

Value of the
month
Responsibility

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Rhyming With Nursery

The Nursery children have been reading the book 'My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes' by Eve Sutton. This has given us the chance to learn about rhyme, positional language and also other countries. The children have brought in pictures of journeys they have been on - both near and far - and we have found the places on the map, as well as finding the countries for all the different cats in the book. e.g "The cat from France likes to sing and dance..."



Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown up!

Who would you rather be chased by... a grumpy witch or a tickle monster?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

PTA Fancy Dress Disco
27th January

Nursery Stay & Play
30th January

Reception Workshop
31st January

Year 1 Workshop
1st February

Parent Consultations
8th February 3:40-7pm

PTA Valentines Day Cake Sale
8th February

Parent Consultations
12th February 3:40-6pm

World Book Day
7th March

Online Safety Workshop
15th March at 9:00am

For other important dates, please visit the Calendar page on our school website.

RE With Year 2

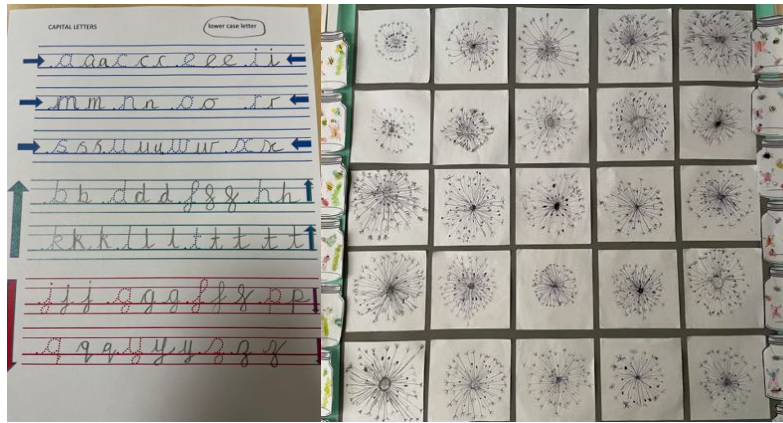
This week, Abi Todd from Holy Trinity visited Year 2 to talk about Christianity and what Christians believe. The children had an opportunity to ask Abi questions at the end of the session to gain further understanding and showed a great deal of curiosity!



Fine Motor And Art Skills

This week, children in Acorn class have been developing their fine motor skills. They have used a range of medium, such as pen and paint, to focus on spatial awareness and composition. In particular, they have looked at horizontal, vertical and diagonal curves to enhance letter formation and prepare for cursive handwriting.

Here is a photograph of their wonderful creations!



Nursery Stay & Play

Spend some time playing with your child in Nursery! Nursery are hosting a Stay and Play on **Tuesday 30th January**.

Morning session 8:45–10:00 am

Afternoon session 1:00–2:00 pm

(from 12:45pm for parents of afternoon children)

Please remember not to use mobile phones while on-site. Younger children are welcome but must be kept with you.



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the whole term is as follows:

1st Koala and Starfish 99%

2nd Turtle and Panda 98%

3rd Giraffe 97%

Well done everyone!



Going Home Books

As you will be aware, we use Little Wandle Letters and Sounds as our chosen systematic synthetic phonics programme in school. When we invested in this scheme and the accompanying resources, it required purchasing several new books, which could be sent home weekly with children. The PTA very kindly funded these books. Unfortunately, we have already had a number of books ruined/damaged.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you not to put water bottles in bookbags, as they can leak and cause damage. We do understand that accidents happen, but please let your child's class teacher know in these instances so that a new copy can be ordered. We are now limited on the number of books that we have and therefore, we will be charging £5 for lost or damaged books from this point forward.

Thank you for your support with this.

Online Safety Workshop

This week, we have sent a detailed letter about e-safety (to your Teachers2Parents accounts). Please do take a look if you haven't yet had an opportunity to do so. As part of this, we have provided information about an upcoming parent workshop. On **Friday 15th March, at 9:00am, we will be hosting an online safety workshop in the school hall.** This event is open for all parents and carers to attend. It is designed to cover a range of topics, such as age-ratings, parental controls and helping your child to develop healthy online habits in a rapidly advancing technological age. Afterwards, at **9:30am**, we will run a drop-in session **until 10.30am**. The aim of this is for you to come by and request support with devices, or to speak with us individually about any queries or concerns.

Absence And Illness

If your child is unwell, please call the school office or email on absence@churchfieldsinfants.redbridge.sch.uk on the first day of absence.

Please also ensure that the school office has your correct contact details so that you can be telephoned in the event of your child/ren being poorly within school.

Please be aware that if your child has experienced recent vomiting, diarrhoea, or has an active temperature, kindly wait 48-hours, after the last episode, before allowing them to return to school.

Appointments should be made outside of school hours wherever possible, and proof of these must be given if taken during the school day. The Term Time Absence Request forms need to be completed, and signed in advance by the Headteacher, for all other absences.

E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Parental Controls

Does your child have a games console? If yes, have you set up age appropriate parental controls? The controls vary across the different consoles, but all will allow you to restrict spending and communication for example.

PlayStation

Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities. Find out more here: <https://www.playstation.com/engb/support/account/psn-safetyparents-guide>

XBox

You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here: <https://www.xbox.com/enGB/apps/family-settings-app>

Nintendo Switch

Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your children are playing. Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-1183145.html>



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