



Newsletter – 17th January 2024

Dates For Your Diary

Here are some dates for your diary: -

- 21.1.25 - SATS Booster Sessions 3:15pm - 4.15pm
- 24.1.25 - Reading Café 9:15am All parents are welcome
- 18.2.25 – Netball Competition Y5/Y6
- 21.2.25 - Break up for half term

Attendance: 95.05%

(95% and above green, 90-94.9% amber, below 90% red)

Learning Around the School

Blackbirds

Blackbirds have been exploring freezing and melting in Science. They filled pots with liquid and put them in the freezer. When the liquid was frozen solid, they investigated different ways to melt the ice and turn it back into liquid. Blackbirds culminated their activity by having some yummy ice pops.



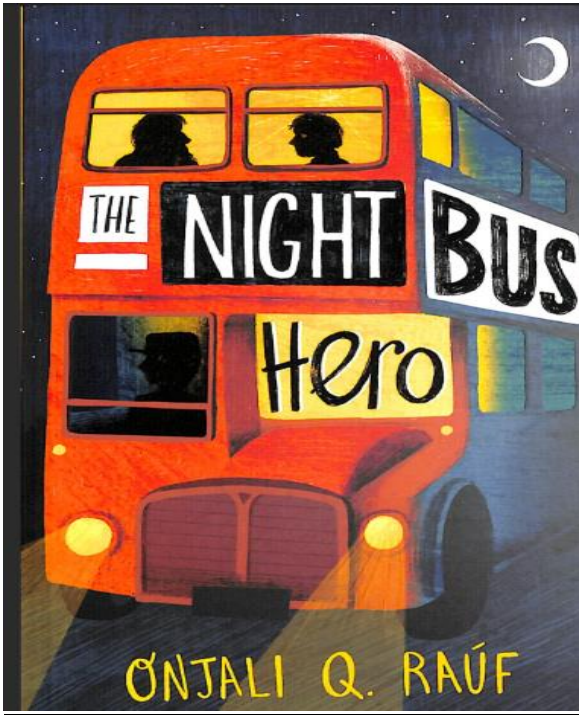
Owls

This week Owls took part in an NSPCC workshop and met Buddy! In computing we looked at algorithms and used them to programme the Beebots.



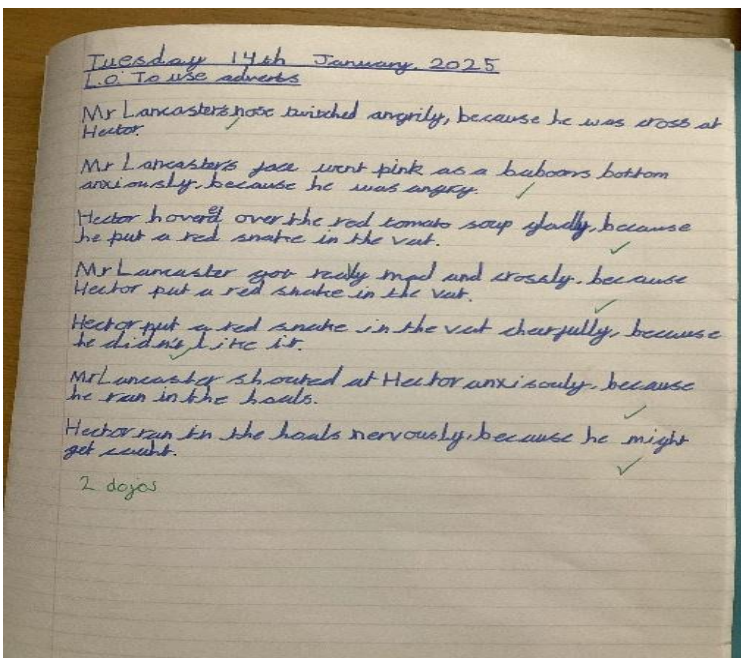


Sparrows



This half term Sparrows are reading the book *The Night Bus Hero* by Onjali Q. Rauf. This story is told from the perspective of a bully, this book explores themes of bullying and homelessness, while celebrating kindness, friendship and the potential everyone has to change for the good.

During English we have all been working hard on presentation and handwriting!



On an afternoon Sparrows have been learning about The Romans and answering the question. What is an Empire?



Robins

Robins had a visit from the NSPCC this week. They took part in a workshop for their 'Speak out stay safe' campaign. The children were excellent at discussing different scenarios and why all children have the right to speak out to stay safe.





Breakfast and After School Clubs

Attendance at breakfast and after school clubs has fallen significantly over recent years. As a school, we want to provide care and activities to benefit children and parents, but unfortunately the school is losing significant amounts of money by offering the service.

We propose to make some changes from January 2025 to continue to offer support whilst reducing our financial losses.

Breakfast Club would be available every day from 8am. After school clubs will be available until 4.30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

This would cover the care currently needed by our families.

We appreciate that these changes could have an impact for parents and carers. If there was a significant increase in demand, this could be reviewed.

Co-opted Governor Vacancy

The Dales Partnership Governing Board have a vacancy for a co-opted governor. They would be particularly interested in a parent at Butterknowle or a candidate with business experience. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact the school office for further information.

After School Clubs

Tuesday – Mindfulness
Wednesday – Indoor Sports
Thursday – Homework

Please send an email to butterknowle@durhamlearning.net to book your child into after school club or breakfast club

School Plates

If anyone has a school plate at home please can it be returned to school as soon as possible as we are running short. Many thanks.

Internet Safety and Safeguarding Information for Parents and Carers:

NCA Information for parents

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/Listing/?cat=&ref=4765#mMain>

CEOP

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

Childnet

<https://www.childnet.com>

Safer internet

<https://saferinternet.org.uk>

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about the welfare and safety of a child or young person you can contact First Contact on the telephone number below.

First Contact Service: 03000 26 79 79