

John Keats
Primary School

JK News

Friday 1st March '24



Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing week Year 5 have had at Nethercott Farm in Devon! For many of our students it's been their first week away from their parents, and we've been so impressed with their maturity and resilience. Whether they've been caring for ponies, rounding up sheep, cooking for their class or collecting eggs from the hens, they've taken on every new challenge with enthusiasm and good humour. The highlight of the week was definitely a visit from the prize-winning author of War Horse, Michael Morpurgo! As well as reading to the children, he signed a book for the school and answered all their author-related questions. A huge thank you to the staff who spent the week away from home with them: Miss Robinson, Mrs Nash, Miss Smart and Mr Rose. To find out more about what they've been up to, have a look at the school's instagram. In more book-related events, please see page three for all our World Book Day events. Please note that we're celebrating on **Friday 8th March**, not Thursday 7th. We're very excited for all the excitement we've got planned; particularly the Rad Readers Competition! In other news, last week we achieved our best ever attendance in the school, with 4 classes beating our 96% target. Well done to Green 2, Green 3, Blue 4 and Blue 3! Have a lovely weekend and see you at 8:45am on Monday!

Mr Jack Taylor
Deputy Headteacher

Nursery



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Nursery have done lots of planting this week for our topic of 'how things grow'. We have planted sunflowers, basil, parsley and cress. We also set up a wormery in our class and are learning about how important worms are for the soil and helping plants grow. We also climbed the beanstalk to steal gold coins from the giant!

We will be starting one of our favourite books 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' next week.

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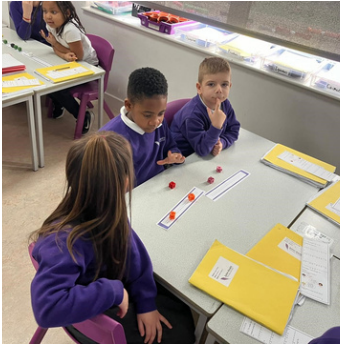
Reception

Reception have had another great week! We have continued our learning around the story Jasper's Beanstalk. We created new endings to the story and acted it out! In maths we have recapped the concept of one more than and one less than a number.

We will be looking at non-fiction texts, learning about plants and where our food comes from.



Year 1 “



Year 1 have continued to learn about different plants and their parts in Science. This has linked nicely to our book in English 'Sam plants a sunflower': next week we will be writing a narrative on the life cycle of a sunflower, which we have been planning. In Geography we have been looking at the different seasons and which season is best suited to growing a plant. In maths we have continued to look at numbers to 50 and securing our knowledge of tens and ones.

Next Friday is World Book Day! We are looking forward to seeing your costumes and a fun day full of reading activities.

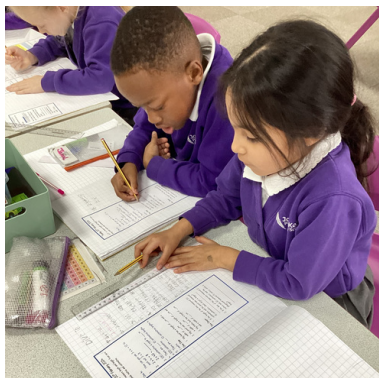
We've had such a brilliant week in Year 2! We kicked the week off with a Zoom call from a gallery that specialises in Aboriginal art- we saw some amazing painted tree trunks! In English we have learned about postcards so that we can prepare to write our own postcard from Australia. In Science we explored different animals and their habitats. We also had a special guest visit us to talk about Hajj and Ramadan. Please can children ensure they are bringing in their books on Thursdays ready for Book Swap- we love to give children the opportunity to take books home but can't do this if they don't have their book!

Next Friday is World Book Day! We can't wait to see your costumes of your favourite book characters!

” Year 2



Year 3 “



Year 3 have had another exciting week. In English we looked into the vibrant world of persuasive writing, discovering how to sway opinions and engage readers with powerful words and convincing arguments. In maths we explored the representation of numbers, understanding the additive relationships between three-digit numbers, and mastering number lines up to 1000. In science, we turned our attention to the human body, labelling a human and animal skeleton. Homework diaries and homework will be checked regularly.

Green 3 will be going to forest school on Wednesday.

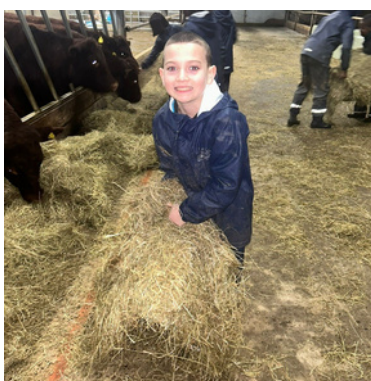
Year 4 has had a brilliant week! In Maths, we have continued to explore fractions and mixed numbers and the children have taken to them incredibly well! In Geography, we have created our own double page spread on the different levels of the rainforest! In English, we have immersed ourselves in fact-files and continued to learn more fascinating facts about the rainforest. Please bring in reading records on Monday to be checked. The children should change their books then, if needed. Keep on practicing timestables year 4- you are all doing fantastically with your pace and effort! Independent Learning projects have gone home, please continue to work on these- we can't wait to see what the children create!

Next Friday is World Book Day! We can't wait to see your costumes of your favourite book characters! We will begin writing our rainforest fact-files in English and will be continuing to explore the Amazon Rainforest in Geography!

” Year 4



Year 5



Dates for your diary:

Friday 8th March

**World Book Day
PTA Mothers' Day Coffee Morning**

Thursday 14th March

Well-Being Day: Neurodivergence

Monday 25th March

Values Award (provisional)

Wednesday 27th March

LAMDA Exams

Thursday 28th March

**Spring Fair
1pm Finish for Easter Holidays**

Attendance:

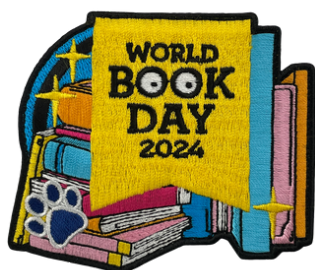
Blue 4 won our
punctuality trophy

Blue 3 won our
attendance trophy with
98%!

Azaiah in Year 1 won our
100% book voucher!

**On Friday 8th March,
we are celebrating with a...**

**Reading relay!
KS1 Illustrator Competition!
KS2 Writing Competitions!
Story time swap!
The Masked Reader!
Best dressed!
RAD Readers Competition:**



To enter:

1. Follow the school Instagram page
2. Take a picture of their child reading in an unusual place
3. Add the hashtag #JKPSRADReader
4. Alternatively, send a picture to reception@jkacademy.org.uk



Menu

WINTER MENU

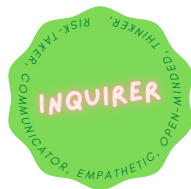
Week 3



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meat Dish	Vegetable bake	Chicken Biryani	Beef Lasagna	Chicken macaroni	Chicken nuggets
Main Vegetarian Dish	Vegetable padla	Chef's special quiche	Hearty veg & bean stew	Warm winter wraps	Vegetable nuggets
Starchy Dish	Smoked butternut squash	Steamed rice	Mashed potato	Sage & rosemary potatoes	Seasoned potato wedges
Vegetable	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables
Salad	Selection of fresh salad	Selection of fresh salad	Selection of fresh salad	Selection of fresh salad	Selection of fresh salad
Bread	50/50 bread (W)	Garlic bread (W)	50/50 bread (W)	Garlic and coriander naan bread (W)	Olive and sundried bloomer (W)
Dessert	Fruit selection or cheese & biscuits (W) or fruit yoghurt (D)	Fruit selection or cheese & biscuits (W) or fruit yoghurt (D)	Special pudding of the week	Fruit selection or cheese & biscuits (W) or fruit yoghurt (D)	Fruit selection or cheese & biscuits (W) or fruit yoghurt (D)
Drink	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water

Whenever possible, all food & ingredients are sourced from local, British ingredients.

John Keats' Values Stickers



Y2

Y3

Y4

Kelis, Sakinah, Jose	Star, Josiah, Izan, Daniel C, Khyyse, Jose		Jono-Julius		
Jamall, Amara, Hector, Alex, Anthony		Anthony, Oliver, Haris, Emmy	Oliver		
Jaden Anthony Arella	Isaac Primrose Aiyana Owlin Purity Abdulhannan Kahmari Amil	Isaac Sofien	Roshane Primrose Aiyana Rayyan Leon Aalia Owlin Godsglory Esme Abdulhannan Kia	Alaska Isaac Sofien Leon Aalia Jake Godsglory Rebecca Esme Purity Abdulhannan Chloe	Alaska Brooke Oliver Michael Roshane Sam Joshua Sofien Aalia Jake Esme Myla Jaden Millie Abdulhannan Kahmari Rebecca Chloe Isaac Primrose Leon Owlin Godsglory Kia Malachi Alissan Diana Oscar Arella Kaleb Anthony

Helping my Child with Reading

A **FREE** 4-week online course for parents and carers



Do you read with your child?

Would you like to learn more about how to support your child's reading?

On this course you will learn about:

- The stages of children's reading **development**
- How to **support** pre-school and school children's reading
- **Activities and games** to support reading practice
- Ideas for making reading together **fun!**

Tuesdays 10am-12.30pm
5th March - 26th March 2024

This course will take place online using Zoom

To book a place please complete the application form using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-my-child-with-reading-tickets-845828976237>

**Free* 15 week Learning Unlimited course for adults
interested in becoming Teaching Assistants
Award in Support Work in Schools**

Wednesdays 9.30am – 12.30pm

From 28th February to 26th June 2024

We will contact you after you register to arrange an assessment time.
This course will be delivered online using Zoom



What will I get from attending the course?

- The knowledge and skills required to become an effective teaching assistant
- The City & Guilds Award in Support Work in Schools (Level 2)
- The opportunity to progress to the Certificate in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools or to apply for work as a Teaching Assistant

How much does it cost?

*The course is free but there is a non-refundable registration fee of £60.

To apply for a place on the course use the link below to complete the online form:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/award-in-support-in-schools-tickets-814027687727>

All applicants should have level 2 English.

*Please note you will need to complete a portfolio which will require a lot of homework.
Places are subject to completion of application form and assessment.*