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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Duncombe. The children have been working hard and enjoying the sunny, (but cold) weather. I have done a number of learning walks this week and been very impressed by the focus and excellent learning behaviours of the vast majority of children at Duncombe.

This week SLT have been checking children's uniform and reading diaries. Both are very important! Uniform makes a child feel part of the school, it gives a sense of belonging. Reading diaries need to be completed every night to ensure that your child is reading regularly. The importance of being a good reader cannot be underestimated for your child's future educational attainment. Katija and Saffa will be holding a parent workshop on 'Supporting Your Child's Reading' on Thursday just after drop off at 8.40am, we hope to see as many of you as possible. The slides will be available on the website for parents who cannot attend.

Have a lovely weekend and see you bright and early on Monday!

Helen

Reading Buddies

This year Duncombe has started a reading buddy programme. Children in KS1 and Year 6 meet twice a week and take turns reading to one another. They focus on phonics books as well as story time books. Reading buddies is helping children to experience and develop one of our values, independence.



Important messages:



Saffa and Katija will be holding a parent workshop about reading and how best to support your child on **Thursday 25th January** at **8:40am** in the bottom hall.

School starts at 8:40am.

It is important that your child arrives on time to ensure they have a positive start to the day. Being late can have a negative impact on your child's learning.

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

Important Dates

Thursday 25th January – Reading Parent Meeting 8:40am

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

92%

Isaac Newton

90%

Eric Carle

86%

Michael Faraday

94%

Tony Ross

89%

Charlotte Bronte

94%

Harriet Tubman

98%

William Shakespeare

96%

Greta Thunberg

96%

Emmeline Pankhurst

86%

Florence Nightingale

90%

Martin Luther King

97%

Marie Curie

94%

Marcus Rashford

94%

Nelson Mandela

95%

The whole school's attendance for this week is **94%**



Celebration Awards



Julia Donaldson 2YO Nursery: Nabeel

He has come back with more confidence and is using more new words to communicate with us. You're our super star.

Eric Carle 3YO Nursery: Azra

For Time to talk sessions. You have been doing great listening, talking and helping your friends when they are finding things hard. Well done.

Tony Ross Reception: Aliyah

For your wonderful attitude to learning. You are making great progress with your reading and writing.

Harriet Tubman Year 1: Chloe-May

For working so hard during the phonics sessions and for improving her letter formation during the handwriting sessions. Keep it up!

Greta Thunberg Year 1: Amira

This week Amira has shown perseverance when writing her story. She remembered to use Fred talk to help her sound out words and improved her sentence with an adjective! Super.

Florence Nightingale Year 2: Kayan

Kayan has been working extremely hard in maths this week. He is using his skills to answer tricky division questions. Kayan always aims high in maths and loves to push himself further, Well done Kayan, keep up the great work!

Emmeline Pankhurst Year 5: Deniz

For showing perseverance and independence in his reading. He is filling out his reading record and his confidence is growing daily. Well done!

Martin Luther King Year 5: Morgan

Morgan is reading at home every day. She has built her fluency and is reading with more expression. She discusses her understanding with the class and I'm really impressed with her progress.

Marcus Rashford Year 6: Jannat

For showing perseverance with her maths work. Jannat has worked extremely hard this week in maths lessons by continuing to try her best even when she found the work difficult. She is starting to master long division and calculating the area of a shape. Plus, she is always an excellent role model in class!

Nelson Mandela Year 6: Sabawoon

Sabawoon has settled into year 6 incredibly well. It is not an easy year group to come to but he has been focused and motivated in all lessons and even completed all his reading and homework! Well done - it is great to have you here!

Marie Curie Year 2: Mason

For challenging himself in our morning mathematics fluency sessions. Mason has great thinking skills and his ability to calculate mentally is impressive. Well done Mason!

Isaac Newton Year 3: Aya

Aya has a fantastic attitude to learning. She is kind to her classmates and adults. She has shown great independence with her work. Keep up the great work Aya, well done!

Michael Faraday Year 3: Adam

Adam persevered when learning how to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number using a written method. He remained focused and did not give up. I am very proud of you Adam. Well done!

William Shakespeare Year 4: Nihan

Nihan has shown a wonderful attitude towards learning and has worked hard in all subjects. She has spotted her own mistakes and carefully edited her work. Keep up the fantastic focus!

Charlotte Bronte Year 4: Hamdi

Hamdi has shown great enthusiasm in reading this week. He is using more expression and really thinking about how a character speaks and really enjoying reading James and the Giant Peach. Keep it up Hamdi.

Fantastic Work and Learning at Duncombe this week:

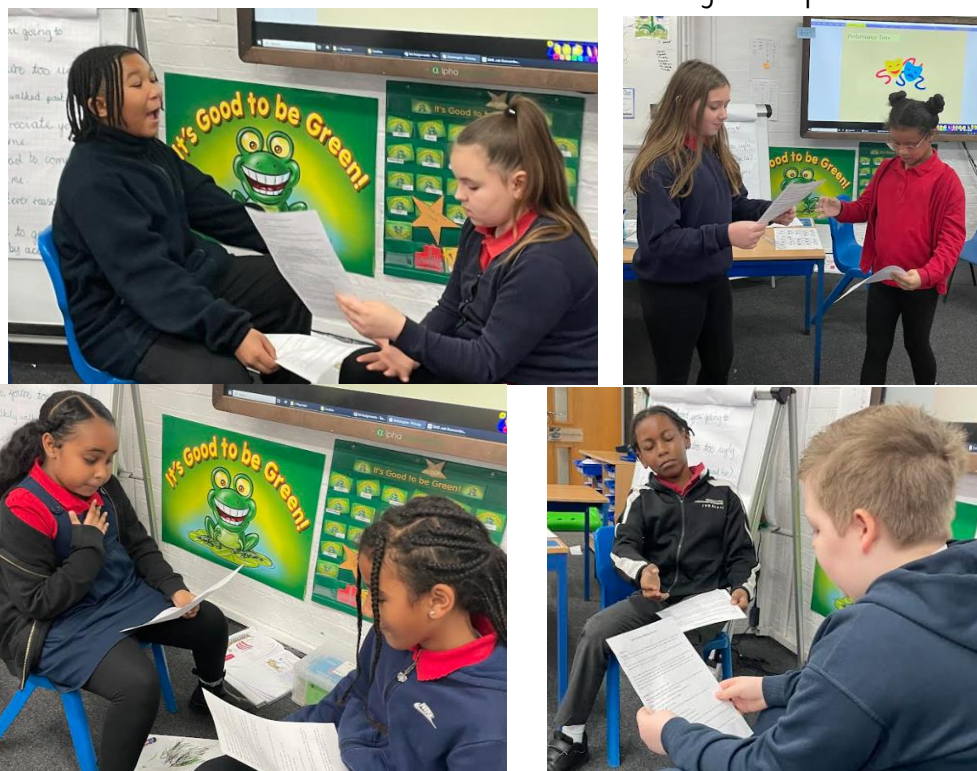
Year 6

Year 6 had their Wow start for their new topic - the Victorians. We had to make bookmark 'samplers' trying out different embroidery stitches such as back stitch and cross-stitch. Lots of perseverance needed!



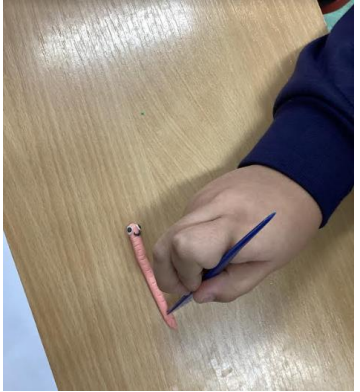
Year 5

Year 5 are turning *The Boy in the Girl's Bathroom* into a playscript. This week we acted out the model. Look at our great expression!



Year 4

Year 4 brought the characters in James and the Giant Peach to life by modelling the insect characters out of clay. They developed their understanding of shape and size. They also used the modelling tools to create different patterns.



Year 3

Year 3 started their History topic The Stone Age. They learned about what life was like at that time and how the Stone Age people were very artistic. We investigated some of the cave art that Stone Age people created. Then we created some of our own cave art. Well done Year 3.



Year 2

We read the poem *What you need to be warm* by Neil Gaiman.



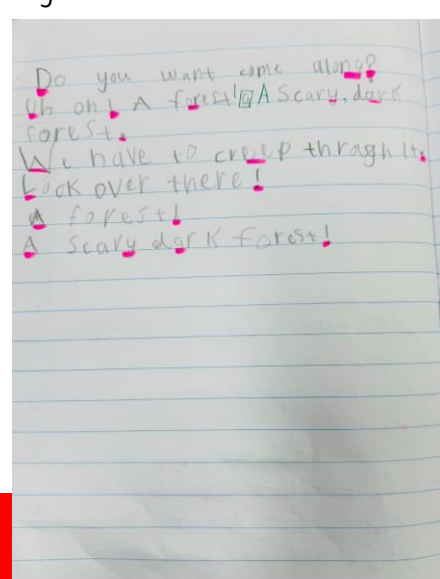
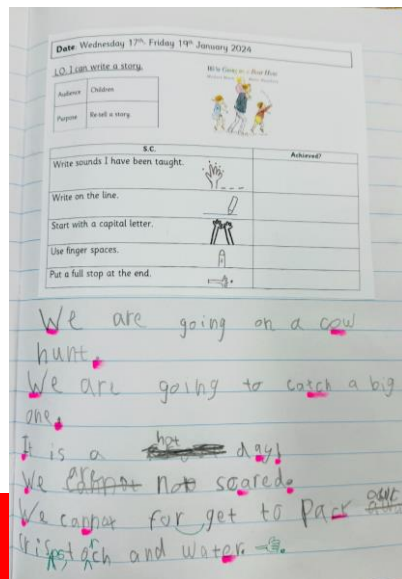
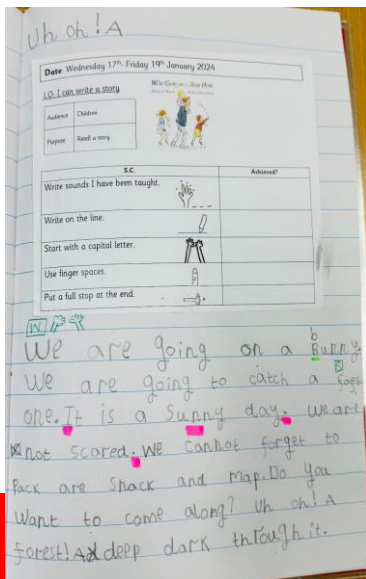
We discussed what we need to be warm. We explored the use of warm colours in the illustrations, and created our own artwork.

These are by Francesca, Radina and Yusuf.



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning to innovate a model text for the first time. Rahima and Oliver have been innovating the story *We're going on a bear hunt*. They used all the year 1 writing toolkit in order for them to be successful. Well done to both of you!



Reception

Reception have been learning about composition of numbers this week, which the children have been amazing at, through fun games such as skittles and hiding parts of a number, working out what's hiding under the cloth/ hand with their knowledge of 'if I know there is 4 and I can see 2, two must be hidden'.



2YO

We are learning about people who help us. The children have been exploring our new areas – The Post office and the Doctors.

We have been having lots of fun. Please have a look at your child's Tapestry for more videos and photos.





**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
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