

Weekly update

Week ending: 11.01.2019



Theme: New Years Resolution



Happy New Year!

We would like to start the term by wishing you all a very happy new year. The children have been talking in classes and assemblies about how they can make resolutions that make our school a better place. There have been lots of promises of children helping to keep their rooms tidy—so hopefully you might get a nice surprise.

The children all start their new topics this week and had a lovely time during their igniter days. You can read more about their new topics below.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Speech & Language Tip of the week:

Learning words:

As adults we need to know about 30,000 words. Most of these words are learnt in childhood. Children are programmed to learn words; they just need to hear them.

Reading to your child is one way to expose your child to more words. If you come across an interesting word in a book try and use it again in a conversation with your child.



New Dates for your diary:

Thursday 17th January—School Census Day—don't forget to order your lunch if you receive FSM!

Tuesday 29th January—Year 6 SATs meeting for parents 2:45pm and 6pm in Upper School Hall. Come and find out more about the SATs 2019.

ATTENDANCE school target 96%
Whole School Attendance 94.1%
Best Classes of the Week:
Reception - RJ 86.7
KS1 1C 97.9%
KS2 6H 98.2%
Best Year Band YR 4 & YR 6—95%

Lates this week - **51**—please help us in reducing this number.

Lessons start at 8.40.am prompt

Please can we remind parents that for the safety of all, children are to be walked into school via the **safe route** rather than walking over the staff car park.

Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring that your child is kept safe on school premises.

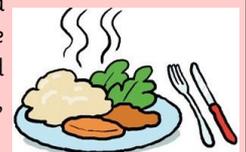
School place applications: If your child is born between 1st September 2014 and 31st September 2015 the deadline to apply for a school place is **Tuesday 15th January 2019.**

If you need help with this process, please pop and see Kate in the Upper School Office.

Please read—we need your help.

It is national School Census Day on Thursday 17th January. On that day, we have to send certain information to the Department for Education, including how many children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 choose a lunch provided by the school on that day. This information dictates how much funding we get for infant free school meals – so the higher the take up on that day, the more funding school receives. As this funding is significant, we would greatly appreciate your support in gaining as much funding as possible for our pupils. School lunches are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 so there will be no charge.

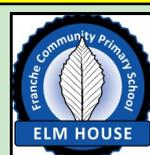
If you would like to support us but have not already requested a meal for Thursday 17th January, please contact the office by phone or via email office@francheprimary.worcs.sch.uk and we will happily provide a meal for your child. We are also able to provide a nice school packed lunch if your child would prefer that. Thank you, as always for your support.



Franch House Point Totals



324



284



65



331

Nursery This week in Nursery, we have been able to welcome our brand new intake of children to 'Yellow Group' who are based in the modular building. The children in all groups have settled really well after the holidays and we are very much looking forward to sharing with them over the term ahead. We have also begun our new topic of 'Winter' and over the next couple of weeks will focus on the text of 'The Snowman'. This has enabled us to use a whole range of snow themed resources such as snowmen threading, snowy playdough, fake snow and snow man themed, literacy, maths and art focus activities.



Reception Well what a mysterious start to the term! When the children came to school on Tuesday they found a sack and present dangling from the roof (we think this might have been left by a special visitor over the holidays). We saw that the present was addressed to us so decided to take a peek inside. We soon realised that it was a story about two brothers; one of which was on a mission to find a creature called the 'Snappenpoop'. The second half of the story was wrapped up so we are still not sure if this creature is real or not! The children have already started thinking about what the Snappenpoop might look like; asking questions about where we might find him. We have been looking at the characteristics of the two brothers in the story and having a go at writing a sentence about them both. Watch this space for Snappenpoop updates!



Year 1 Year 1 have had an exciting week this week. It started with a message from Captain Bradshaw from RAF Lincoln, informing us they had lost a plane and they were unsure of the whereabouts of the pilot Rosie. Year 1 later discovered that an interesting flying machine had crashed in the playground covered in cheese! What could it be?



The unexplained flying machine has prompted lots of discussion and predicting about what it is, where it has come from and how it works.

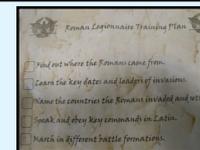
Year 2 Year 2 arrived back this week to an urgent email from a man called Shaun T. Over Christmas, Shaun was passing through Kidderminster with some very special friends but seemed to lose them on the way. Shaun has a vague memory of the journey taken through Kidderminster and sent a map for the children to investigate where The Lost Things could be. Pupils have followed the map to discover that The Lost Things were hiding around White Wickets. Each Lost Thing had a memory stick attached with images of famous cities from across the United Kingdom. Pupils have been looking at the photos to investigate which country they are a part of, forming the United Kingdom. Do you know of any famous cities that make up the UK?



Year 3 This week, Year 3 children were contacted by a mysterious and magical character, Abdul Kazam. His magicians have vanished and he is seeking our help to discover their whereabouts. Throughout the week, we have identified the countries of the UK and are beginning to locate the cities where Abdul Kazam has performed with his circus. In addition, we have explored the poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright and used this to inspire our own mystical boxes and the wonderful items they would contain.

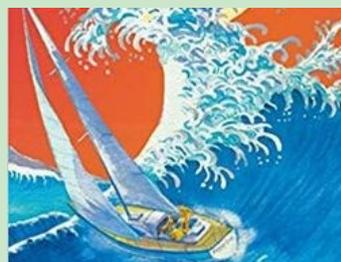


Year 4 The children have gone back in time to 43AD, when the Romans ruled Britain. Marcus Agrippa, the Roman General, has enlisted them onto his formidable, fighting force. The children have received their orders and must complete a set of skills in order to become a member of the army. Ask your children about Latin commands they have learnt this week. In Maths, the children have been sorting and ordering angles. We will be looking at Roman numerals this term. What can you find out together at home?



Year 5 This week we received a transmission from Space Commander Bob Lucas, direct from the International Space Station. Unfortunately, he has bumped his head and was quite confused about some of his observations. This has led us to investigate why the Earth is spinning; why some parts of the planet are dark whilst others are light and why it is Winter in one place but Summer in another. Also, to help with some of his complex problem solving aboard the ISS we have begun to learn how to solve long multiplication problems.

Year 6 Using their maps skills, Year 6 went on the search for special clues. These clues were unique as they helped the year band to learn what their topic would be this half term—Kensuke's Kingdom.



Just a reminder about the SATs meeting on Tuesday 29th January at 2:45pm and 6pm. It would really be helpful you Year 6 parents could come along.

Congratulations to Brynn J for being the top speller in our school this week and for helping 3T to become the top spelling class at Franche.



Congratulations to Joshua N (5E) for being on the top of the leader board this week. Well done again!



Congratulations to all our wonderful Stars of the Week!



Nursery

Red - Millie W
Blue - Darcey D
Yellow - Isabel Z

Reception

RJ: Charlie P
RLB: Mylie L
RC: Ava J
RFM: Isla H

Year 1

1L: Abigail M- P
1B: Lucy G
1C: Elaani H-C
1D: Emelia

Year 2

2CH: Billy-James S
2W: Imayah-Louise M
2H: Shelby G
2D: Amelia O

Year 3

3C: Taylor R
3T: Cohen H
3H: Max R
3P: Lexi L

Year 4

4B: Cameron C
4A: Lexie J
4S: Lydia T
4EP: Erin D

Year 5

5P: Alex V
5D: Alfie D
5C: Finn B
5E: Sienna J

Year 6

6G: Callum C
6F: Grace Cross
6R: Ellie-May J
6H: Phillip O

Completion of Bronze passports:

Year 4

Lexi M (4S)
Maisie H (4S)
Sherrie-Leigh H (4EP)
Olivia B (4S)
Jack B (4EP)



Headteacher's Award



Nursery: Bella-Rose H

Reception: Penny C

Year 1: Poppy

Year 2: Corey B

Year 3: Ethan B

Year 4: Tia W

Year 5: Reuben C

Year 6: Sam L