



St Mary's Newsletter

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"Let us not neglect the grace of this holy season, responding generously to the powerful promptings of Lent. At the end of the journey, we will encounter with greater joy of the Lord of life, who alone can raise us up from our ashes."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Week Commencing 20th February 2023:

Mon 27th: Yr 4 Swimming – leaving school at 9am

Wed 1st: School closed

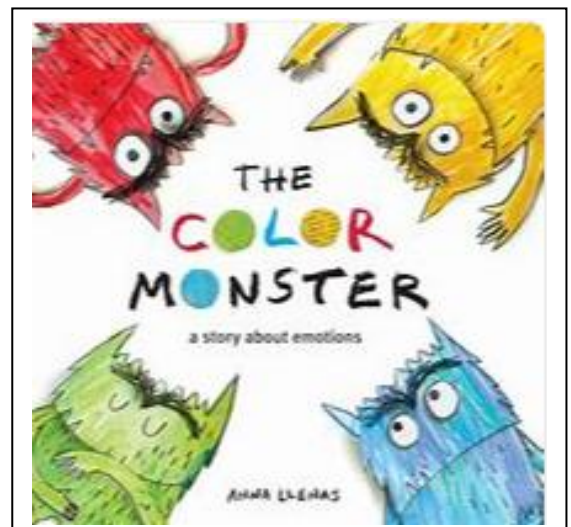
Thu 2nd: World Book Day – Wear a Colour

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March 2023

This year as a school, we will be focusing on the book "The Colour Monster". This book links in really nicely with the "Zones of regulation" – which is something we are beginning to use in our school to help children regulate their emotions. We will be doing lots of activities on the day, linked with this book, as well as having a chance to just explore and celebrate the love of reading!

We would like your child to come to school dressed in one of the following colours on this day: red, blue, yellow, black, green, pink or rainbow. This is because "The Colour Monster" and "Zones of Regulation" are all about how a colour represents different feelings!

Please don't feel you need to go out to buy something especially, anything in one of the colours that you already have at home will be fine!



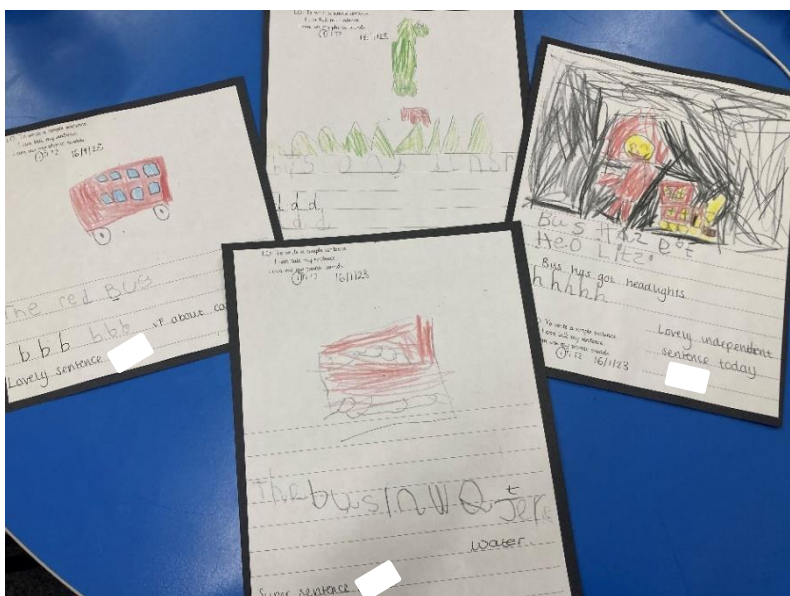


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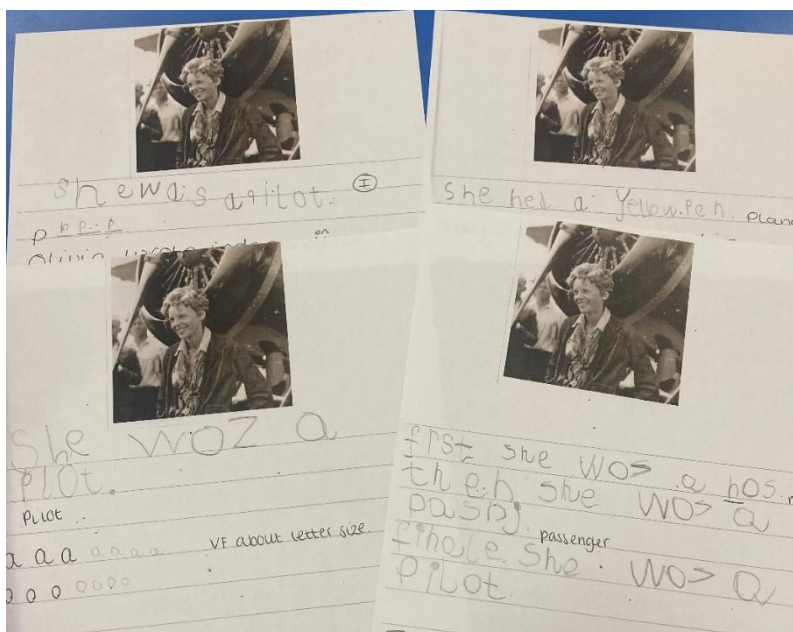
Reception

I can't believe we are in the second half of the spring term already! I thought I would share with you some of Reception's learning from last half term. We were learning all about different types of transport and enjoy looking at a variety of books to cover the subject.

As part of our Literacy lessons we were learning how to write a simple sentence. We tried our hardest and remembered to use our phonic sounds to help us!



We also learnt all about Amelia Earhart and how she was the first American woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. This significant person! We wrote about her.



She was the first American woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. This significant person! We wrote down some facts about her.

In Maths we have been learning about capacity and enjoyed playing with different containers and water to see if we could get them full, nearly full, half full, nearly empty and empty!



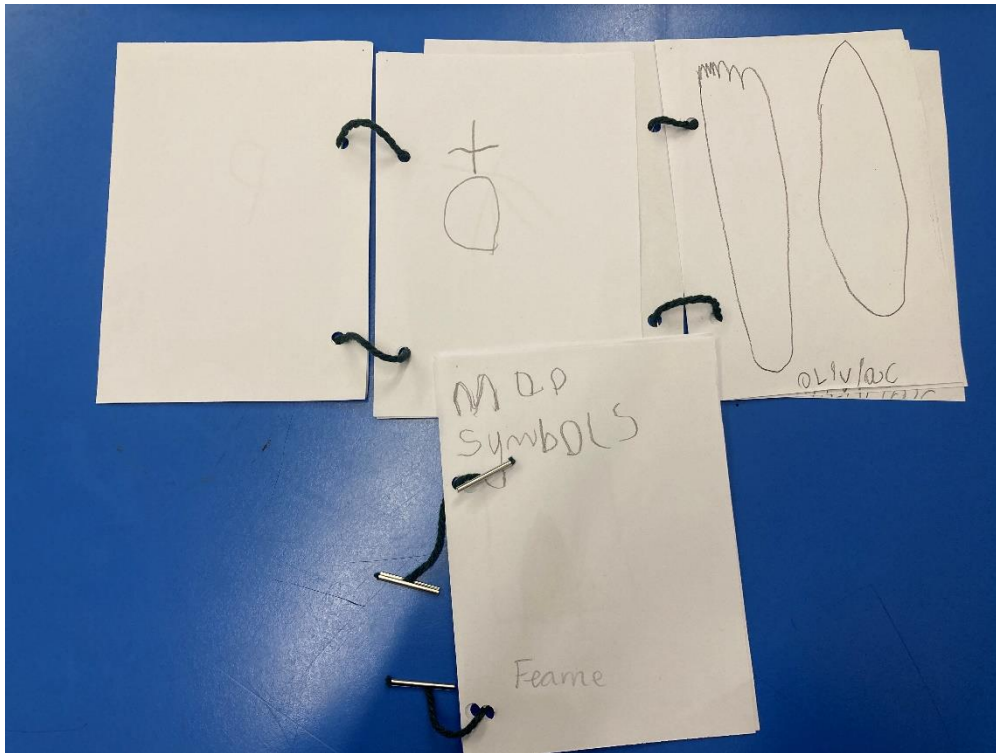
We have also been focusing on learning our numbers 1-10 and are superstars at getting them in the correct order now! Mrs Goodwin tries to trick us and muddle the order up but we catch her out every time!

As part of our Expressive Arts and Design learning we have been very creative. We have learnt to join in new ways, using split pins and treasury tags.

We used the split pins to create our astronauts when we were learning all about space.



We used treasury tags to make books about different map symbols. We know that a map symbol is used to visually represent a feature on a map. We used google maps to look at Ipswich and saw lots of different symbols which we then drew into our handmade books.



We have also been learning how to use watercolours. We were a little confused when Mrs Goodwin showed us the dry paint but then the magic happened when she added the water and the paint came alive! We had great fun mixing the colours and creating a picture of transport.



We also enjoyed learning all about Lunar New Year. We learnt that the Emperor (who is like the King) wanted a way to tell the time. He made the animal's race and the first 12 animals across the finish line, had a year named after them.

=We tried some Chinese food to celebrate.



PARENTS EVENINGS:

Thank you for your feedback on parents evening. Following the positive response, we will be continuing with remote parents' evenings using school cloud. Please remember that you can book a face-to-face appointment with your child's class teacher at any time throughout the school year. Our next parent's consultation evenings will be held on the 21st and 23rd March. The school cloud booking system will open for bookings at 9am on 1st March 2023.

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK:



**Think
before you
park**

**Your guide to safer parking
outside schools**

**POOR AND INCONSIDERATE PARKING CLOSE TO
SCHOOLS CAN PLACE CHILDREN AT RISK**

Most accidents involving children outside schools occur when a child has their sight obscured by parked cars.

Parking restrictions and marked areas on the roads are there for a reason – to keep children safe. The safest option when dropping or picking your children up is to park away from the school and take a short walk to the gates.

If you must park near to school and space is limited, please follow the rules:

- **Do NOT park on zig-zag lines or KEEP CLEAR markings**
- **Do NOT park on yellow line restrictions**
- **Do NOT park across dropped kerbs or drives**
- **Do NOT park on footpaths**
- **Do NOT stop to drop kids off in the centre of the road**

Failure to follow these rules may result in a Penalty Charge Notice being issued.

Please park safely and be considerate of children and residents by not causing an obstruction

#thinkb4upark



**IPSWICH
BOROUGH COUNCIL**



FREE SPACES THIS EASTER Holiday Activity Fund

School's out Activities

FOR AGES
4 - 16
(SCHOOL GOING)



Designed by Primary School Teachers to aid in the development of children in Early Years.

- Singing
- Drawing
- Creating
- Building
- Dancing
- Painting
- Baking
- and more!



Must be school-going 4 year old Lx. 5 by the 31st Aug 2022



For GIRLS and BOYS to indulge in their creative side, be active, yet have time to chill.

- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Textiles
- Fashion
- Performing
- Singing
- Dancing
- and more!



An action-packed week jammed full of 30+ team sports and adventurous activities!

- Nerf Wars
- Roller Racers
- Dodgeball
- KinBall
- Football
- RC Cars
- Mario Kart
- and more!



Developing leaders of the future with our '5 Levels to Leadership' programme.

- Working Journal
- Build Confidence
- Work Experience
- Gain Rewards



Choose to assist in any of our courses!

Free School Meals

Calling all parents currently in receipt of 'Benefit Related Free School Meals'... through the HAF programme we are able to offer up to **4 days this Easter**... This is worth over **£170!**

A free lunch is provided, with choices of sandwiches, snacks, and drinks.

Dates

CHOOSE ANY 4 DAYS FROM...

Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th and
Tuesday 11th – Friday 14th April
2023

Times

Drop Off 9am-9:30am
Lunchtime 12:30pm-1:30pm
Pick Up 4:30pm-5pm

Early Bird
8am-9am

Extended Fun
5pm-6pm

Early Bird & Extended Fun each charged at £5 per session



**FELIXSTOWE
SCHOOL**
High Street, Felixstowe,
Suffolk, IP11 9QR
Ofsted Number: EY2726195



**COLCHESTER
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**
Leaden Road, Colchester,
CO3 3ND
Ofsted Number: EY548121



**SOUTH LEE
SCHOOL**
Nowton Road, Bury St Edmunds,
IP33 2BT
Ofsted Number: EY2593837



**WOODBRIDGE
SCHOOL**
Burkitt Road, Woodbridge
IP12 4JH
Ofsted Number: EY556142



**IPSWICH HIGH
SCHOOL**
Woolverstone, Suffolk
IP9 1AZ
Ofsted Number: EY551272

Learn More

www.schoolsoutactivities.co.uk

Questions? Phone us on: 01473 942990

TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 31st March

Half term: 13th – 17th February

Staff Training day: 3rd January

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th April – Thursday 20th July

Bank holiday: 1st May & 8th May

Half term: 29th May – 2nd June

Staff Training days: 17th April, 21st July

Term dates for 2023 – 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 5th September – Thursday 21st December

Half term: 23rd – 27th October

Staff training days: 4th September & 30th October

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 4th January – Thursday 28th March

Half term: 19th – 23rd February

Staff Training day: 3rd January & 26th February

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 19th July

Bank holiday: 6th May

Half term: 27th May – 31st May

Staff Training days: 12th April