



Newsletter: 20th January 2024

Dear Families

Another week seems to have flown past. We had lots of visitors in school last week and every single one of them have commented on how amazing our children are. Although I know this is true, I told them it is why I, and the rest of the staff, are so proud to work at Deykin Avenue. Well done, children!

Year 6 visit the Rep Theatre on Thursday. Mrs Mohamed told me how brilliantly behaved Year 6 were and how proud she was to be their teacher. Excellent behaviour, Year 6. You are a credit to our school.

I am very sorry to tell Year 2 parents that Miss Wahid left our school on Friday. I spent the afternoon sorting out a new supply teacher for next week, Miss Jabeen. Apologies for this. Unfortunately, there is nothing I can do as Miss Wahid was with us on supply. I cannot tell you yet if Miss Jabeen will be with us long term or not. She has been booked in for the week and I will have more information once she has started. Mr Gunchala and I will be working closely with her so that disruption to your children's education is as limited as possible. Sincere apologies for the disruption.

I have attached at the back of this newsletter some additional information about measles. Please be vigilant. If your children have not had the MMR, please contact your GP. There is now a version of this vaccination that **does not** contain pork ingredients.

Have a lovely week, everyone!

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General Reminders

- Doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am.
- The big gate into the car park should be being replaced on Monday 22nd January. Hooray!!!
- If your child arrives after 8:50am, please take them to the office and explain to the office staff the reason why your child is late.
- Please do not send your child to school with crisps, sweets, chocolate, etc for snacks or their lunch. Too many children are bringing food like this in on a daily basis. Sending cakes or sweets in for special occasions like birthdays are fine if we can all eat healthily at other times.
- **If you have any concerns regarding other children or parents, please do not approach them yourselves. Instead, speak to Mrs Brewer, Mr Gunchala or Mr Downes and we will try and resolve your concerns.**
- If your child has an appointment, please bring proof for our records.
- If your child is going to be absent, please ring school by 8:30am and give a reason and an expected return date. Also, please remember to cancel their meal on School Grid. If you do not cancel the meal and you pay for your child's meals, you will be charged.
- Finally, please send your child to school with a water bottle. Many children are not bringing them and we do not have many cups we can use.

Thank you. 😊

We want all our pupils to be **STARs**: **S**uccessful, **T**olerant, **A**mbitious and **R**esilient.

Everyone at Deykin Avenue JI School is expected to adhere to our values of respect, responsibility, inclusivity and fairness. Our children know that these values help us all to become STARs but also help us to be good citizens within our community.

Term Dates 2023-2024

Spring Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 -Friday 16th February 2024

Term Ends: Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8th April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024- Friday 31st May 2024

Term Ends: Monday 22nd July 2024

Training Days

There will be 2 more training days to be confirmed.

Election Day

We have been informed that our school will be used for voting for the Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Combined Authority Mayoral Elections on **Thursday 2nd May 2024**. School will be closed on this day to all children.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Fizah – Year 4

Giovanni – Year 1

Saja – Year 1

Swimming

Children in Years 4 and 5 will be taking part in 10 days of intensive swimming at Wyndley Swimming Baths and trained swimming teachers will work with the children. This is part of the National Curriculum and children are expected to attend. Jewellery is not permitted to be worn. Boys need to wear swimming trunks and girls a swimming costume (not a bikini) with tight fitting leggings if they wish. No loose fitting clothes will be allowed.

Year 5 – weeks beginning Monday 15th April and Monday 22nd April (dates changed due to Ramadan)

Year 4 - weeks beginning Monday 13th May and Monday 20th May

Both classes will have a 45 minute lesson each afternoon.

Attendance

Reception – 87.83%

Year 1 – 88.63%

Year 2 – 91.67%

Year 3 – 94.37%

Year 4 – 87.5%

Year 5 – 90.33%

Year 6 – 92.67%

Whole School – 90.52%

Well done to Year 3 who had the best attendance last week.

Unfortunately, you were under 96% so no extra playtime for you next week.

If your child is unwell a lot, please speak to Mrs Baxter to see what support we can provide. We may be able to make a referral to the school nurse, or contact your GP to ask them to speak to you and you can raise your concerns with them.

Dear Families

We will be engaging in a 'traditional tale wow day' on Tuesday 6th February. Through this wow day, we hope to foster a love of traditional tales, such as Cinderella, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, The Three Little Pigs and many more. We will be reading many traditional tales on this day and will also be hiring a bouncing castle in order to create excitement and interest in stories and reading.

If you would like your child to have ten minutes to jump on the castle, then please bring in £1. All proceeds will be used to fund Reception's end of year trip and the Year 6 trip to Conover. If they want an extra jump around, they can at lunch time for 50p for 5 minutes.

We hope children will enjoy this event and adopt a love for traditional tales. Thank you.

Mrs Nehar

Important Dates

Tuesday 6th February – Traditional wow day (see Mrs Nehar’s message above)

Tuesday 6th February – Internet Safety Day

Thursday 22nd February – Dance workshops in school all day – Reception to Year 6 – children may come to school in their PE kits (details of the sessions to follow)

Monday 26th February – 2:50pm Birmingham City Mission’s assembly

Monday 7th March – World Book Day (details to follow)

Monday 11th March – 9am – Reception’s Mother’s Day Assembly – families invited

Thursday 21st March – 9am – Star of the Term/Attendance/Behaviour awards – families invited

Friday 22nd March – Break up for the Easter holiday

Safeguarding

The children take part in different lessons and assemblies based on keeping safe throughout the year. One safety campaign is PANTS which was created and developed by the NSPCC. This teaches the children of the importance of keeping our private parts private. This may be a subject you find difficult to discuss. However, it is really important that children learn from an early age that our bodies belong to us and we wear underwear to keep our private parts covered.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf> is a link that takes you to the leaflet that you could use with your child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IL07JOGU5o> links to the Pantosaurus song.

Thank you.

TT Rockstars

Please encourage your children (particularly those in Year 2 and above) to play on TT Rockstars regularly. It is a wonderful resource to help children learn their times tables. There are different games they can play on TTRS. For example, the ‘Jamming’ game allows them to choose the times tables they would like to focus on and they will only receive questions on those. Any questions, please contact your class teacher or Miss Williams

Year 4 will have their Multiplication Tables Check in June 2024 and the government’s expectation is that they score 25/25. By the end of Year 4, children should know all the times tables up to 12 x 12.



Star of the Term

A huge ‘Well Done!’ to all the children who have achieved a certificate in Merit Assembly. Keep up the good work. You have all proved to be Deykin STARS!!

Friday 19th January

Reception – Hamza

Year 1 – Giovanni

Year 2 – Aiden

Year 3 – Emaad

Year 4 – Hadiya and Freya

Year 5 – Adebukola

Year 6 – Sarrinah

Times Tables Rockstars

Yunes – Year 2

Aiden – Year 2

Ahmad – Year 3



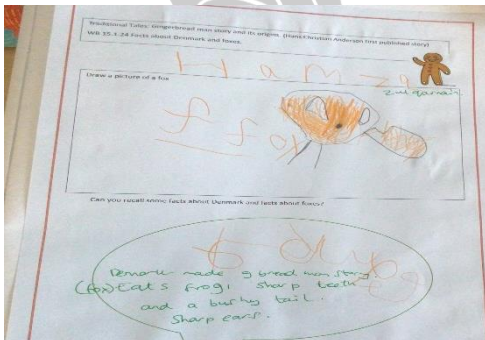
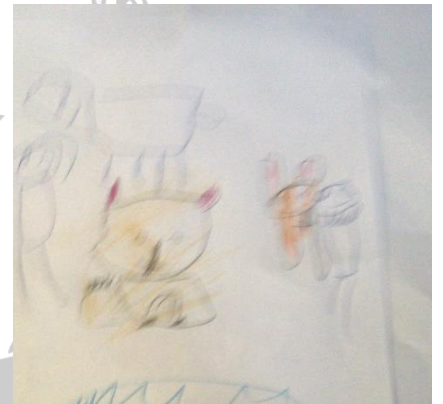
Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

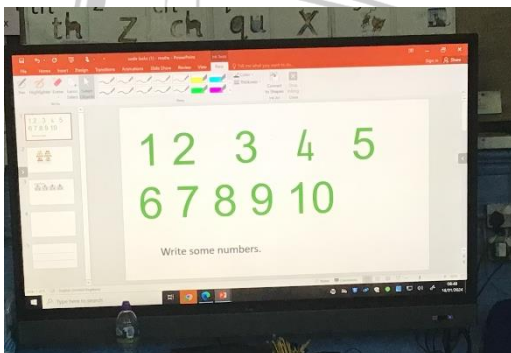


This week, Reception have been learning about mass and weight. We used language such as “heaviest, heavy, light, lighter, lightest” to describe and compare the weight of objects.

For Topic, we have been learning the Gingerbread Man story linked to traditional tales. We discovered that the story originated in Denmark by Hans Christian Anderson. We tasted real ginger biscuits and learnt facts about foxes.

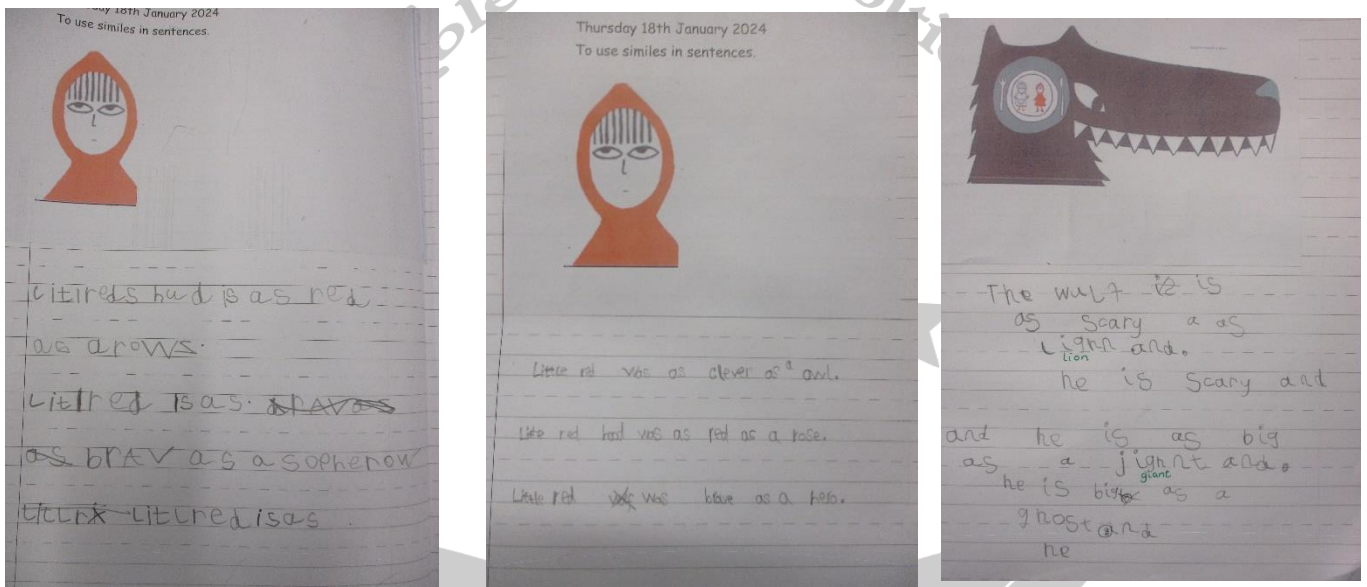


We have been practising number formation at school and for homework.



Year 1

Year 1 have been working very hard this week, learning about similes in Literacy. We have thought about the secret code for writing a simile (we won't tell you unless you ask!) and used this to write our own about the characters from our story, 'Little Red'. The children have come up with some great ideas; well done Year 1!



Year 2

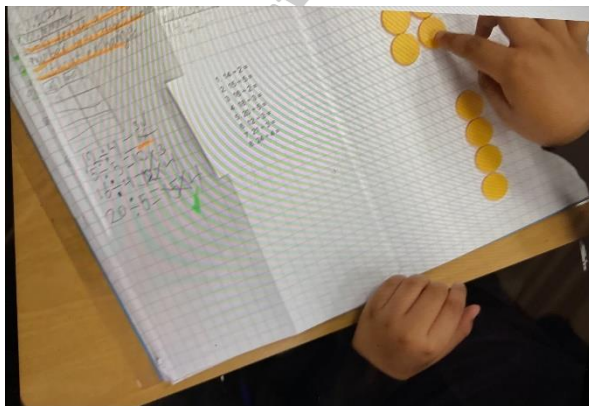
The children worked very hard during music with Mrs Brewer on Wednesday. They have been learning all about rhythm and pulse and the differences between them. They all had an instrument and practised playing either the pulse or the rhythm. They then used their instrument to play the pulse and then the rhythm whilst singing the song, 'Once A Man Fell In A Well'. The children have excellent musical skills!



Year 3



This week, Year 3 children tackled division. We started by sharing into equal groups using counters and moved on to pictorial methods. By the end of the week, the children used partitioning to divide two-digit numbers.

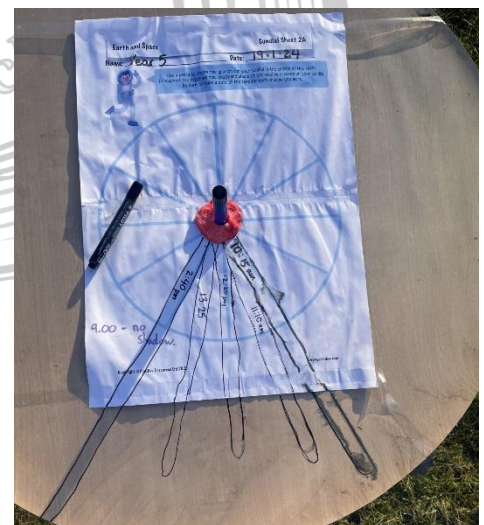


Year 4

Year 4 have worked really hard during their first week without Miss Burke. Miss Moore has settled in well which has been greatly helped by the children. Well done Year 4!

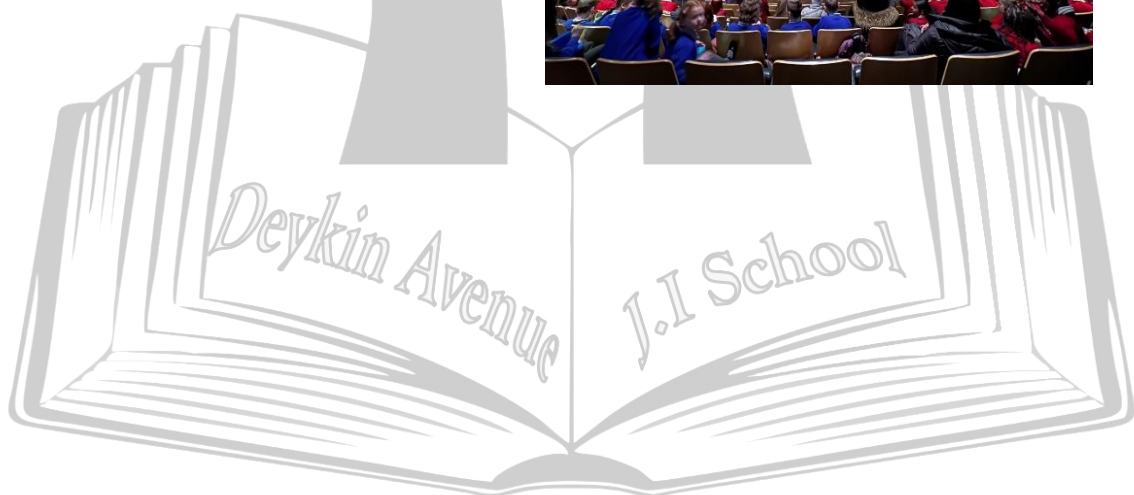
Year 5

In Science, Year 5 have been working with Mrs Thompson to explore how the positions of shadows change throughout the day. This is based on how the Earth rotates and how the sun's rays travel. This is a really simple experiment that you can try at home...however, you do need it to be a sunny day.



Year 6

Year 6 went to The Repertory Theatre to watch the live production of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. They all had an amazing time. We were even lucky enough to meet three of the main cast members who praised the children's polite mannerisms. Well done Year 6 for representing our school beautifully.



Measles

Please see [Measles | NHS inform](#) for further information on measles including symptoms, treatment and what to do if you suspect you or someone you know has measles.

Symptoms of measles

The first symptoms of measles develop around 10 days after you're infected. These can include:

- cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, sneezing, and a cough
- sore, red eyes that may be sensitive to light
- watery eyes
- swollen eyes
- a high temperature (fever), which may reach around 40°C (104°F)
- small greyish-white spots in the mouth
- aches and pains
- loss of appetite
- tiredness, irritability and a general lack of energy

The measles rash appears around 2 to 4 days after the initial symptoms and normally fades after about a week. The rash:

- is made up of small red-brown, flat or slightly raised spots that may join together into larger blotchy patches
- usually first appears on the head or neck, before spreading outwards to the rest of the body
- is slightly itchy for some people



Go to A&E or phone 999 if:

You or your child have measles and:

- shortness of breath
- a high temperature that does not come down after taking paracetamol or ibuprofen
- is coughing up blood
- drowsiness
- confusion
- fits (convulsions)

Phone your GP urgently if:

- you think you or your child might have measles
- you've been in close contact with someone who has measles and you've not been fully vaccinated (had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine) or haven't had the infection before – even if you don't have any symptoms
- you've been in close contact with someone who has measles and you're pregnant – measles can be serious in pregnancy
- you have a weakened immune system and think you have measles or have been in close contact with someone with measles

If your GP is closed, phone 111.

You should phone your GP first before visiting. They can make arrangements to reduce the risk of spreading the infection to others.

