

## February 2023

It has been a very busy half term, the children have been enjoying their new topics, Pre-school children have been busy retelling lots familiar tales and using some great story book vocabulary to help them.

Year 2 enjoyed a visit from the fire service a few weeks ago and learnt how and when to make a 999 call.

Last night we also enjoyed the PTFA friendship disco, the children had a wonderful and glittery time. A huge thank you to the PTFA and all the volunteers who organised it.

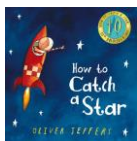
Next half term looks to be just as busy as we have range of visitors and trips, including a story teller for Reception and a visit from SATRO for Year 1 and 2 who will teach us how to make computer-controlled Lego models.

On the **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** we will all be celebrating world book day- all children and staff are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character.



### Perseverance

As we come to the end of half term, we have reflected on our learning about perseverance. Next week Revd Andy will present the governor award for this value. Some stories you may like to share with your children can be found below:



[How to catch a star](#) by Oliver Jeffers



[Can I play too?](#) By Mo Willems

### E-safety

Next week is national e-safety week, across the school children will be learning about e-safety through assemblies and in the classroom. Please do ask them what they have learnt. It is very important that parents are aware of what their children are accessing on line, the video below from UK safer internet centre reminds us how we can begin some of those conversations.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rl\\_gZTQ9F7w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rl_gZTQ9F7w)

### Language development in young children

There is lot of research that shows the positive impact good communication, language skills as well as a wide range of vocabulary have on a child's learning and future success. In nursery and pre-school, communication and language is one of the most important prime areas of learning that staff focus on.

The BBC has now created a useful resource bank of videos to help families develop their child's speech and language skills. It can be found here: [Language advice](#)

### Rise and shine club

We like to gauge the interest in an early morning club, this would be run by the team at Sports stars and would be open to all school age children (Rec, Y1, Y2).

Time: 7.45am-8.30am

Cost £4.50 per session

**Breakfast is not included.**

### Sports awards

Coach Ben and Coach Katie are very pleased with the progress all the children made with their hockey skills last half term.

This half term's awards go to:

**Star performers-** Eddie and Dani (Yr2), Mali and Arlo (Yr1), Mika and James (YrR).



**Psalm 119 (105) "Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path."**

<p>For this to be viable we need a minimum of 8 children in each session. If you would be interested, please let the office know. If there is sufficient interest then this could begin in the summer term.</p>	<p><b>Most improved</b>-Freddy and Poppy (Yr2), Emilia and Sullivan (Yr1), Holly and Max (YrR).</p>
<p><b>Spring term parent consultations</b></p> <p>As in the autumn term we will offer a mix of virtual and face to face meetings. Sign up sheet will be available from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February</p> <p><b>Virtual mtgs</b> <b>Reception: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 9am-11.30am</b> <b>Year 1 and 2: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9am-11/11.30am</b></p> <p><b>Face to face mtgs</b> <b>Reception, Year1 and Year 2: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 3.30pm-6.20pm</b></p> <p>Pre-school meetings will continue to be held weekly, please speak to Mrs Muncer if you have not yet booked a slot.</p>	