

OASIS

12th February 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

In many ways, it is hard to believe we are coming to the end of another half term. School has obviously been very different over the last 6 weeks and I want to say another huge thank you to you all for embracing the different way of working. I think you are doing an incredible job supporting your children with the Remote Learning as I know many of you are continuing to juggle a variety of responsibilities. I would be really grateful if you could spare a couple of minutes to complete our most recent parent survey. We want to continue to develop and improve our Remote Learning provision after half term and also share your views with Oasis Community Learning. If you have not already, please [click here](#). I also want to say again how proud I am of our amazing staff team and how well they have adapted to all the changes. I appreciate all the hard work and dedication they continue to give to our children to support them with their learning and well being. We had an exciting last week of the half term with many different events:

Internet Safety Day

The children learnt some important messages this week on how to use the internet safely. We talked about how not all the information you read on the internet is true so you need to think about whether you can 'trust' that information or if you need to 'check' it with an adult. A child in Sycamore Class said, "We learned that if it's too good to be true, it's probably not true. If you're not sure if a fact is true, ask an adult to check if we can trust this website."



Fleur Anderson (MP)

It was a real privilege to welcome Fleur Anderson to our virtual assembly this week. We learnt lots about her work and about the House of Commons and the House of Lords. We had the opportunity to ask her some questions. One great question was, "Do you ever get nervous when you speak in the House of Commons?" and Fleur's response was, "That's a great question. I do get a bit nervous sometimes but also feel very excited to share your views."

She encouraged us to contact her with our questions and about issues that are important to us including litter in our community and local play spaces. We are looking forward to inviting Fleur back to visit us again when school is fully open.



Spanish Day

Ms Williams led a great Spanish Day with the teachers this week on the theme 'Spanish Speaking World.' The children enjoyed dressing up in Spanish style clothes or clothes in the colours of the Spanish flag. They learnt lots of facts about Spanish speaking countries and created posters and leaflets to share their learning. The children in school had a Spanish Day menu and tried paella, patatas bravas and 'sangria' while we heard from the children at home who tried to make different recipes including paella and tortillas. Thank you to everyone involved who made it such a great day!



Donations

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has bought a pack of individual whiteboards for the school. We really appreciate your generosity and the children will benefit hugely from these resources. We still need some more so if you would like to donate and have not yet purchased a box then there is still plenty of time. Whiteboards pens are also in great need please. Please see our Amazon wish list link: <https://amzn.eu/8zzYmqM>

Online Parenting Children Course

The Parenting Children Course is a series of five sessions designed to help parents, carers, and parents-to-be to strengthen their family relationships by providing them with practical teaching and support. To find out more information please look at the following link: <https://www.htb.org/parenting>

Anyone interested in joining can get in touch with Kirsty Basset at kirstybasset@gmail.com

CBBC is on YouTube!

You and your children may be interested in CBBC on YouTube for entertainment at half term and outside of home-schooling hours now we're in lockdown.

They are uploading videos to it daily that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have all the top CBBC brands on there, with a wide range of genres from factual shows, news, dramas, comedy to entertainment. Programmes like Horrible Histories, Blue Peter, Newsround, The Next Step, Saturday Mash-Up, Operation Ouch, the Playlist, the Dumping Ground, Heirs of the Night and Jamie Johnson. They are also welcoming back Dani Harmer in the brilliant new programme My Mum Tracy Beaker. If you are interested then you can subscribe to www.youtube.com/cbbc

Staffing – Thank you to Ms Williams for leading Spanish during this academic year. She now starts her maternity leave and we wish her all the very best for this exciting new chapter.

Have a lovely half term and thank you for your continued support,

Stay warm and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Jenny

Encouraging words from artist Charlie Mackesy:



This is our last newsletter before half-term. It feels like I blinked my eyes and in an instant, two weeks had passed! The Acorn children have continued working hard and enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year through the book called 'The Great Race.' We reflected upon how the rat could have practised one of our school habits, being 'honest.' The children made their own lanterns and dragons to embrace the Chinese tradition. They learnt about the Chinese flag and compared it with the Union Jack; we learnt about the Great Wall of China and how the schools in China are different from ours.

In Maths children were introduced to the concept of grouping and sharing. They also learnt about the difference between equal and unequal sharing. This week we revisited the text from this half term and topics which were introduced in Maths. The children were assessed for their comprehension and mathematical skills.

Last week children created posters as part of Mental Health Awareness week. It was good to see how they were able to recognise their feelings and express them. Leila P said, "I am feeling happy; even with the coronavirus I still can come to school and it makes me happy." Samuel wasn't happy because of the weekend and with his folded arms he said, "Over the weekend I don't get to see you Ms Khawaja and I feel sad." I am sure you will agree with me that happy children learn more and it's wonderful to teach not 1 or 2 but 23 happy children in Acorn class!

We celebrated Safer Internet Day this week. We watched the story 'Smartie the Penguin' and unanimously agreed not to open any unexpected messages or to accept invites from the strangers when playing online games.

I also had an interesting interaction with Acorn pupils when Rex told me how old his mum and dad are. When I said that they are younger than me; they were intrigued to know my age. I made the revelation a little reluctantly and just in that moment our adorable Abigail noticed my grey hair which I had considered a silver lining until that point. Clearly this wasn't the case for Acorn children because a few minutes later a team of hairdressers from 'Harrods' had arrived at Oasis Academy Putney. It included Ziggy, Elias, Nala, Abigail and Sienna as they decided to help me look prettier by colouring the grey hair. They applied some hair products and the streaks of grey hair were coloured in pink, orange and red. I was magically transformed into a different person. It's fascinating to observe them and to discover their connections to others and their environment. I am sure you are as proud of these children as their teachers are! "Children are not things to be moulded, but are people to be unfolded". Jess Lair.

Wishing you all a safe and blessed half term.

Ms Khawaja



Reception Acorn





Reception Conker

What a fun past week we have had at school and for those at home! The snow was definitely the highlight and topic of conversation when joining the online lessons. At school we had lots of snow ball fights and frozen fingers!

We have been learning all about the Chinese New Year which is celebrated today, the 12th February. We found out that 2021 is the Year of the Ox. Did you know, long ago China did not have a calendar. This got the Emperor thinking... he decided to have a Great Race across the river. Whichever animal won would be the first year on their calendar – it was the rat who won.

In celebration of the Chinese New Year we have made red and yellow lanterns, dragons and Chinese hats.

In Maths we have been learning about grouping and sharing. We had to help Old MacDonald to sort out his fields into equal groups of animals and we helped a sheep to share his wool equally at the market.

Every single child has done incredibly well this term, handling all the change maturely and not giving up. I also want to say a special thank you to every parent and carer who has come on board in helping their child with their learning. You have all been incredibly patient, positive and enthusiastic this term. I am deeply grateful for your commitment, feedback and efforts. This term would not have been possible if it was not for you!

Mrs Craythorne





Year 1 Birch

In Birch Class we have been learning all about Space! So much so, that we've started to write fact files about all of the fascinating facts that we can find about space and astronauts. Did you know that there is no sound in Space? Did you know that the first dog in space was called Laika?

We've been having lots of fun learning as much as we can about space and have become the authors of our very own books. Who knows, maybe Birch Class has some future astronauts among us!

Mr Lepine and Miss Coombes



Key Learning: To begin to recognise tens and ones within 2-digit numbers

Total number of pencils	Groups of 10	Loose pencils	
22✓	2✓	2✓	✓
25✓	2✓	5✓	✓
28✓	1✓	8✓	✓

Key Learning: To understand how groups of ten and ones are written in a place value chart

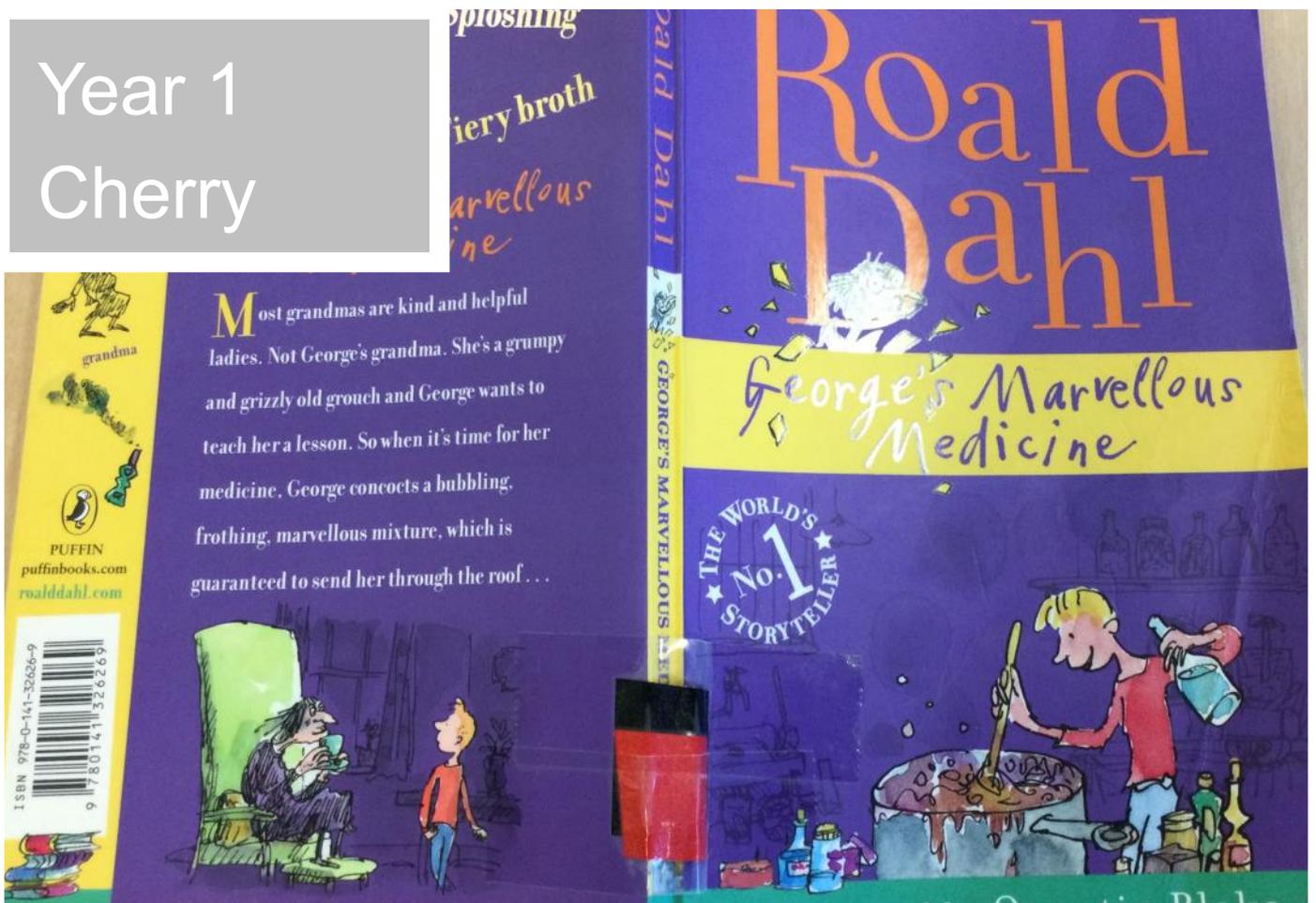
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1	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	ones
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Cherry Class have been busy learning about place value in two-digit numbers. We were busy sequencing numbers and finding ones and tens in two-digit numbers. We also identified groups of tens in two-digit numbers up to 50.

We have started reading George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl which the children have really enjoyed listening to. The children think that George's grandma may be a witch, I think they are onto something there!

Miss Ciubrinskaite

Year 1
Cherry



Maple Class have been having a great time over the past week online and in school!

We had a lovely activity on Friday where we talked about 'ladders to success' and we created our own ladders with steps to reach our goals. We talked about how using a lot of the 9 Habits would help us reach the top of the ladder!

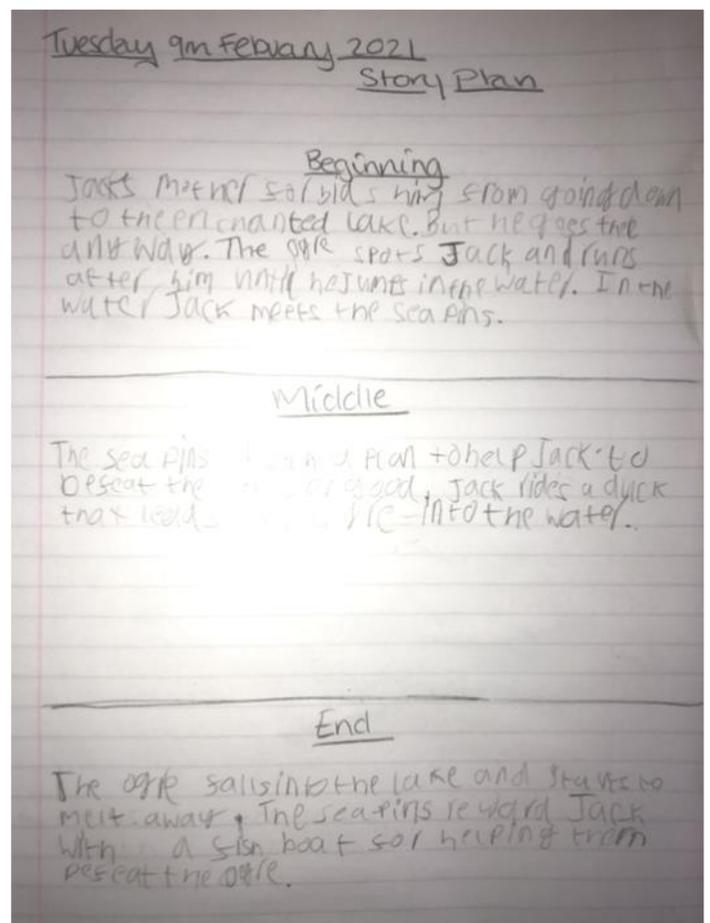
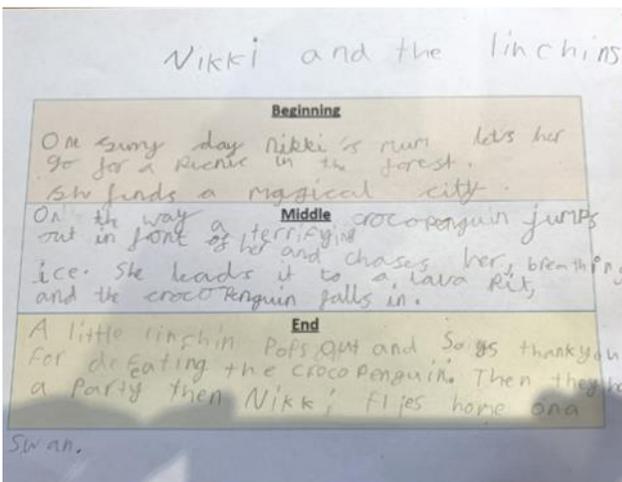
We have also moved onto addition of two 2-digit numbers and have been using dienes to help us. We have been busy at home making our own dienes and we have had a really good start to the topic!

Year 2 Maple

We have also been carrying on with our lovely English book, The Minpins and we have thoroughly enjoyed it. We have started to make a story plan for our own version of The Minpins and have been really creative in thinking of different characters, settings and even a new title!

Well done Maple Class, what a fantastic half term we have had!

Miss Knight

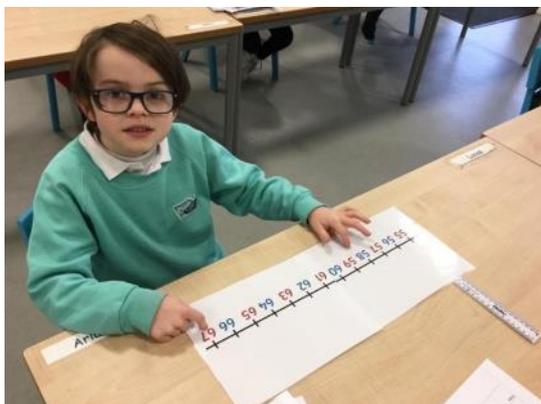


This week in Rowan Class, we have been working on our new Maths unit: Addition and Subtraction. To help us we have been using lots of different concrete objects. Such as dienes, bead strings, and number lines! Look at what fun we were having!

Yesterday we dressed up and had lots of fun celebrating Spanish Day. Children really enjoyed talking about Spanish food and Sophia shared a presentation about the Dominican Republic that she made with her mum.

Miss Wright

Year 2 Rowan



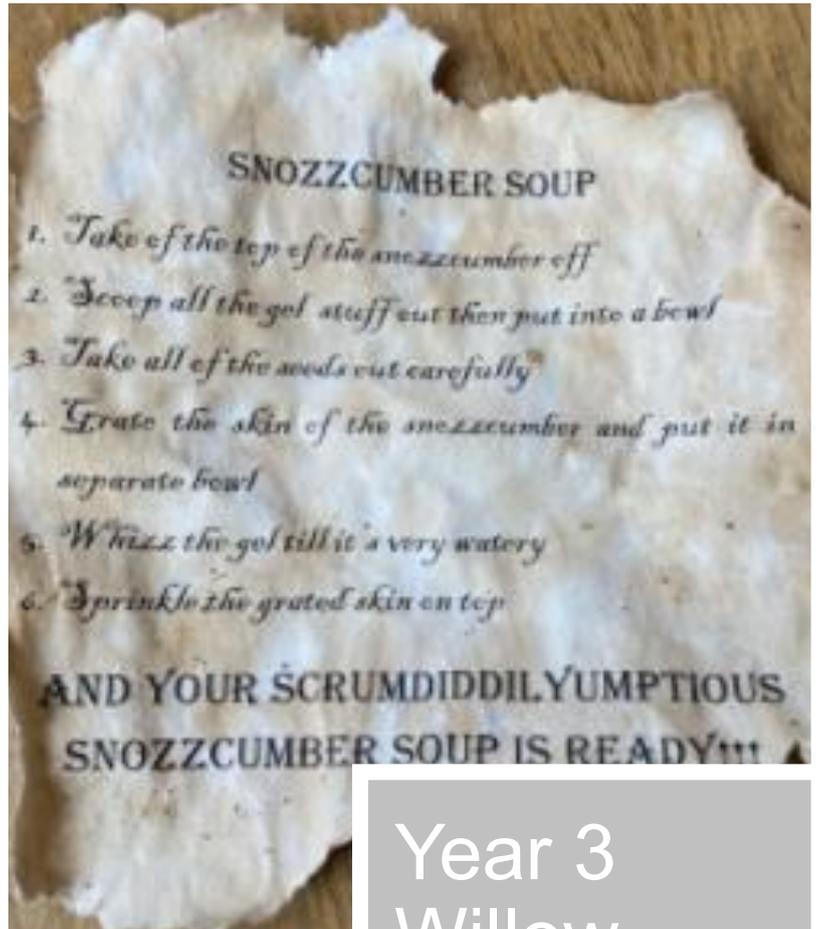
I'd like to begin by saying a massive well done to all the lovely Willows for another successful couple of weeks of home learning. I am so impressed with their mature approach to home learning and to the wonderful progress they are making! I hope you all manage to have a well-deserved rest this half term!

In English, we are currently reading 'The BFG'. Last week, after reading the Snozzcumbers, the children had to create their very own revolting recipe! Here are some of their creations.

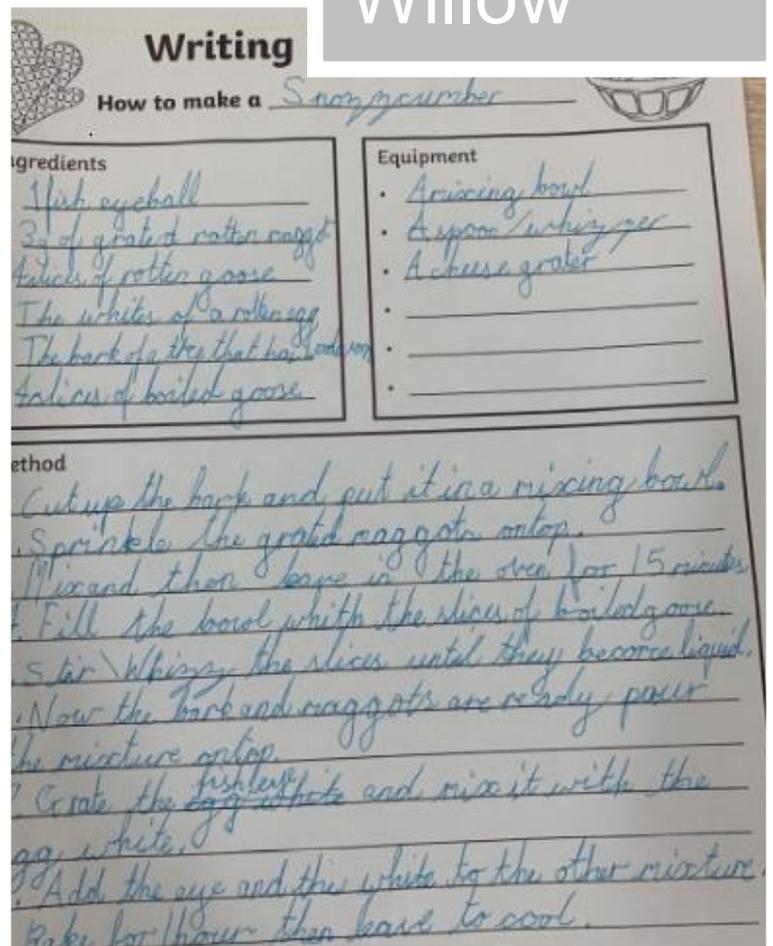
Alanna even made some butter gumballs taken from Ronald Dahl's book.

Have a wonderful break Willows,

Miss Kohler

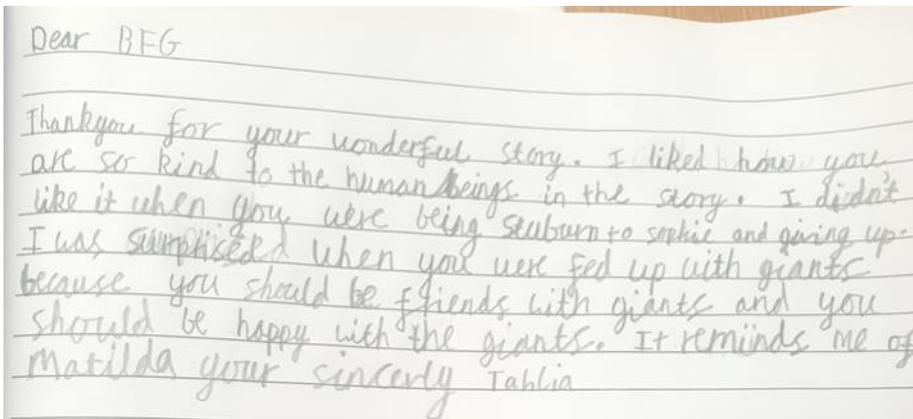


Year 3
Willow



The first thing I would like to say to Sycamores is well done for being so resilient and adapting so well to the changes during this half term, I am so proud of you all.

For Design Technology this half term our task was to make iPad cases. Look at some of the beautiful designs we had! Prior to creating their own designs, the children first researched inventors and technical innovators such as Elijah McCoy and Steve Jobs before looking at the types of iPad covers that already exist on the market.



Year 3 Sycamore



This is our final week focusing on The BFG in our English lessons, and the children are going to be writing their own fantasy stories based on the story this week. Last week the children wrote some lovely thank you letters to The BFG, take a look at Tahlia's that we would like to share with you.

Have a lovely and restful half term everyone, stay safe .

Mrs Addis

I would like to start by saying a big thank you to Holly Class children and parents for a great first half term to 2021. Although it has not been the start of the year we would have hoped for, we have certainly made the most of it!

In English we have looked at two separate texts and have improved our story writing skills. In Maths, we have developed our knowledge and understanding of time and we have completed a three week unit on decimals. We have also finished reading Letters from the Lighthouse, our class text based on WW2, which has been a great achievement for us all!



Finally, I have been so impressed with how the children have independently engaged with their topic work, learning about electrical circuits in science and learning about the Romans in history and art.

I hope you all have a relaxing half term holiday and I am looking forward to seeing you all again in Spring 2!

Miss Pickering



Year 4 Holly





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Hola!



Exciting Music News! National Music Competition.

Oasis Primary Academies are launching a national music competition to celebrate, encourage and further develop our love of music.

Children from KS1 (Y1 and Y2) and Lower KS2 (Y3 & Y4) are eligible to enter.

The categories for entries are :

Best original song

Best solo performance

Best production track

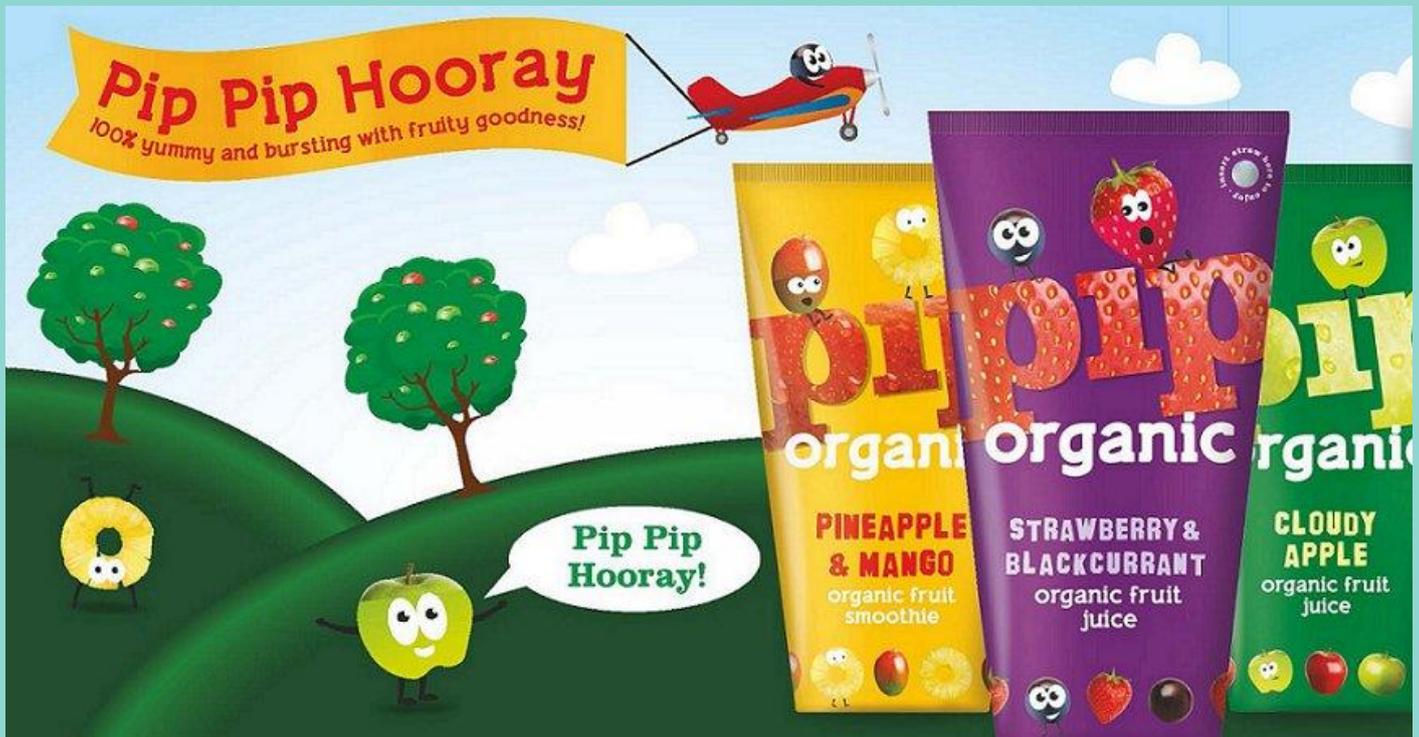
All entries must be submitted to the school by February 26th 2021.

Please [watch the video](#) to see how to enter and what to do. Any questions ask Ms. Lou in your Class Team music channel.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 11th November	All Day	Remembrance Day
W/c 16th November	All Day	Anti-bullying Week
Friday 20th November	All Day	Staff INSET
Friday 11th December	All Day	PTFA Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18th December	1:30pm	End of Term
Monday 4th January	All Day	Staff INSET
Tuesday 5th January	9am	Return to School -Spring 1
Tuesday 2nd February	4.30pm	Parent Curriculum Meetings
Thursday 11th February	All Day	Spanish Day
Friday 12th February	3:30pm	End of Term
Monday 22nd February	9am	Return to School -Spring 2
Wednesday 3rd March	TBC	Parent Workshop on Safeguarding
Thursday 4th March	All Day	World Book Day
Thursday 11th March	9.30am	Educational Psychologist
Friday 19th March	All Day	Comic Relief
Wednesday 31st March	1:30pm	End of Term
Monday 19th April	9am	Return to School Summer 1
Monday 3rd May	All Day	Early May Bank Holiday
Monday 17th May	All Week	Well Being Week
Friday 28th May	3:30pm	End of Term
Monday 7th June	9am	Return to School Summer 2
Friday 2nd June	TBC	Sports Day (TBC)
Monday 12th July	All Week	Enterprise Week
Thursday 22nd July	1:30pm	End of Term
Friday 23rd July	All Day	Staff INSET



Thank you to Pip Organic for choosing our school as one of their prize winners and for their generous donation! The company is Putney based and on trial for their kids cartons in both Putney and Fulham Waitrose stores. <https://piporganic.com/>

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