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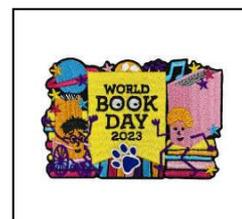
Dear Parents and Carers,

As we finish for half-term I wanted to provide you with an update on recent activities in school. This morning Year 3 performed in a fantastic class assembly with songs, a poem and their new recorder skills on display – they did a brilliant job. This week we have also had an assembly about Safer Internet Day and Year 2 have completed their visits to different places of worship, linked to their RE learning.



Mosaic Update - Our mosaic artist Audrey Montet has now spent 3 days in school working on the large project for the entrance hall. Every child in the school has had a go at adding some tile pieces, including Nursery and most of the adults too. Audrey has been so impressed with how careful the children have been when working on the mosaic and everyone wanted to work on the section with Sheldon the tortoise on it! That intricate job though went to some of our artistic and patient Year 5 & 6 children. We are hoping that the mosaic will be finished and installed next half-term and we will arrange an unveiling and a chance for you all to come and see it.

World Book Day: This year for World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March we are asking for the children to all come to school in their Pyjamas or a onesie – ready for a day of sharing stories together. They can bring a dressing gown, slippers or a blanket/cushion too if they would like to and each class will have different teachers reading to them and leading activities that day. We will also be having a Book Fair towards the end of March and hope that parents will again support this. The more books we sell at the Fair, the more commission we can use to buy new books for our library in school.



Music: It was lovely to celebrate the excellent exam results from some of our piano students in celebration assembly recently. The children had all done so well and were rightly proud of their achievements. In Year 4 the pupils are enjoying their weekly ukulele lessons delivered by the music school and we have exciting plans for an orchestra to visit school in the summer term too.



Planetarium: Thank you to Max and Freddie in Year 5 for the following report:

A mobile planetarium came to school recently to show us the many wonders of space. Every class from Nursery children to Year 6 got to spend some time in the 'big dome' and there lots of oohs and ahhs when it all went dark and the stars and planets came out. To get into the dome you had to squeeze through two sausage like doors. The children were full of excitement and questions with their journeys into space covering all the planets in the solar system, the different constellations and black holes.

Some of our favourite facts about space that the children learnt about included: One day on Venus is over a year on Earth; The big red spot on Jupiter is a massive storm that is so powerful if you went in it your hair and clothes will blow off; The coldest planet in the solar system is Uranus and the hottest is Venus.

We interviewed some of the children after they had been into space. Louis and Ben in Reception Class said that, "They really liked the big red spot on Jupiter," and Mia and Hannah in Year 3 told us that, "They liked everything so much and loved it when the projector zoomed in and out of the universe. It felt like you were falling."

With best wishes

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