



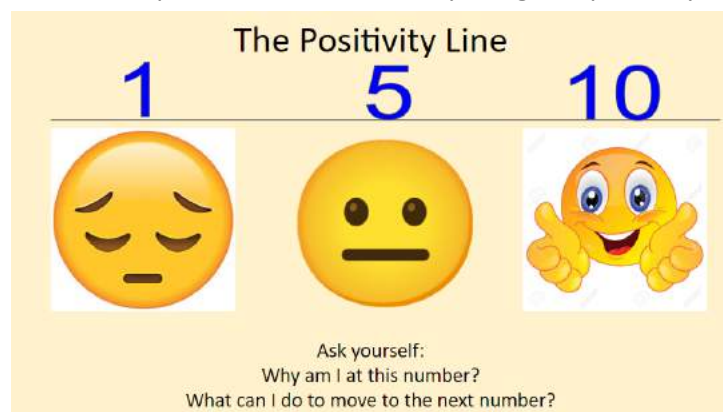
Friday Flyer

13th January 2023

Head of School Update

Happy New Year to all our families! The Christmas term is full of exciting events and feels hard to beat but January brings its own charms and there's something to be said for the return to routines and the sense of a fresh start. The children have certainly made a great start to the new year and we have had a very happy return to school.

Our value for this month is positivity and I have challenged the children to reflect at the end of each day and find three positive things which have happened, no matter how big or small. I've enjoyed hearing so far about what has brought happiness to their day, from having their favourite food, to playing a particular game with their friends. As ever, we found inspiration in Charlie Mackesy's book where he gives us hope that difficult times will pass. We talked in assembly about how it is normal to feel a range of emotions, including sadness, anger and worry and that when we feel this way we can tell someone how we feel and ask for help. We also thought about how we could help ourselves feel more positive at these times by using the 'positivity line':



I look forward to hearing the children's positives from over the weekend.
Best wishes, Claire Johnson


Upcoming events:

15th January	Closing date for Reception applications
20th January	Y3/4 rugby tournament, 1-3pm
6th February	Children's Mental Health Week
7th February	Safer Internet Day
17th February	Last day of the half term
27th February	Teacher training day (school closed to pupils)
28th February	Return to school
March TBC	Parent / carer consultations
All dates may be subject to change.	



STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!





The week in Reception

It has been great to have everyone back together again after a fantastic Christmas break! From talking to the children they have all had the best time ever.

We have had a busy week, and have worked hard to remember our routines. We have enjoyed discovery time and having the chance to paint and be creative. I have been very impressed with our focus task activities. The children have completed these as if they have never been away.

Next week we will focus on Chinese New Year! Do you know which animal it is this year?





The week in Key Stage 1

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic start to the New Year and are very excited to begin their Spring study of Sustainability. Our Core text for this term is *The Tin Forest*, by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. We have enjoyed exploring this wonderful story through reciprocal reading in English and look forward to using the text as an inspiration for our writing in the coming weeks.

In PSHE we introduced Schools Linking which will involve an exciting Learning Journey where Year 1 and 2 will be linked with St Lawrence's School in Byker, Newcastle. The Learning Journey will allow us to connect and work with another KS1 class and learn lots of new things along the way. In the past, this project has been a very successful and valuable experience for the children.

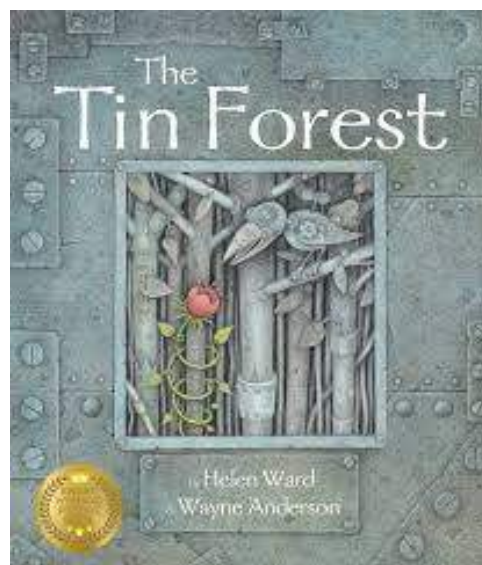
These are some of the questions linking will help us think about:

- ❖ **Who am I?** – *thinking about things that make us who we are.*
- ❖ **Who are we?** – *thinking about the similarities and differences we may share with others*
- ❖ **Where do we live?** – *learning about the places and communities we live in .*
- ❖ **How do we all live together?** – *thinking about how we all live, play, and work together so that everyone is treated fairly.*



The Linking Network

Identity Diversity Community Equality





The week in Year 3 and 4

What an amazing first week back to school! We have had so much fun welcoming our new classmate 'Rocky' who is the mountain Gorilla we adopted alongside our learning for this term. We began exploring our new book 'The One and Only Ivan' by planning and writing our own setting descriptions about Ivan's domain and everyone produced some excellent work and imagery. Alongside learning about Ivan we have also started our new Geography topic and learning about where Gorillas come from. We explored this further as a class in forest school as we began to consider why our forest wouldn't be a suitable domain for Ivan and Rocky and where might be better suited for them.

Well done Year 3 and 4 for all your super work this week.

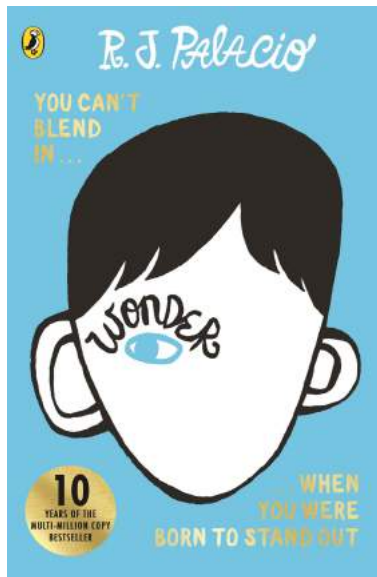


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The week in Year 5 and 6

We have had a great week after our relaxing Christmas break. Spending time with our friends and family has been the recharge that we all needed.



Our new term brings new opportunities for learning too. We have launched our new book, *'Wonder'* by R.J. Palacio. Auggie wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside. But ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go.

Born with a severe facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted - but can he convince his new classmates that he's just like them, underneath it all?

'I wouldn't normally read books of this type, as they can make me feel uncomfortable' said George. Tackling big issues, such as those raised in this book, gives us the confidence to be able to deal with such issues and be able to appreciate how it must feel to be judged and stared at every day.

Mr Harvey