



DORRINGTON ACADEMY

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DORRINGTON DIARY - Dates for your Diary

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

Wear something red and bring in a donation of £1.00 for the Comic Relief Charity

Tuesday 9th April – Fusion Festival – 4.00pm

Thursday 11th April – Easter Hat Parade for KS1 children

Thursday 11th April – HSBC open in school

Friday 12th April – School Closes for the Easter Holiday

Monday 29th April – School opens for all pupils

MoMo Challenge and other Social Media 'games'

You may have read in the national press about a variety of 'games and challenges' on social media sites encouraging children to take extreme risks or exposing children to frightening images.

We have followed advice from both the Birmingham safeguarding team and Link2ICT to suggest the following on-line safety tips:

- Start discussions about on-line safety with your children at an early age
- Filters, Blocks and Parental Locks do not replace the parental role – do not just rely on these
- Monitor your child's usage and browser history
- Become 'friends' on your child's social media sites
- Encourage your child to tell you their worries, especially if someone on-line has told them not to
- Follow the published social media site age restrictions
- Do not share personal information on-line

Unicef Article: 28

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY FOR WEEK ENDING 01/03/2019

This week the top classes for Attendance and Punctuality were as follows:

Attendance

KS1	2A	98.33%	KS2	4R	100.00%
REC	RJB	95.42%	Year 3	3D	97.33%
Year 1	1S	95.00%	Year 4	4R	100.00%
Year 2	2A	98.33%	Year 5	5A	97.33%
			Year 6	6N	96.33%

Punctuality

KS1 Winners	RJB/2A/2C	2 LATES	KS2 Winners	4B	0 LATES
KS1 Most Lates	RW	7 LATES	KS2 Most Lates	5N	6 LATES

Nursery

Michael Rosen's "We're going on a Bear Hunt" was this week's focus for all our fun Book Week activities. We acted out the story, travelling through different areas in the Nursery, remembering the story's repeated refrains. We painted bears and made wellie prints, pretending to squelch through thick, oozy mud.

On Friday we dressed up in our beautiful character costumes too. What a lovely week!

Reception

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Numeracy Workshop. We hope it was informative and that you can use some of the ideas at home to support your child, in Numeracy.

This week in Literacy the children have been writing a story about the 'Little Red Hen.' They used their Fred fingers, capital letters, full stops and finger spaces to write the sentences correctly. Well done Reception children.

Year 1

We have had a very exciting week in Year 1! This week's topic has been Fusing Books and the Screen. Last week, the children visited different planets by watching a video from the Literacy Shed. They enjoyed seeing the different aliens and worlds. The children wrote questions to the aliens and wrote a setting description of their own planet. This week, we looked at the story *Whatever Next!* The children completed a variety of activities, including: writing a diary entry, labelling a picture from the story and writing a shopping list of what they would take to the moon. In Numeracy, the children have learnt to solve multiplication questions by drawing arrays. Next week we will be looking at division through sharing. Also this week the children have made junk model rockets! The children worked really hard in teams to create a big model. Some of these will be going on display because they were so good! Some children have not returned their PE kit since half term. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school by next week.

Year 2

This week in Literacy we completed our Wanted posters. We wrote about one of the bad characters in the video and used a range of adjectives and conjunctions to provide more detail and to make our sentences more interesting. In Numeracy we have been looking at fractions. The children have worked out fractions of an amount and number using the numerator and denominator to solve the problems. We have also started to look at some equivalent fractions. As it is Book Week, we have been working in groups to recite a poem. The winning group performed in assembly on Friday. We have also been recreating a desert scene from our Literacy video which will be displayed in the reading corridor.

Year 3

As it is world book week, Year 3 has been carrying out many activities to celebrate it. Last week we explored Digital Literacy in the form of a video clip, which has formed the basis of the activities that we have carried out this week. During Literacy this week, we have been exploring and writing formal letters using subordination, based on a video clip that we have watched. In Numeracy, we have been learning about fractions with the aim of being able to solve worded fraction problems. Year 3 have also been placing fractions on number lines and finding fractions of numbers. We have also learnt about the different types of clouds and how they are made while creating our own clouds using cotton wool.

Year 4

This week in Year 4 the children have celebrated book week! They have been working on their reading skills based on the animations 'Daggers for King Duncan' and 'All hail Macbeth! Thane of Cawdor.' In addition, Year four has been working on an art project to create a Macbeth themed display along the guided reading corridor. They have created a night sky tile with a design to represent the story, then sponge painted and carved out their design using the back of a paintbrush. Well done Year 4!

Year 5

This week, we have celebrated World Book Day and the children have focused on their text, Percy Jackson, to create pieces of work for this. In Literacy, they have been writing a setting description based on a video clip from the film version of Percy Jackson. Within this description, they have been using figurative language, relative clauses and expanded noun phrases. In Guided Reading, we have looked at a range of skills linked to the clip from the film and the children have created a short book review. In Numeracy, we have started to look at the properties of shapes, both 3D and 2D. They have been using the vocabulary faces, vertices and edges and have investigated constructing their own nets.

Year 6

This week in year six, we have started our new literacy unit of biographies. Using the media clip 'Beyond the Lines' we have followed the life of a former WWII soldier as he shares his traumatic memories of war with his young grandchildren. Children are structuring using bullet points and a flashback opening and are also going to be including passive voice as a language technique. In numeracy, we have focused on the big concepts of perimeter, area volume and mean. Children are working very hard at using their knowledge and applying this to many different and difficult forms of reasoning questions.

One Education Reading Award



We are delighted to inform you that we have achieved the Bronze, One Education Reading Award. The award illustrates our commitment and knowledge in building a successful reading curriculum. In addition it shows how we have focused on providing our children with the skills, the passion and the enthusiasm for reading.

Congratulations

Warmest congratulations to our newly appointed Head Girl, Sara Gazge.

PARKING

Please respect our neighbours by parking responsibly and avoid blocking drives. Thank you for your cooperation.

REMINDER – LATE CHARGES

For each child entering the late area, the parent will be charged an initial £5. For every subsequent 5 minutes thereafter, there will be a further £5 charge. For example, if a child in Key Stage 1 is in the late area at 3.30pm and is not collected until 4.00pm, this will incur a charge of £35. An invoice for the total amount will be sent to the child/children's home address within 7 days.

“Together we are stronger”