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KINGSWOOD PARKS NEWS



Kingswood Parks Primary School takes seriously its responsibility to safeguard all children and adults and have rigorous procedures in place to do so.

Message from Mrs Miller:

I am delighted that we are sending out our first edition of Kingswood Parks News, it represents an element of normality, which is so important to us all at the moment. I hope that you enjoy reading about the children's experiences and work connected to their class text, thank you for supporting the children to dress up as part of the book launch day. I hope that you all have a good weekend.

Diary Dates:

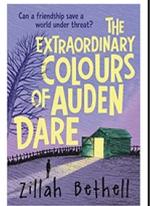
Please Note: Official term time dates (excluding training days) are available on Hull City Council's website.

Harvest Festival Week - Week
beginning Monday 5th October



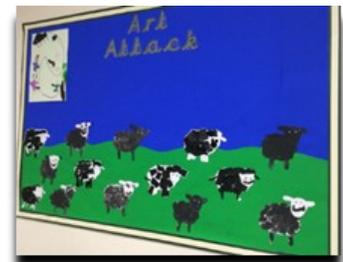
Year 6:

In Year 6 we launched our book, 'The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare' by Zillah Bethell, by removing colour from the classroom (and ourselves!). The children experienced a day in the life of our main character Auden Dare, who has a condition that meant he cannot see colour. We entered a greyscale world where they created some wonderful blackout poetry using the first page of our core text. They also used black and white photos to create a self-portrait sketch.



Foundation Stage:

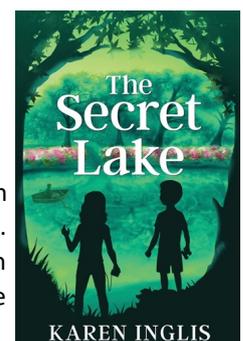
In foundation we have launched this half term with our topic 'Rhyme Time', each week we are looking at a new Nursery Rhyme. We began with Baa Baa Black sheep and the children loved singing the rhyme and learning the actions to our story map. To launch Baa Baa Black sheep we had a craft day where each child created their very own sheep. The children could choose from either painting or collaging their sheep with a range of different materials, we then put our finished pieces on the wall to create our very own flock. This week we have started our new Nursery Rhyme 'Incy Wincy Spider', Incy Wincy Spider even came to visit us. I wonder which character will visit us next?



From Mrs Quantrill: Thank you for supporting our book launch days during the first week of term. In this issue of the newsletter we would like to give you a bit of an insight into the books each year group has been reading and what they are doing with them. This week Year 5 and 6 have also been lucky enough to meet the illustrator and author Chris Riddell, in a Zoom meeting. Chris Riddle gave the children an insight into how he creates his stories, it was fascinating.

Year 5:

Our story, 'The Secret Lake', follows siblings Tom and Stella as they discover a mysterious tunnel in their garden, which Tom found when digging. The tunnel leads down to an underground tree. Suddenly Tom and Stella are back in their own garden, looking at their own home, but 100 years in the past. Tom is obsessed with finding treasure, on our book launch day we made treasure boxes like his and searched for treasure in our wildlife area.



Year 3:

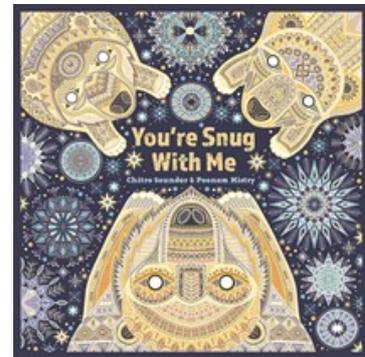
Our class text this term is 'Ocean Meets Sky' by The Fan Brothers. It tells the magical story of Finn, a boy who loved to spend time listening to his grandfather's stories about a place far away where the ocean meets the sky.



Finn decides to build his own boat and embark on a long journey. The children thoroughly enjoyed the book launch day, dressing up in the colours of the ocean and sky. In the classroom, a box containing precious items belonging to Finn's grandfather was waiting for them. The children have used this story as the basis for their writing lessons and have produced some wonderful character and setting descriptions.

Year 1:

It was great to see so many polar bears on our book launch. We made some amazing dens using art straws and cotton wool. The children have really enjoyed reading our book 'Snug With Me' by Chitra Soundar. We have discovered lots of interesting facts about polar bears, labelling body parts and found out some new vocabulary such as cub and den. We watched videos of polar bears in their natural habitat and especially enjoyed watching the cubs roll around in the snow. Using pictures from the book as inspiration, we have written sentences with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Next we will be writing our own stories about Mama Bear and her cubs.



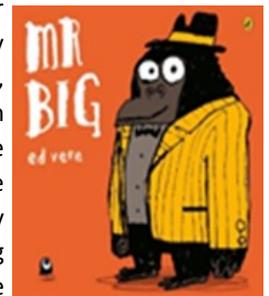
Year 4:



Our class text this term is 'Run Wild' by Gill Lewis. The book is about a group of children who discover a wolf hidden away in an urban wilderness. This begins a battle for what they believe is right. For our book launch we journeyed into the local woods to explore what the wild looks and sounds like. We have found out more about wolves, using our art skills to draw them. Gill Lewis has been keen to encourage the children, answering many of their question on Twitter.

Year 2:

In Year 2 our new book is 'Mr Big' by Ed Vere, which is a story about a sad, lonely gorilla who doesn't have any friends. Until one day, he buys a piano and begins to play. Mr Big is invited to play in a band at the Blue Note Café. To launch our new book, we decided to transform our classrooms into a jazz club just like in the story to fully immerse the children. They enjoyed listening to music, playing instruments and having a snack too. Our launch day was a real hit and we even had a tweet from the author Ed Vere and Mr Big himself! Since then, the children have been learning our new text in our literacy lessons and exploring the story during shared reading sessions. Finally, we will be exploring other areas of the curriculum using our story too.



Congratulations

to the **Yellow House** for
winning the Cup this
week!

COVID-19 Planning

Home Learning arrangements in the event of year group or school closure

In the event of a Coronavirus outbreak in school or if we are instructed to close the school under any future national Coronavirus restrictions, we will continue teaching the children via online live video lessons. These lessons will be delivered daily by your child's class teacher and will consist of reading, writing and mathematics. Google will be the platform used and families with children in Years 1-6 will receive email login details for their children. These details will be used only to access the link to the live lessons and will not be used for any other purposes.

A guide for parents will be sent home next week.

