



## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

It has been a very positive first week back. The children have come back settled and set off exactly where they were before, which has been great to see. We have had a huge focus on our learning behaviour of pride. I have had a look through all the children's writing books and I am impressed not only with the presentation, but also the content of what they have written. We will put all the books out during parents evening so you can have a look.

I hope you all enjoy bonfire night - keep safe and have a great weekend!

### **Reception**

We have had great fun this week exploring our new provision for the new term ahead. We are learning about Light and Dark, the changing seasons, nocturnal animals and Space. We really enjoyed using our fine motor skills to create patterns in the pumpkins, we talked about the different senses we used and explored the different textures.



We have started Bikeability lessons in Reception and we had great fun learning new skills! The lessons will help develop the children's physical skills and confidence when riding a bike or scooter. We also planted bulbs with our school Governor Hannah Matthews, we are looking forward to seeing the bulbs flower in the spring!



## Year 2

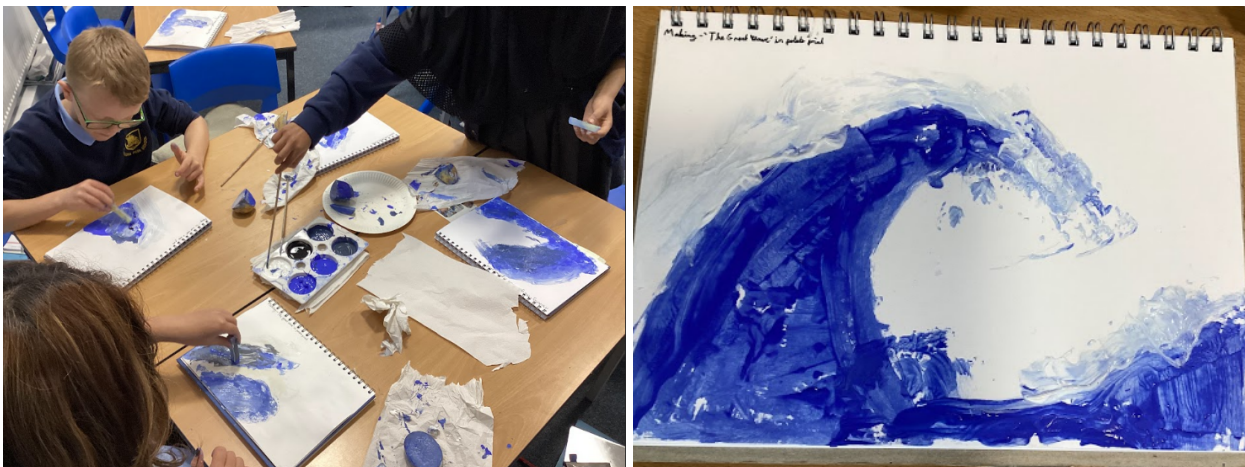
Year 2 have had a very busy, fun-filled first week back! We kicked off the week with a fantastic workshop learning all about the Great Fire of London. The children loved learning the story of the Great Fire through drama activities, looking at artefacts, and even dressing up! They asked some fantastic curious questions and were really enthusiastic about their new history topic.

We also enjoyed taste testing different fruits and vegetables in our Design Technology lessons this week. We described the appearance and texture before evaluating the taste of the foods. The children were very brave in trying new things and lots of them found a new favourite fruit or vegetable!



## Year 6

We've immersed ourselves in waves this week, taking on a writing project alongside an art project - all in 4 days! The children have thoroughly impressed us with their determination to improve their written outcomes, and we finish the week with some great suspenseful writing inspired by a short film. We have also learnt about Japanese artist Hokusai and his most famous work 'The Great Wave'. He printed using woodblocks - we recreated using potatoes! Well done, Year 6 - some fantastic outcomes to be very proud of.



## Active playtimes



This week, we have been consolidating our PE lessons as well as the assembly from Mr Brooke. During assembly, Mr Brooke talked about the importance of giving and receiving feedback. First, he began to skip and could not do it. He asked for lots of feedback from us and he used this to improve his skipping. Taking on board the things that we had said, Mr Brooke demonstrated that it is useful to have feedback when we want to improve something. We took this onto the playground and practised our skipping. We then gave feedback to our peers and to ourselves. We now absolutely love skipping!

## Reading

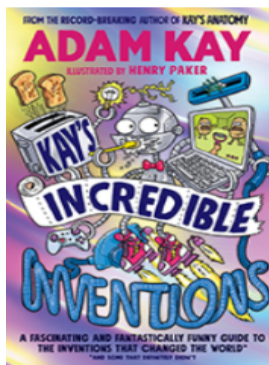
### Spooky Stories – Reading Ambassadors

This week, our reading ambassadors enjoyed planning and reading spooky Halloween stories to our early years and key stage one children. They showed great collaboration and pride in how they delivered these sessions and were really pleased that they were able to share their love of reading and enjoy various stories together. They are now looking forward to planning their next reading project across school. Excellent work!



## Author and Illustrator Virtual Visits

This week, children in Year 2 and Year 4 have had the opportunity to meet and learn more about different authors and illustrators. As well as enjoying a story read-along, they have participated in interactive workshops and question & answer sessions that have helped build their love of reading and literature. The teachers and children are excited to explore these books in more depth now in class and feel inspired to see where reading will take them next. Below are the two texts they have had the opportunity to learn more about this week.



## PGL Residential Reminder - Years 5 and 6

We are looking forward to our PGL weekend residential later in the year. If you would like your child to attend, please pay your deposit on School Money by Monday 6th November. If you would like your child to go but are unable to pay the £35 deposit at this point, please contact us and we will discuss how we can support you.



## Star of the Week



Our school focus this week was on the Learning Behaviour Pride. All the children in the juniors have been given a pen to write with and we are delighted with the quality of what they have produced. It was also nice to see that children were broadening their understanding of pride and there were examples of where children had shown pride in their work, in their environment by picking up litter and pride in their class by collectively supporting each other to achieve more. As always it was a delight to listen to the children and talk to them about their experience at our school. I might not go for the suggestion of painting the whole school pink but there are always a good few ideas, which we then try to implement

## Important Dates

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Details</u></b>
First day of Autumn 2 term	Tuesday 31st October
Parents Evening	Wednesday 22nd November
Parents Evening	Thursday 23rd November
Additional parents evenings	Week commencing 27th November
Rookie Rockstar Performances	14th, 15th 16th November
End of term	Friday 22nd December