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Reception celebrate Diwali

Last week Reception went on a virtual journey to India to celebrate the festival of Diwali. The children learnt how to say 'Namaste' which is an Indian greeting. They dressed up and danced with their friends when listening to Indian music. They even learnt how to do the yoga 'candle pose' when learning about diva lamps.



Grand opening of our new school library!

Thanks to the money raised by the Friends of Monkfield Park over recent years through many fundraising events, we are pleased to share with you our newly refurbished library. We wanted to transform this space into a really warm and friendly area that children can use to enjoy reading and to easily access the wide range of wonderful and growing number of texts that we have in our stock. As you can see from our photograph, the children have enjoyed using the new facilities, which include things such as revolving author bookcases to celebrate popular authors, a listening station area where audio texts can be enjoyed, and even a reading pod where children can have a cosy read. The fruition of this project has come about thanks to your support for Friends events over a number of years. Without this valuable source of funding, we simply would not have been



able to afford the new, vibrant facilities that we have purchased. Thank you so much and we hope that you will be able to see the library in person for yourself soon.



Help us collect free books

The Sun newspaper launched a Books for School campaign over the weekend, which gives primary schools the chance to get their hands on more than 100 books—FREE! Our school has already registered for this and if we collect 3500 tokens from the newspaper between November 23rd 2019 and 18th January 2020, we will receive 100 free books! There will be a 'post box' in the school reception area so that families who wish to collect on our behalf can bring them into school. Alternatively please ask your child to hand them to the class teacher who will arrange for them to go into the box.

Headteacher Roll of Honour

Anna in Yellow Class—During lunchtimes Anna has impeccable manners and is always willing to try new foods.

William in Blue Class—For trying to listen well at all times and for taking notice of small reminders.

Sentence Starters

Ask your Reception child to create a firework display using actions and words.

Ask your Year 1 child to describe what qualities make a good friend.

Ask your Year 2 child to explain the importance of the first paragraph in a newspaper article.

Ask your Year 3 child which countries are in Europe.

Ask your Year 4 child what word is used to describe a moving part of a pop-up book.

Ask your Year 5 child to explain the benefits of using spreadsheets.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe what life was like in the trenches of WWI.

Children in Need 2019

Children in Need 2019 falls on **Friday 15th November**. In order to raise money for Children in Need, we would like to invite children to wear any of the colour combinations which include red, blue, green and yellow. The more colourful the better, however if you can only manage one or two colours then that is also fine. If your child will be taking part then please provide a suggested donation of £1 that will be collected on the playground by Friends and subsequently passed onto the Children in Need charity.

FORTHCOMING DATES

w/c 11th November—Anti bullying week

14th November—Year 3 visit the Saatchi Gallery

14th November at 4.30pm—Reception Maths evening

9th December—Flu vaccinations

10th December at 2pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

11th December at 10am—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

12th December at 2pm—Year 1 Nativity (corrected)

12th December at 6pm—Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert

13th December at 10am—Year 1 Nativity

16th December—Christmas Crafternoon

17th December—Christmas lunch

18th December—LAST DAY OF TERM

19th December—2nd January 2020—CHRISTMAS BREAK

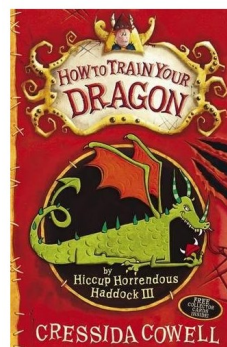
3rd January 2020—INSET day (SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN)

6th January 2020—Children return

Recommended reads

Key Stage 2 - How to train your dragon by Cressida Cowell

The hilarious exploits of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third - the smallish Viking with a longish name. Can he become the Hero everyone expects him to be? Read the best-selling series that inspired the hit DreamWorks film *How to Train Your Dragon*

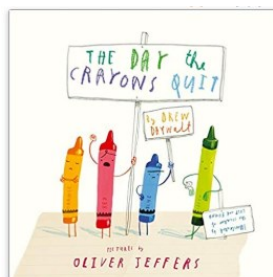


Key Stage 1—The day the crayons quit by Oliver Jeffers

Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit.

Beige is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown, Blue needs a break from colouring in all that water, while Pink just wants to be used. Green has no complaints, but Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking to each other.

The battle lines have been drawn. What is Duncan to do?



NAME THE NEW GRITTERS!



Cambridgeshire County Council, is having new **Gritters** delivered this autumn

We are now asking Junior Travel Ambassador School pupils to **NAME THE GRITTERS**

We are looking for **INNOVATION**, **IMAGINATION**, and of course **HUMOUR!!**

The lucky winners will be invited to a naming ceremony at one of our depots in the county and will all receive a **Road Safety Goodie Bag** and a **picture of their Gritter!**

Some previous names include;

Snowbert

The BFG

Gritter Lemon

Terminicer

Gritney Spears

Brad Grit

Sir Spread A lot

Spike

Grittering star

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Please email your entries including;

Name of Gritter

Name of child

School child attends

To Lyn.hesse@cambridgeshire.gov.uk by Friday 15th November

GOOD LUCK!



When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help children master the times tables. To be a Times Tables Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12×12 in less than 3 seconds!

This week your child will bring home a user name and password to log in to their own Times Table Rock Stars account, so that they can practise at home as well as in school. Let the times tables 'rocking' begin!