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Dear Parents/Carers, Happy October

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break. This week, our children have enjoyed spending even more time learning beyond the classroom as we celebrated Outdoor Learning Day. Developing outdoor learning opportunities is a key focus for us this year, and it has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm, engagement and enjoyment in learning throughout the week. In assembly, we also discussed the importance of staying safe around fireworks. If you are attending a display this weekend to celebrate Bonfire Night or Diwali, please take care, stay safe and enjoy the festivities.

Have a restful weekend, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a very Happy Diwali.

Mr Ray

Each week, we share a new word with the children to develop their vocabulary. Could you use it at home this weekend?	
Word of the Week	dazzling
Definition	so bright, colourful, or impressive that it catches your attention and fills you with wonder
Synonyms	sparkling, brilliant, shimmering

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
16th November – 18th November	Year 6	Willersley Castle Residential
Friday 20th November	Year 5	Trip to Black Country Museum
Thursday 3rd December	Reception Parents	Christmas Craft (3pm start)
Wednesday 9th December	Choir	Choir singing at Cannon Park Shops (2pm start)
Thursday 10th December	Musicians	Christmas Music Concert (2pm start)
Thursday 17th December	Whole School	Last day of school for the Autumn Term
Friday 18th December	Whole School	Training Day – School is closed

Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Year 6	Willersley Castle Information
Whole School	Children In Need

Staffing News

Miss French returned to work this week following her maternity leave. She will be working mainly in Year 1 and 2.

Change to PE Days

Reception and Year 1 PE day will change from next week, Year 1 PE will be on Thursdays and Reception PE will be on Fridays. This is a permanent change. Thank you.

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Fundraising Calendar

School Ambassadors will be selling our fundraising calendars on the playground on Wednesday 11th November at 3.10 until 3:35. Calendars cost just £1 each **(cash only please)** and all proceeds will go directly to the school. Please be aware that we only have 100 copies of the calendar available. The calendar features Cannon Park School children as the month of January. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Year 3/4 Toilets

Over the half term holidays, our Year 3/4 toilets began a refurbishment. The works are not fully completed yet – we're still waiting to replace the flooring – but we're pleased to share that the children will enjoy better facilities in school.



Remembrance Day Service

The Lord Mayor of the City of Coventry has extended an invitation to families across the city to attend the Remembrance Day Service and Parade on Sunday 8 November 2026 at 10.30am in the War Memorial Park. This important annual event provides an opportunity to remember and honour the sacrifices made by servicemen and women in past and present conflicts. As children learn about the significance of Remembrance through activities in school, including a display at Cannon Park Shopping Centre, we encourage families to come together and support this special community occasion.

Celebrating our Learning

Reception

Wow! What a wonderful week of learning the children have had in Reception! This week we have based our learning around the book *The Gruffalo,* which has also supported our understanding of learning the *g* sound. We used our creative skills to make paper plate Gruffalo masks, and our drawing skills to draw the different characters. We were very impressed with the details the children included in their drawings! We have also been practicing writing the sounds we have learnt so far in our daily handwriting lessons. In maths we have been identifying and naming 2D shapes and enjoyed going on a walk around school to look for different shapes in our environment. On Thursday we spoke to the children about fireworks and how to stay safe. They had lots of fun creating sparklers using sparkly ribbon, straws and lolly pop sticks, and enjoyed painting colourful firework pictures! The children have also had lots of fun finding out why and how many Hindus celebrate Diwali. We started the week by reading the story 'Dipal's Diwali' to help us learn and understand this special time. We created different sized rangoli patterns inside and outside, and we had so much fun using their creative skills to make Diya lamps using clay, and once they had dried, they carefully decorated them using different paints. We also made use of the pumpkins we had during Halloween, by scraping out the seeds and re-planting them in our outdoor area!

We have also spoken to the children this week about the importance of eating their lunch and why our bodies need food. We talked about trying new foods that are on the lunch menu too!

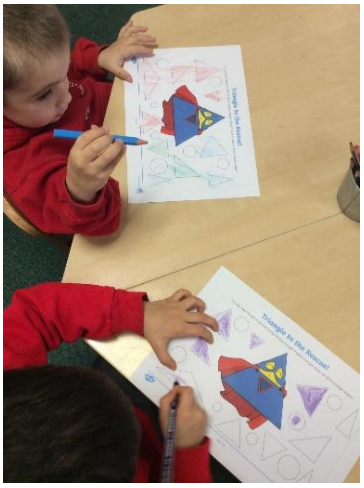
At home, please continue to support you child with blending the sounds they have learnt. The inside cover of their reading book is a great place to support you with this, and the children are used to doing this with us in school. Well done, Reception! Have a lovely weekend! Miss Swain, Miss Williams and Miss Thompson

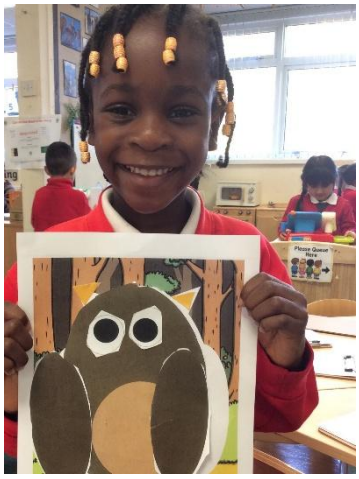


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Year 1

What a wonderful week we have had in Year 1! The children have worked incredibly hard and have enjoyed lots of exciting learning experiences across the curriculum. In English, we started a new topic inspired by *Once Upon a Tiger* by Sarah Massini. We were visited by a mysterious big cat in the classroom who left us clues to help us figure out who, or what, it was! We brainstormed ideas and identified the features of a setting, focusing on the jungle setting from the story. We then practised using adjectives and our senses to describe the jungle in more detail. Next week, we will continue developing the skills we need to write an exciting setting description. In maths, we began learning about subtraction within 10 by exploring how to find a missing part. We then spent two lessons learning how to find all eight facts in a fact family and investigating the links between addition and subtraction facts. In science, we began another new topic all about light and dark, where we will explore why it gets darker earlier in winter. We discussed why some people are afraid of the dark. The children suggested that it can feel scary because it is harder to see and sounds can seem louder or more frightening. We discussed how it is often the unknown that makes us feel worried. In computing, we learned how to log on to a computer and practised using the keyboard and trackpad confidently. In phonics, we have started learning Phase 5 sounds and have so far learned the 'wh' and 'ph' digraphs. The whole class have impressed all the adults with their grasp of these new sounds! In RE, we explored the Diwali story of Rama and Sita. The children thoroughly enjoyed role-playing the story, making lanterns and tasting some delicious coconut barfi. In Book Talk, we revisited the story of Rama and Sita and discussed how different characters might have felt at various points in the story. Happy Diwali to all those who celebrate! We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week. Miss Brett, Miss Delargy and Mrs Akthar

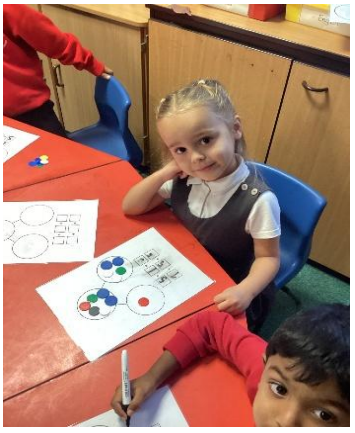
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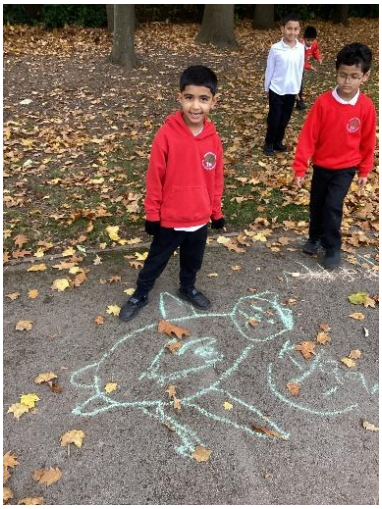
It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after half-term and begin another exciting week of learning in Year 2. In Mathematics, we have continued our learning on addition and subtraction. The children have been developing their understanding of adding and subtracting pairs of two-digit numbers across a ten. They have practised exchanging one ten for ten ones when subtracting and exchanging ten ones for one ten when adding. We have been incredibly impressed with the perseverance, resilience and growing confidence the children have shown as they tackled increasingly challenging calculations. In English, we have begun exploring our new class text, *Once Upon a Tiger*. At the beginning of the week, we shared the story together and made predictions about the plot and characters. Working collaboratively with their learning partners, the children created story maps to sequence the key events from the story. During our Phase 2 lessons, we have revisited and applied important writing skills, including expanded noun phrases, coordinating conjunctions and subordinating conjunctions, to create detailed descriptions of the tiger character. We have been delighted by the imaginative ideas and rich vocabulary the children have used in their writing. As historians, we completed our final lesson on *The Great Fire of London*. We explored the question, *"How has firefighting changed since the Great Fire of London?"* The children compared firefighting methods and equipment from 1666 with those used today. They discovered that there were no organised fire brigades during the Great Fire and that people relied on simple tools such as leather buckets, fire hooks and hand-operated water pumps. The children were fascinated by the challenges people faced at the time and discussed why the fire spread so quickly through the wooden buildings of London. They reflected thoughtfully on how firefighting has evolved and why these developments have been so important in keeping communities safe. In Computing, we started our new topic, *Digital Photography*. The children were introduced to a variety of devices that can be used to take photographs and explored the different purposes of photography. They particularly enjoyed using the tablets to capture their own photographs and are already developing their skills as budding digital photographers.

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In RE, we began our new unit, *"Who is Jesus?"* The children explored who Jesus is and why he is important to those with Christian worldviews . Thoughtful discussions took place throughout the lesson, with many children sharing their own experiences and prior knowledge. On Thursday, we celebrated Outdoor Learning Day, and it was a roaring success! The children became nature artists as they created their own tigers using materials collected during a scavenger hunt. Armed with leaves, sticks, stones, acorns and chalk, they worked collaboratively to design and build fantastic tiger creations. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, creativity and teamwork on display as the children explored the outdoors and proudly brought their tiger masterpieces to life. The smiles, excitement and sense of achievement made for a truly memorable afternoon! We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, effort and positive attitudes shown by all the children this week. We hope you have a restful weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday for another week of exciting learning and discovery. Miss Softic, Miss Bullock and Mrs Akthar






Year 3

A warm welcome back after the half-term break. We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable time with your families. Over the next two weeks, our writing will be inspired by *Once Upon a Tiger* by Sarah Massini, a beautifully illustrated story that explores themes of bravery and kindness. Using our inference skills, we discussed the tiger's changing emotions throughout the story and how his feelings developed. After creating story maps of the narrative, we learned how to use emotion words and prepositional phrases as sentence starters to make our writing more engaging and detailed for the reader. As mathematicians, we have continued our learning on addition and subtraction, focusing on exchanging across the tens and hundreds columns using the formal written column method. On Thursday, we celebrated Outdoor Classroom Day by taking our learning outside.

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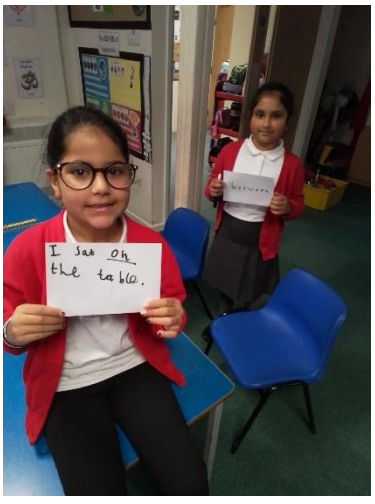
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Working collaboratively in teams, we tackled a range of addition and subtraction challenges on the playground and even enjoyed a place value game using bean bags.
During computing, we learned about connections and networks. By mapping our own personal connections with friends and family, we were able to see how networks are formed. We also took part in a practical activity where we acted as computers and discovered how difficult it is to send messages efficiently without a network switch. As scientists, we revisited our previous learning about the different food groups before exploring how much of each type of food we should include in a healthy diet. We particularly enjoyed collecting data and presenting our findings in a pictogram. Well done, Year 3. You have made a fantastic start to the term, and we are looking forward to seeing all that you achieve in the coming weeks! Mrs Nagra and Miss Palmer











Year 4

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school this week. In our English lessons, we have focused on the story 'Once Upon a Tiger' by Sarah Massini. The children have used the book as inspiration for developing their writing skills. They have learnt to use inverted commas accurately; used conjunctions to extend and join their sentences; learnt to write 'ing/ed' sentences; and used 'ed' words to start sentences. week, they will be using these skills to write their own versions of the story. In our maths lessons, we have started a new unit on multiplication and division. We recapped the 3-times table and then moved on to the 6-times table for the first time. On Thursday morning, we took our maths lesson outside and had fun practising the 6-times table on the playground in different energetic ways!

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To help at home, please can you support your child to learn their 6 times table and the associated division facts. As scientists, we have started learning about the human digestive system. This week we have learned the scientific names and what jobs they do. As historians, we finished our Roman topic by learning about the different buildings that you would find in a Roman town or city. In computing, the children have learnt how to programme a screen turtle; in RE, they have considered the Jewish charity – tzedakah; in PSHE, they have discussed the benefits of leading a healthy lifestyle; and in our PE lessons we have started new units on Danish longball and a dance unit inspired by the Nutcracker ballet. Well done Year 4 – a super first week back. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett and Miss Palmer









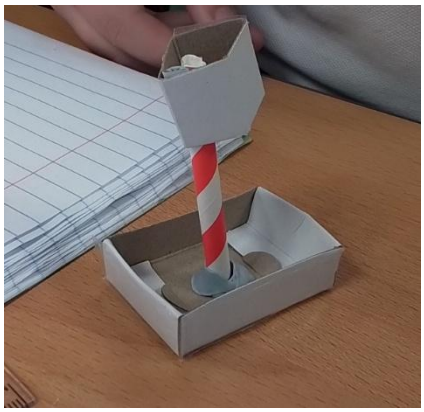
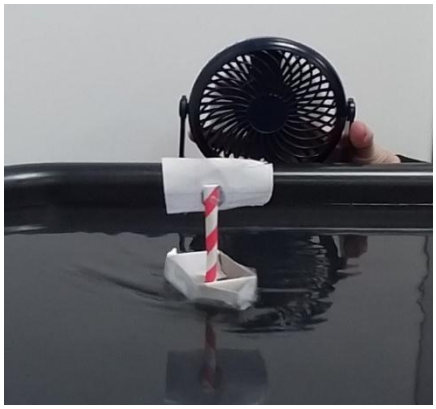
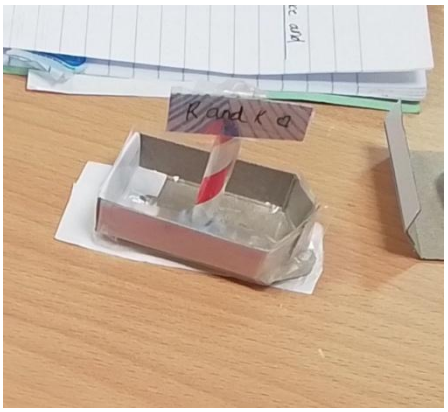
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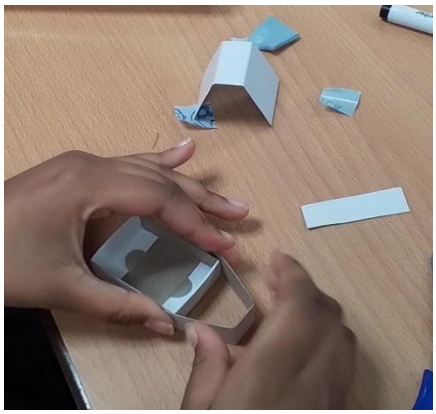
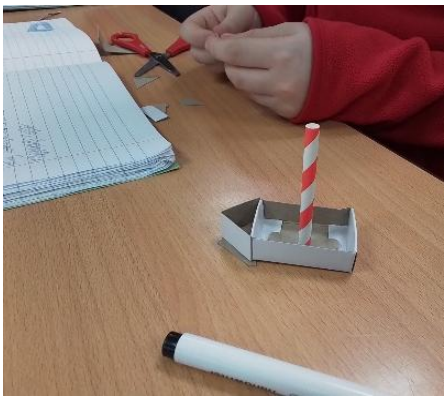
have had a great start to the half term. In English, we read the story *Once Upon a Tiger* by Sarah Massini. Using the story to inspire us as writers, we explored metaphors and how they could be used to describe different parts of the story. Working with our learning partners, we created contrasting poems to show how the tiger has changed by the end of the story. Once we had drafted our poems, we copied them up neatly using joined handwriting and included some artwork. In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing whole numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000, thinking about which way the digits move when we do this. On Thursday, it was Outdoor Learning Day. We took our maths lesson outside and played some maths games to reinforce our learning about multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. The children had to find questions that were dotted around the playground and write the answers. Next, they had to get into teams for a relay race, collecting questions to answer in their groups. In history, we began our Victorians topic by finding out all about Queen Victoria. We created our own fact files by creating a tracing of Queen Victoria, using facts about her instead of lines. In RE, we discussed what we know about Jesus and where we got our knowledge from. We also thought about different world views of Jesus.

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In science, we asked the question *What is the difference between water resistance and buoyancy?* We investigated how water resistance is affected by the shape of an object by making our own match box boats and testing them in a tray of water, using a fan to represent the wind. Continuing with our Zones of Regulation learning, we used the story *The Invisible* by Tom Percival to explore how different events can change the way we feel and the zone we are in. We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill, Mrs Cleveland and Miss Uzzaman

Year 6

This week in English, Year 6 have been developing their oracy skills through debating whether wild animals should be kept in captivity. The children enjoyed discussing different viewpoints and supporting their opinions with evidence. This led to our work on balanced arguments, where pupils learned how to present both sides of an issue fairly before reaching a conclusion. We explored the key features of this text type and practised using appropriate language such as *some people believe*, *others argue*, and *on the other hand* to help create well-balanced discussions.

In Maths, the children have been learning how to simplify fractions by finding common factors and reducing fractions to their simplest form. Pupils also compared fractions, carefully considering the size of the numerator and denominator to determine which fractions were greater or smaller. Their confidence in recognising equivalent fractions and understanding fraction values continues to grow.

Our Computing lessons focused on learning about websites and web pages. The children explored the differences between websites and individual web pages and investigated the various types of content that can be displayed online, including text, images, videos and hyperlinks. This learning will provide the foundation for an exciting upcoming project where pupils will design and create their own web pages.

As scientists, Year 6 have been learning about adaptation and how different animals are suited to survive in their environments. We discovered that certain physical and behavioural adaptations help organisms meet their needs, while less suitable adaptations can make survival more difficult. This learning linked closely to the concept of natural selection, helping children understand how species can change over time as the best-adapted individuals are more likely to survive and reproduce.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful weekend! Mr Young and Mrs Kailey

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Our Achievers for the week ending 6th November 2026



Stars of the week!

Our Stars of the w/e 6th November 2026



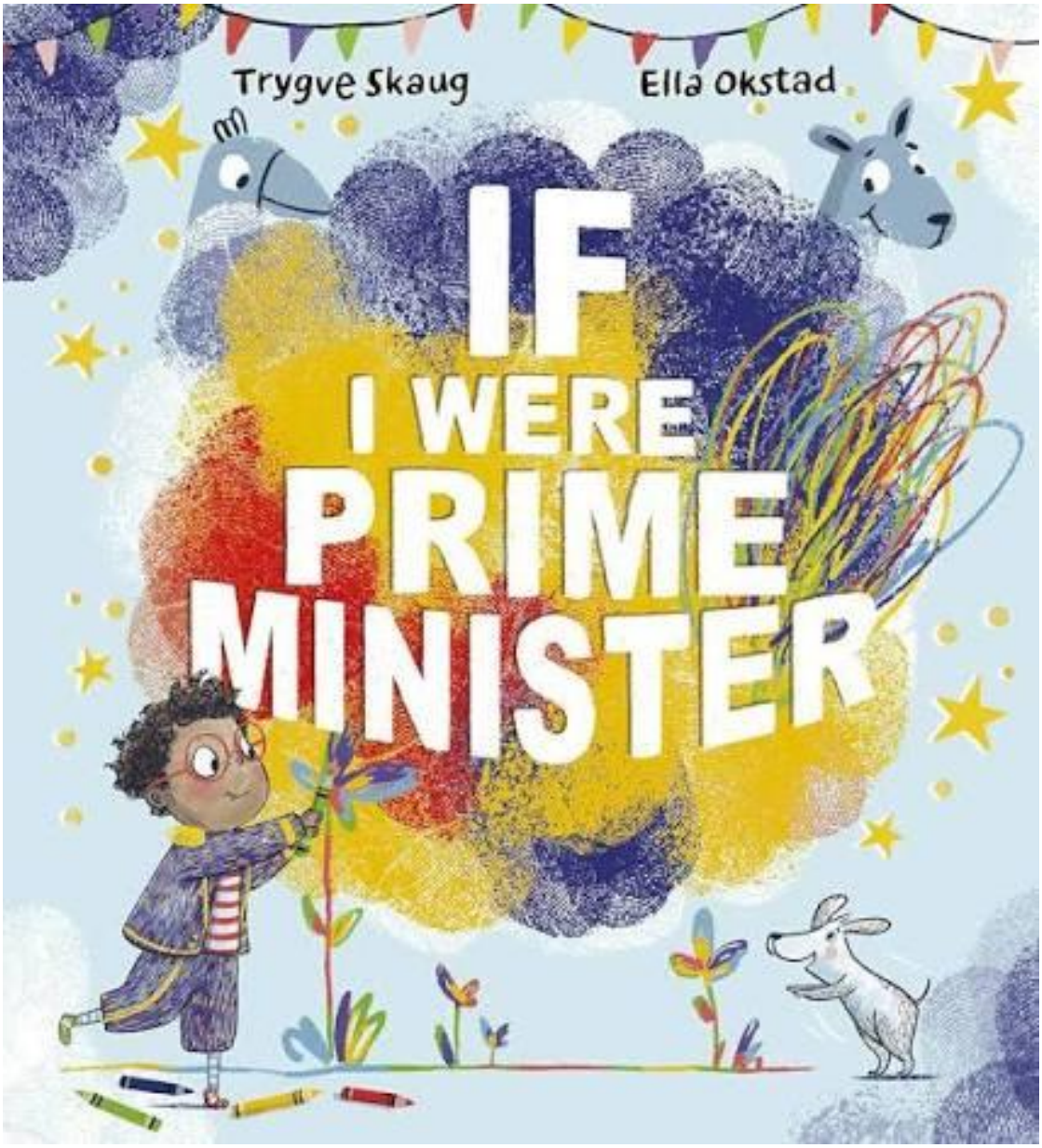
Year 1 - Harvin
Year 2 – Ajuni
Year 3 – Ava
Year 4 – Arlo
Year 5 – Joshua
Year 6 – Ariyan



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Book of the week!



About this book: If you were prime minister, what new laws would you pass? For one young boy, the possibilities are endless. His new rules range from having libraries open day and night to ensuring that anyone who wanted a dog, or a bicycle, would have one, and grown ups would go to nursery once a month to learn how to play. This joyous picture book is a beautifully illustrated story which gets young readers thinking about what they would change if they were in charge.

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Assembly Awards for the week ending 6th November 2026





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Poppy display at Cannon Park Shopping Centre for Remembrance Day





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Attendance Chart w/e 06/11/26

Year		Percentage
1st	4	98.7%
2nd	2	98.5%
3rd	5	98%
4th	R	97.7%
5th	3	97.2%
6th	1	96.7%
7th	6	96.9

Well Done Year 4







HAPPY Diwali

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Clubs Autumn Term 2026

Start Date	Day	Activity	Year Groups	Led by	Cost
2nd November	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Lego 	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Monday 12:30 – 1:00	Spanish	Y1-3	Joy from Bilingua Sing	£4.75 per class
3rd November	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Arts & Crafts 	Y1-3	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Football	Y4-6	Mr Ray	£5 for half term
	Tuesday 8.00 – 8.45	Dance	Y1-6	Liz Wison Dance	£5 per session
	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	Football 	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	Sugar Craft	Y4-6	Midge Smith	£135.00 Per Term
5th November	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Master Chef 	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Netball	Y4-6	Mrs Amphlett	£5 for half term
6th November	Friday 3:30 – 4:30	Fun & Games 	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Music Lessons offered during the school day:				
	Wednesday Thursday/Friday	Drums Flute/Keyboard	Years 2 – 6	Coventry Music Service	Please see website for cost

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Term Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term (2026)

Tuesday 1st September	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 2nd September	Staff Training Day
Thursday 3rd September	First day of term
Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2nd November	Children return to school
Thursday 17th December	Last day of term
Friday 18th December	Staff Training Day
Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term (2027)

Monday 4th January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5th January	First day of term
Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February	Half Term
Monday 22nd February	Children return to school
Thursday 25th March	Last day of term
Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term (2027)

Monday 12th April	First day of term
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June	Half Term
Monday 7th June	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 8th June	Children return to school
Wednesday 21st July	Last day of term