



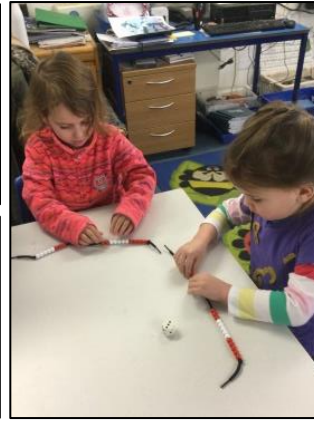
# NEWSLETTER



**OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT – UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY – TEAMWORK**

9<sup>th</sup> February 2023

We have had such a busy term with our Number Day, film club, cake sales and class assemblies, as well as our sporting events. Our tag rugby team are on their way to the finals this afternoon. Good luck to all of the team, who have really played with great enthusiasm and brilliant team spirit. Next term is girls' football, so look out for the latest sports reports.



## NSPCC Number Day

On NSPCC Number Day, Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in a number scavenger hunt. There were 16 shapes hidden around the playground and field and we had to find each shape and answer 2 maths questions. We took our answers back to our teachers who then told us which shape to find next. It was lots of fun because you got to work with your friends and challenge your brain to answer some tricky questions. It was good to work as a team because we could help each other. It was also good exercise because we ran lots and lots of times around the field. It was brilliant to take our Maths learning outside. (*Mrs Birley and Neve*)

Our younger children had great fun with beads, paints and chalking numbers on the playground. Honey Pots thoroughly enjoyed their number quiz and partitioning numbers into tens and ones. What a fun way to learn maths and we also raised £182.86 for this very worthy cause.



**Remember to bring PE kits to school after half term!**

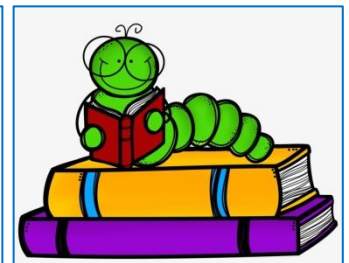
## Cake Sales

Please note a change in date due to a clash with film club.

Y2 Cake Sale – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Y1 Cake Sale – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March** (not 24<sup>th</sup> March)

Windmills Cake Sale – Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April



**Keep reading over the half term break!** We are looking forward to hearing about exciting or interesting books you have discovered. Here are a few tips for parents.

Model being a reader to your children, do your children see you read? Remember reading doesn't have to be a novel, it can be newspapers, magazines, recipes, instructions, anything with words!

Encourage children to read everywhere, involve them in reading the recipe for dinner, shopping lists in the supermarket, even the TV listings when choosing what to watch.

Use your voice to bring books to life. You can work with your child to decide what voice characters should have and do the sound effects! Your child will love to hear you involved in the story.



## Y5 Art

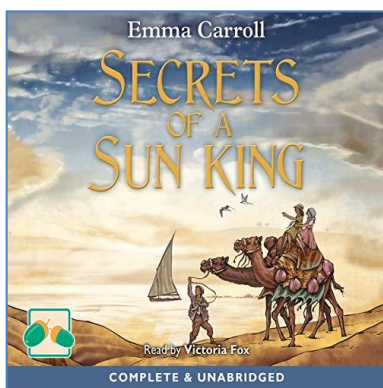
In art we have been looking at the artist Frida Kahlo. She was born and died in Mexico. She was a strong artist and challenged people to see past her injuries. (*Megan T*) Frida was an inspiring woman and we were fascinated to learn about her. She had polio, and at the age of 18 was in a tram accident, which required a total of 37 operations, but that didn't stop her. She painted her self-portraits with lots of eye catching features, like lots of nature and beautiful bold colours. She painted herself as a strong confident person. (*Stella*).

Frida drew her portraits with lots of different features including:

- Her love of animals (she loves monkeys)
- Her famous uni-brow (when we did our portraits some of us weren't so keen on those)
- She normally has lots of big chunky jewellery
- She never smiles in her portraits and her eyes follow you wherever you go (which is a bit creepy)

We also looked at her in PSHE, because we are doing diversity and we think that everyone should be treated the same. (*Megan T*) What an interesting topic.

I have just spent a lovely afternoon with Year 4 walking on the Common as part of Mental Health Week. On our return, we read some of the book which Mr Jackson recommended in Celebration Assembly (*Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll). What a gripping read, I am going to have to read it from the start myself now!



Not before I have finished reading about Marie Antoinette though. As I read on, I am reminded of the plight of refugees starting a new life in an unfamiliar country. Unaware of the future which lay ahead of her, Marie Antoinette, aged 14, left behind a happy childhood (family and much loved pet dog) to be immersed into a foreign country, language and culture, and to marry the future king of France. Beforehand, she learnt to speak French fluently (her native language was German) and on arrival had all her German clothes removed and replaced by French ones! What a long, but fascinating read!

Of course, Jesus and his family were refugees and immigrants too. After Jesus was born, fearing that King Herod would murder him as they returned to their homeland in Judea, Mary and Joseph fled with their child to Egypt.

*"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35*

Finally, some very exciting news! Miss Macmillan, our reception teacher, is getting married over the half term break and will be returning as Mrs Tweedly. We wish her a fun-filled wedding day and honeymoon, and are really looking forward to seeing her photos.