



A message from Mrs Bower

As our Christmas Fair approaches, we are holding a non-uniform day for all pupils on **Thursday 28th November** in exchange for tombola prizes. All donations are greatly appreciated but please no alcohol or items containing nuts. We are looking forward to seeing you at the fair on Thursday 5th December for lots of festive fun.

A letter went home today to let you know about our annual child-friendly safeguarding assembly lead by the NSPCC which will be happening on Monday morning. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.



A message from Mr Bull

Wednesday's assembly was on diversity which links to our work of the week - tolerant. We discussed what being tolerant looks like at AJA - 'The willingness to accept others' feelings, habits and beliefs.' Being tolerant of others allows us to celebrate diversity. We discussed about how diverse Britain is and how that looks in our school community. The children understood the importance of diversity in sport, culture, food and music, as it is important to embrace new aspects or ways of living life or seeing life. In our school community, we have a diverse range of children and staff, it is important to celebrate this and learn new things about people. An example of this is when Year 5 interviewed a member of the Sikh community in RE this week. Part of being diverse is about accepting and respecting differences and we explained that all people are different, and we should celebrate this! We finished our assembly with one of our favourite phrases, "we are all different but equal."

Important Dates

Thursday 28th November
Non-uniform day in exchange for a tombola prize

Friday 29th November
Year 5 visit to the Space Centre

Tuesday 3rd December
Wednesday 4th December
Year 3 visit to Derby Museum

Thursday 5th December
Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5pm
(Joint with Alvaston Infants)

Friday 20th December
Last day of term

Word of the Week

Tolerant

Attendance

This week's attendance
93.28%

Highest class attendance
93.71%

Mr Scott and Miss Thurlby's class

What's been happening this week?

Year 3



As the first cold snap of winter has hit us this week, the children have not been put off their stride and have continued to be diligent learners. We do ask a lot of them in year 3 but all the pupils continue to rise to the challenge and produce some quality work. One of our focuses this half term is on a healthy lifestyle, and during our PSHE lessons we are teaching how important it is to exercise regularly and eat well. If you get the chance, please have a word with your children and ask them about healthy food options and how much exercise we should all be doing a week. We're sure you'll be surprised by their depth of knowledge. To finish off, a reminder about our trip to Derby Museum in a couple of weeks. If you haven't already done so, please return the permission slip to us and arrange payment through Parent Pay. Many thanks. Have a great weekend.

Year 4



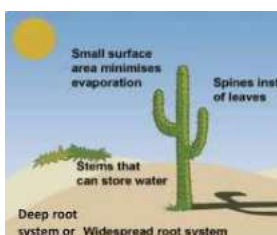
The children have dived into their new writing unit, where they're retelling the classic tale of Beauty and the Beast from the perspective of the Beast himself. Encourage your children to watch the story at home, as it will help them grasp the characters more deeply and enhance their writing skills! In Maths, we've been flexing our brains. Using a variety of mental methods, our students have been mastering the art of division and multiplication. Keep the learning going at home to reinforce these essential skills! Our RE lesson was a wonderful creative session! The children crafted a beautiful collage displaying various religious symbols, perfect for deepening their understanding of different faiths. Looking ahead, we're excited to continue our geography topic on "Why would someone want to live in a capital city?" It promises to be a thought-provoking discussion next week!

Year 5



Year 5 have been continuing our study of Romeo and Juliet this week. We have been looking at the features of a diary entry and learning about modal verbs and relative clauses. Next week, we will be using this when we are writing a diary entry as Romeo! In maths, we have continued to work on fractions, using our conversion skills to compare improper fractions and mixed numbers. In reading, we gave the children a taster of 'The War of the Worlds'. We had very exciting discussions about life on other planets! We are getting ready for our trip to the Space Centre next Friday by learning how we have day and night in science. Ask the children to show you what they learnt. (You'll need a ball and a torch!)

Year 6



This week, Year 6 have been excited to explore how plants adapt to their environments in science, learning about how they survive in harsh conditions. In maths, we have continued our work on fractions, focusing on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Ask your child if they can remember the song to remind them how to divide fractions. The children also engaged enthusiastically with an assembly delivered by the police on online safety, which we hope will encourage them to think carefully about what they post online in the future. In computing, we have been progressing with our coding work. However, some children are still not bringing a fully charged iPad to school each day, which is impacting their learning. Please ensure your child's iPad is charged and ready for use in school every day. Thank you for your support!