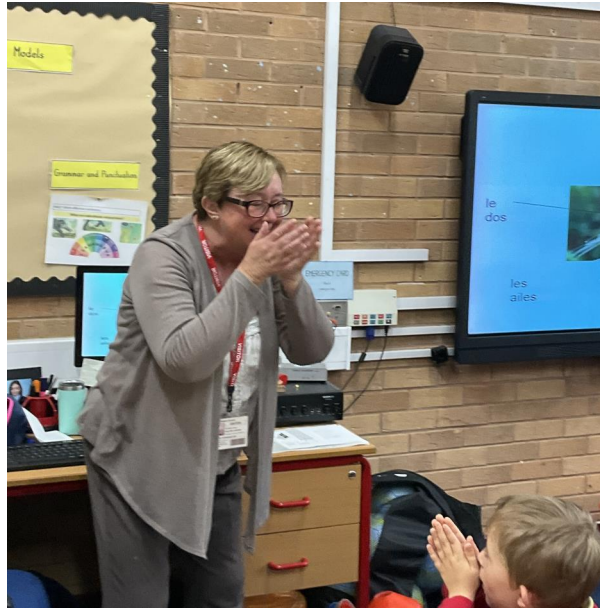
In Science, we have thought about the question 'Do all liquids freeze?' Each class has set up an experiment using the following: PVA glue, milk, water, washing up liquid, vinegar, cooking oil and syrup. What do you think will happen?

Throughout the week children have been refining their addition skills using written methods. Next week we will focus on subtraction.

On Friday 18th October, Year 4 have the exciting opportunity to watch a performance of David Walliams 'Awful Auntie' at the Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham. The cost of the visit: travel to and from the venue and insurance is **£9.24 per child**, payable via ParentPay. If you are worried about being able to pay for this visit, please make an appointment to see Mr Watkins.



10 - Year 4 enjoyed exploring poems.



11 - Madame Jones taught Year 4 the names of parts of a bird.

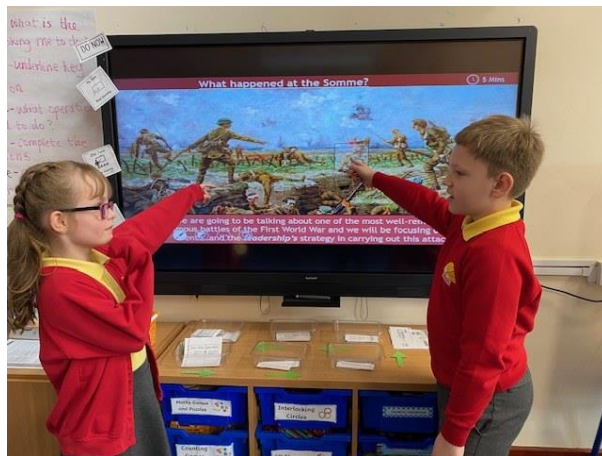
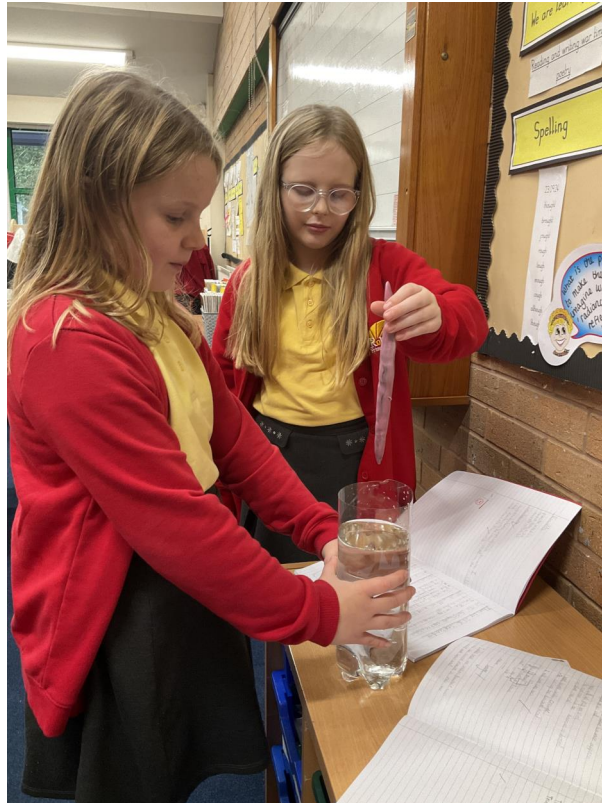
Year 5

Year 5 have had a very busy week! We have been stepping into the shoes of many professionals including, Scientists, Authors and Historians.

In Science, we have been investigating the force of water resistance. We conducted an experiment to explore if the shape of an object effects how quickly it moves through water. We made predictions, recorded our results and compared our results to the results our friends had got. In English this week, we have continued to use the book 'Friend or Foe' By Michael Morpurgo as a stimulus for our writing. We have been developing our use of descriptive language and speech to bring our writing alive! In History, we learned about the Battle of the Somme and read different sources to gain new knowledge and understanding. We then had a class discussion about if we felt the battle really was a success!

Next week in Maths we will be moving onto Multiplication and division. In English, we will be developing our use of complex sentences and apostrophes for possession. Please can we remind you of the importance of hearing your child read at home and talking to them about the book they bring home. Remember to sign their Reading diary when you hear them read.

Thankyou for your support with this.



YEAR 6

12 - Year 6 - Important Information

A reminder about the **SATs meeting for parents and carers**. This meeting will take place on **Thursday 17th October at 9:30am and 5pm**. Please go to the main hall.

It has been nice to hear that several children have visited prospective secondary schools ahead of making the decision of where to go. A reminder that the closing date for applications is **Thursday 31st October**.

Well done this week to Ellie, Chloe and Noah who are Year 6's Reading Champions this week and congratulations to Corey, Deacon and Emma on getting the Handwriting Hero award this week.

Please continue to support your child with weekly spellings and reading practise. SATs homework books have been ordered and we are awaiting delivery. Meanwhile, there are plenty of sites online for SATs practise.

As part of our Science lessons on light, this week we have investigated refraction. We looked at the effect light has when it travels through water. Look at the photos to see what we found out.

