

Pippins Weekly News

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SEE TOMORROW GROW

Dear Parents and Carers,

I begin by thanking you all for the fabulous attendance at the 'Come read with me' session this morning. It was so heartwarming to see parents and carers engage in reading with their children. Please join me in thanking Mr Khalid for the great work he has done in making reading come alive at Pippins. Last week's newsletter showcased some of the high-quality texts we have woven into our curriculum at school, details of which can be found on our school website, along with our reading spine. Please make it a point to talk to your children about their class texts, so that we can collectively enjoy storytelling!

It has been a great week for the school continuing to embrace community engagement. On Monday, Mr Jawandha took a group of Year 5 children to a borough-wide fencing festival, while Miss Kang, along with a group of Year 6 children, represented Pippins for the first time at St Marys Church, for their annual Interfaith Conference.

For many, this will be a very symbolic weekend, as we remember those who fought for us, enabling us to enjoy the freedoms we have today. I will be laying a wreath at St Thomas's Church on Sunday morning on behalf of the school, so please do join me if you can. Equally, a large number of our families will be celebrating Diwali this weekend, lighting up their homes and the sky on Sunday. Let us all celebrate the great power of light in our lives, and around us, to overcome pervading darkness.

Have a wonderful weekend.

With all good wishes,
Mr Jalaf

Dates for the Diary

13th November KSI and KS2 school church visit

16th November Y3 and 4 Heathrow workshop

29th November Aladdin panto trip

15th December last day of term 1:15pm

Please don't forget to pay for the Aladdin Panto trip - We will start to call parents to follow up on Monday.

Attendance

Rec 89%
Y1 95%
Y2 95%
Y3 94%
Y4 98%
Y5 96%
Y6 98%

URGENT NOTICE - VACANCIES

We are hiring for two different positions:

1. Lunch Time Coordinator
2. Learning Support Assistant

If you or anyone you know is interested, please talk to the office to find out more!

URGENT NOTICE - PARKING

Please park away from the school premises, both before and after the school day. We were saddened to see **5 near misses** this morning. We have to keep the children safe.

The Office

YEAR 5 FENCING FESTIVAL

On Monday 10 year 5 children took part in a fencing festival held by the Slough School Sport Network.

Children had a wonderful time taking part in a variety of different fencing activities including competitive matches at the end. Well done to all involved.



Emily was a fencing superstar!

Mr Jawandha



PIPPINS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the superstars for completing their reading challenge over the half term! The child who read the most in each class has been celebrated in assembly this week and have been given a gift voucher for their efforts:

Year 1: Aad

Year 2: Emma

Year 3: Olivia

Year 4: Rory

Year 5: Gergana

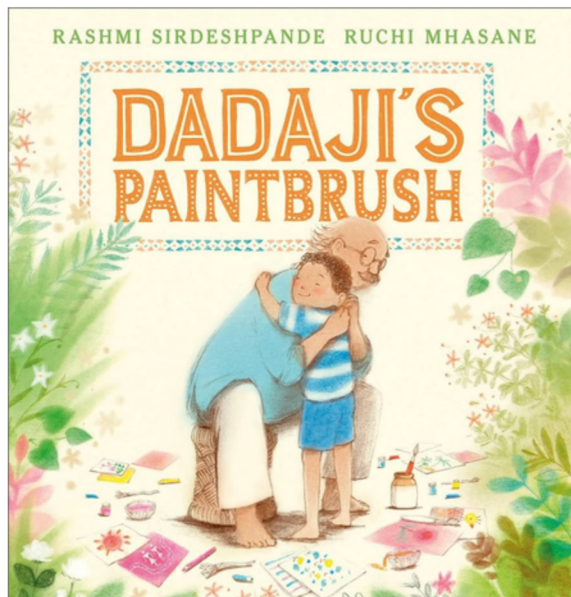
Year 6: Shravya

I am so impressed with the children's resilience and stamina to read as many books as they have. On that note, please be reminded that you can see the ambitious reading spine on our website where you can see all of the books that the children will be reading this academic year. Please see below a few examples of the books available in our bespoke curriculum for your children:

We chose this book for a Literary Leaf as it is a detective story with a twist: Darkus's quest to find his dad is supported not only by his two best friends – Bertolt and Virginia – but also his new pet beetle, Baxter. And Baxter is no ordinary beetle. Baxter is huge (the size of a hamster), has the intelligence of a human, and several hundred friends hiding next door just waiting for the call to action.

As a reader we immediately warm to Darkus who – despite losing both parents, spending time in a truly horrible foster home and facing the bullies at school – doesn't complain. Instead he focuses on finding his dad and saving the beetles in the house next door. The characters are simply brilliant, they spring to life off the pages, but perhaps the character who stands out the most is the evil antagonist, Lucretia Cutter.





Dadaji's Paintbrush by Rashmi Sirdeshpande the children develop reading skills of prediction and inference, have the opportunity to practise use of basic sentence punctuation and create compound sentences before learning about apostrophes for omission and possession. The children then create a fact file where they incorporate the learning they have experienced over the course of the first stage of the sequence of learning. Finally, the children plan and then write their own version narrative, focusing on using verb endings correctly; using statements and commands and sequencing sentences to form short narratives and beginning to develop coherence.

This beautiful book will help children discover that bereavement can be a beginning, not an ending, as we follow the inspirational story of one boy's grief when he loses his beloved grandfather. Dadaji loves to teach others to paint, especially his grandson. But after Dadaji passes away, the boy can't bear to use the favourite paintbrush his grandfather left for him. When a little girl knocks on the door, the boy discovers how many lives Dadaji touched with his art, and finds a way to continue his legacy.

Parents book club!

Mr Khalid and Mr Jalaf would like to start a parents book club once a week. Would you be interested? If so, please get in contact and we will make this dream a reality! We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

RECEPTION

This week in Pixie Class the children have been learning about Remembrance Day.

We learnt that people are wearing Poppies to remember those who have fought in war and who serve our King to look after our country.

We discussed how buying a poppy helps raise money for charity to help those in need. We created our own poppy display with the children's artwork from school and at home. We also listened to a CBeebies podcast all about a girl named Poppy who thought the day was all about her.

We discussed what we would tell Poppy if she was in our class to help her understand why people were wearing poppies.

It has been lovely to hear the children discuss their own understanding of Remembrance Day and our Poppy window looks amazing!

Mrs Bailey



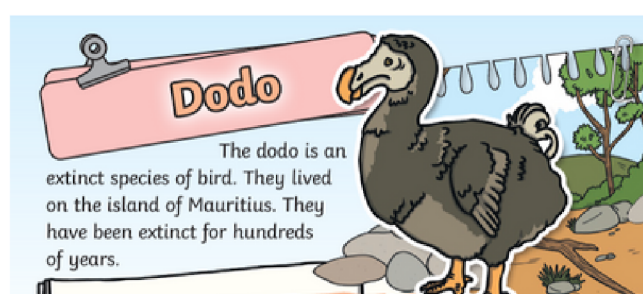
YEAR 2

This week in English Year 2 have been learning all about endangered species and why they have become so.

We have discussed how it is important to raise awareness of what is happening to their environments and how it is important we all do our little bit to help!

We also learnt about an extinct animal called the Dodo. We were trying to guess what it was from its footprints - we knew it would be a bird of some kind due to its claws.

Have a lovely weekend,
Miss Punja

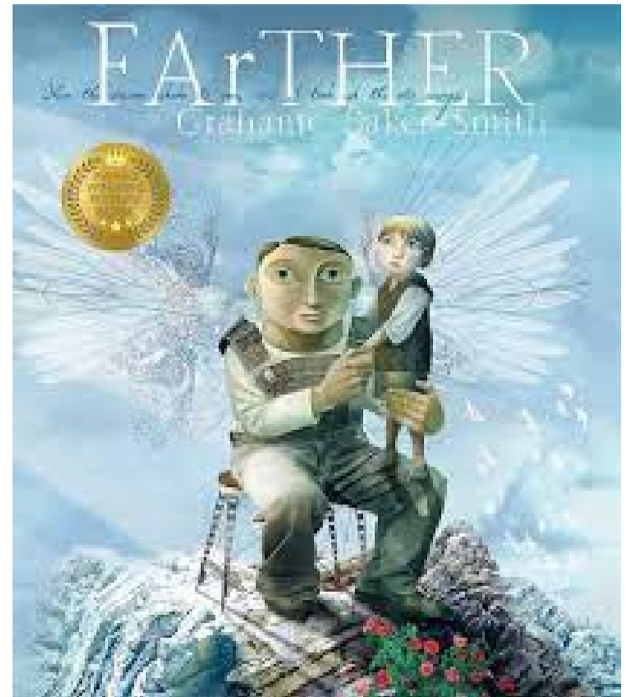


YEAR 4

In English, we have been reading the text 'FARThER' which the children have really enjoyed. They have found many links between the story and Remembrance Day.

This fits in with our overall theme of freedom and unity. The Come Read with Me session we had this week allowed parents to join in with our learning and focus on what remembrance means to them.

Miss Sufi



YEAR 6

This week Year 6 started their new text called 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies.

"A young thief snatches an old lady's bag - and is compelled to make a promise... which is the beginning of a journey that will change everything forever."

We are very excited to be looking at this text and expanding our rich vocabulary to boost our writing.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Khalid and Miss Kang

