

12.01.2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful winter break and a good start to the new year. Next week is already week 2 of the Spring term so there are only 4 weeks left until the next holiday. This is why I say 'COME TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY' because holidays come around so quickly. To get the very best education children MUST be here each and every day.

A reminder that Duncombe is a uniform school, so children must be in full school uniform every day. Some parents regularly donate uniform and we also have ordered a stock of Duncombe sweatshirts and red polo tops. Please pop into the reception area to pick-up second-hand uniform for free, it's been washed and is as good as new. If you have uniform that your children have grown out of, please donate it to school so we can pass it on to children that need it.

We have welcomed 10 new children to school this week, from Russia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, the United Kingdom and Ghana. A warm welcome to all of our new families, we hope that your children settle in quickly and that you get to know all the other lovely families here!

Please check the newsletter carefully for important dates this term.

Have a great weekend and wrap up warm!

Heben



Important messages:

JustGiving™

Donate to Duncombe Food Bank
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/duncombeprimaryschool>

REMINDER: Please do not leave children unattended in the playground before 8:30am. For their safety, they will be taken to Breakfast Club and a charge will be applied to their account.



Important Dates

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th January - MR class Into University Focus Week

Monday 5th - Friday 9th February - NM class Into University Focus Week

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February - Year 5 Swimming (class TBC)

Monday 26th February - Friday 1st March Year 5 Swimming (class TBC)

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 8th March - Year 1 trip to Golden Hinde

Monday 11th - Friday 15th March - British Science Week

Tuesday 19th March - MLK class trip to Ben Kinsella Trust

Wednesday 20th March - EP class trip to Ben Kinsella Trust

Thursday 20th March - World Poetry Day

Tuesday 26th March - Parents Evening 3:30pm - 7pm

Wednesday 27th March - Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6pm

Thursday 28th March - Last day of term (1:30pm finish)



School Attendance



Julia Donaldson

95%

Isaac Newton

92%

Eric Carle

75%

Michael Faraday

91%

Tony Ross

92%

Charlotte Bronte

93%

Harriet Tubman

97%

William Shakespeare

98%

Greta Thunberg

91%

Emmeline Pankhurst

87%

Florence Nightingale

88%

Martin Luther King

95%

Marie Curie

96%

Marcus Rashford

90%

Nelson Mandela

79%

The whole school's attendance for this week is **92%**



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2YO Nursery: Omer

For coming back and settling in so quickly. He has been using more identifiable words and seems very happy. Keep up the hard work.

Eric Carle 3YO Nursery: Noah

For becoming so helpful around the classroom during tidy up time. Keep it up Noah!

Tony Ross Reception: Layla

For your super segmenting in phonics, hearing the sounds in a given word.

Harriet Tubman Year 1: Poppy-Rose

For settling in so quickly into her new class and for learning and following our school rules: ready, respectful and safe. Keep it up!

Greta Thunberg Year 1: Gideon

For showing respect and having a really positive start to the term. Well done Gideon keep on shining!

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Havin

Havin has had a great start back to school. She is trying her best to stay focussed during the class. She is always respectful towards all the adults and children. Well done Havin!

Marie Curie Year 2: Ayaz

Ayaz is trying hard and improving his behaviour in class. He is getting better at waiting for his turn, and following instructions given by adults. Well done Ayaz - we are so proud of you!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Bayyinah

Bayyinah has shown great focus and determination across all her work this week. She is a great role model for other pupils. Well done Bayyinah. Keep up the super work.

Michael Faraday Year 3: Youssef

Youssef has had a brilliant start to the year. He has been ready to learn and has worked extra hard in Maths to understand fractions. Well done Youssef and keep up the hard work!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Sophia

Sophia has shown perseverance in maths and an 'I can do this attitude'. She has been focussed and shown enthusiasm. Well done Sophia! Keep up the great work.

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Inara

Inara has had a great start to the term. She has been focussed, shown a lot of enthusiasm in lessons and is always ready to contribute to class discussions. Keep up the great attitude Inara!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Abdurahman

Abdurahman has made an excellent start to the term. He has been focused and is always ready to contribute to class discussions. I am also glad to see that he has been filling out his reading record. Well done!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Yusra

You are focusing well in reading lessons and you show perseverance when you face challenging questions. Keep up the great work and keep on reading at home- well done Yusra!

Marcus Rashford Year 6: James P.

For a positive start to the term. James has had an excellent attitude towards learning this week: he has been focused in all our lessons, he has followed instructions first time and has shared his ideas with the class. He also read every day over Christmas. Great job James!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Aniya-Rae

An excellent start to the term! Aniya has shown great effort to stay focused in all her lessons and this has shown in the improved quality of work she is producing. Keep up the great attitude!

Fantastic Work and Learning at Duncombe this week:

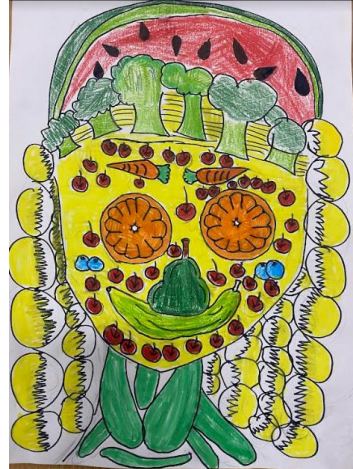
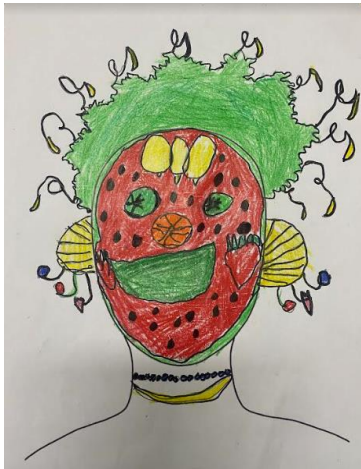
Year 6

Year 6 have been preparing for their first writing piece of the term, trying to persuade a Victorian landlord not to evict their family. There has been some excellent drama and impassioned pleas to help the children build their vocabulary and ideas.



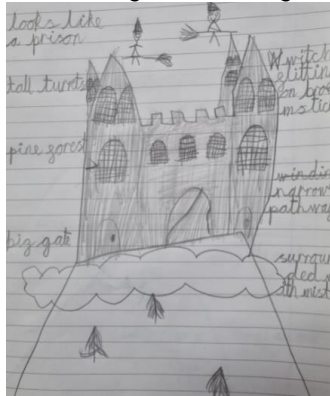
Year 4

Year 4 enjoyed drawing fruit faces inspired by Giuseppe Archimboldo as a start to their Geography topic 'Global Growers' and PSHE topic 'Physical Health and Wellbeing'.



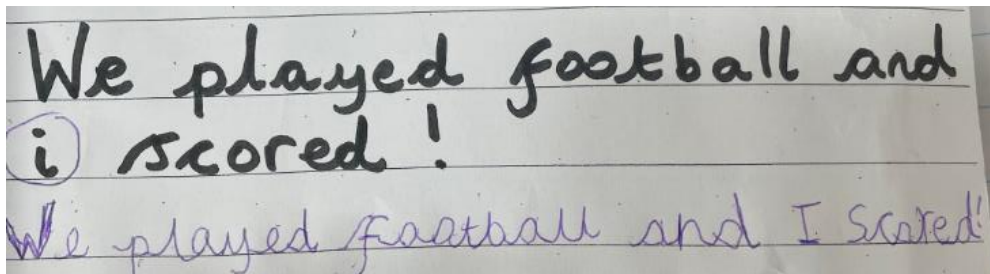
Year 3

Year 3 is reading 'The Worst WITch'. This week we visualised what Miss Cackle's Academy looks like. We looked at the key vocabulary to visualise and then annotated our drawings as well.



Year 2

Liban edits well, using his purple pen. He writes neatly in all subjects, and he is a role model to his peers. Well done Liban!



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning to locate each continent on the map and identifying them by its shape. Did you know that the Earth's land masses are identified as seven continents?

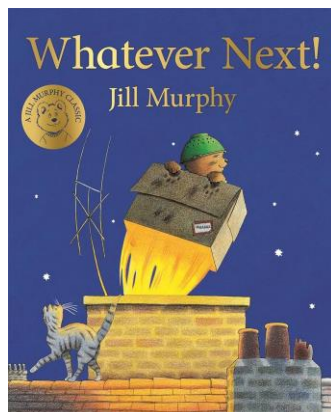
Children matched the continent to the right place in the world.



Reception

We started the week with so much news of our holidays and the children could all ask each other questions about their time apart.

We started a new core book 'Whatever Next!' and the children are already eagerly learning lots about space.



Nursery

Happy new year!

The children have come straight back to Nursery ready to learn! This week we have been looking at 2D shapes and creating our own trains made up of shapes!

This goes along nicely with our new focus book 'The Train Ride'



2YO

Welcome back everyone.

We have been back a couple of days and it's really nice to see the children getting right back into routine. It has been extremely cold at the moment and we notice our tray is all iced over. We had lots of fun playing with the ice and listening to the different noise the icy makes but our hands were very cold.





**Parents and Carers of
2 year olds or do you
know someone?**



You may be Eligible to receives up to 15 hours of
funded early education and childcare a week.



To find out, go to
www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds

If you are eligible for a place, please
come and see the school office for an
application form.



Or if you need more information please come
and see us. We are happy to help.