



25th January 2019

Children First – Aspire – Challenge – Achieve

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have had the excitement of a giant corn on the cob meeting with the children in Year 1 to talk about the uses of corn and its place in the food chain. We have had some very high quality work in Achievement Alley and Golden Gallery and we are very proud of how hard all the children work at school.

The children are enjoying earning their 'kindness' tokens and I am pleased every day with how polite and helpful the children are, this is often remarked on by visitors.

There have been a few frosty starts to the days this week, please ensure that your child has a warm coat in school.

If your child needs to be in school early, they must use the Breakfast Club. We have recently had a number of pupils arriving around 8am and being left by their parents to wait alone until the school opens. Unless attending Breakfast Club, children should not be on the premises unaccompanied before 8.20am.

Thank you and have a restful weekend,

Mrs J Murphy, Executive Headteacher

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- Please be aware we have had several confirmed cases of Chicken Pox. If you think your child may have Chicken Pox please get them checked by your GP/Pharmacist before sending them to school.
- Please be reminded that the main office number is now 0333 360 2115. The old number 01634 336565 is not in use anymore.
 - **Year 4 and Year 6** - Residential Trip reminder – Please ensure your payments are up to date.
- **Year 3** - Temper Temper Chocolate Workshop - Tuesday 12th February. Payment of £12.00 to be paid via ParentPay by Thursday 7th February please.
- Payments for clubs are now overdue. Please ensure you have paid for your child's club via ParentPay.
- A reminder that every Tuesday morning 'Book Club' is held for Years 1 – 6. Don't forget to send your child's money into school in a clearly named envelope.
- We have a large selection of lost property including some coats in the main office. If your child has misplaced anything please come to main office to have a rummage.
- Please note the term dates for 2019/2020 have been published on the New Horizons' website.



Nursery

In Nursery this week we have been continuing our topic 'Where does snow go?' We have been looking at different types of animals and categorising them into whether they live in hot or cold places. We have also enjoyed making bird feeders this week and putting them in our outside area. We have been checking on them daily to observe if any birds have fed from them!



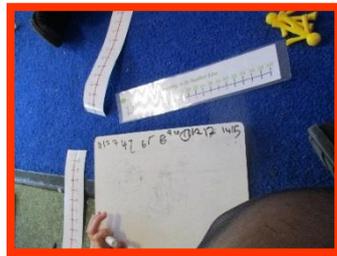
Reception

This week in Reception we have started our topic 'Dinosaur Planet'. Each class found an egg, so during Literacy we have been using the prediction key to predict what may have been inside the egg. We have been so excited that we have been writing signs to let people know they have to be careful.



Over the week it has slowly hatched to reveal a Dinosaur!

Year 1



In English, we have continued to explore the story 'Charlie's Superhero Underpants'. We have described the character and how his feelings change in different parts of the story, also we have compared Charlie to another superhero using the suffix 'er' (faster, stronger etc.) The settings in the book were another thing that we focused on to develop descriptive vocabulary.



In Maths we have begun to count in 2's, 5's and 10's. The children are starting to recognise that we can use the 100 square columns to help us.

In topic, we had a super visitor called Sadie! Sadie taught us all about corn and how it is found in a vast amount of household products. We have begun to learn about food groups in Science, researching about Japan on the computers and developing our skills of light and dark in Art.

Year 2



In Year 2 this week we have been looking at multiplication and division as part of our Maths lessons. We looked at how we can use different strategies to help us calculate the answers before looking at using these skills in word problems. In English we have continued our study of 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and have been writing our own instructions for a potion.



In our topic lessons we were comparing the UK to India. We presented our information as fact files which we shared to the rest of the class.

Thinking task of the week - Each week we will focus on a different Habit of Mind. These Habits are used for reasons to award pupils the Golden Tie.

This week is: Persisting

Reflect on how hard you have tried with your learning this week. Did you find something hard or challenging? Did you choose to give up or did you keep going and try your best? Think about what you might find difficult next week and how you can persist in your learning.

Year 3

This week in English we have been describing the setting of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We have been using descriptive language to make the chocolate factory seem tempting- it has made us very hungry at times! In Maths, we have begun working on the formal written method for division-the bus stop method. We have shown real persistence in mastering this tricky skill! During the afternoons, we have been thinking about where food comes from and learnt about what makes a nutritious meal. We even learnt about the process behind chocolate making.



Year 4

In our Maths learning this week we have been using the methods of multiplication we learnt last week to find the inverse, fact families and missing digits in number sentences. During English, we have been looking at the features of a diary and today we have published our own diary as if we were Harry Potter in the 'Vanishing Glass' scene. During topic we have enjoyed learning about medicine through time and are glad we no longer need surgery to fix a headache!

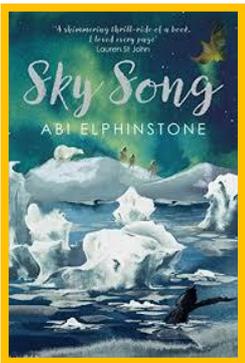
Year 5

In Year 5 this week we have continued our learning about the Victorians, looking at where they are placed in the timeline of British History. We also identified some interesting facts about the Victorians and will be investigating them even further. During Geography it was great to get to know more about our County whilst learning all about the capital of our county and how to identify the different places on a range of maps. It was a challenge to place them accurately on our own maps - I wonder if we followed them would we actually get to the right place? In science we are continuing to learn about the reproduction of plants and whether animals reproduce internally (babies) or externally (eggs). How many egg laying animals can you think of? We have had some excellent calculations in maths with the children working hard at their fractions. Tom's Midnight Garden is inspiring some excellent discussions and we are beginning to see some excellent descriptive writing. I wonder what will happen now that Tom has decided to get up at the thirteenth stroke of the grandfather clock.



Year 6

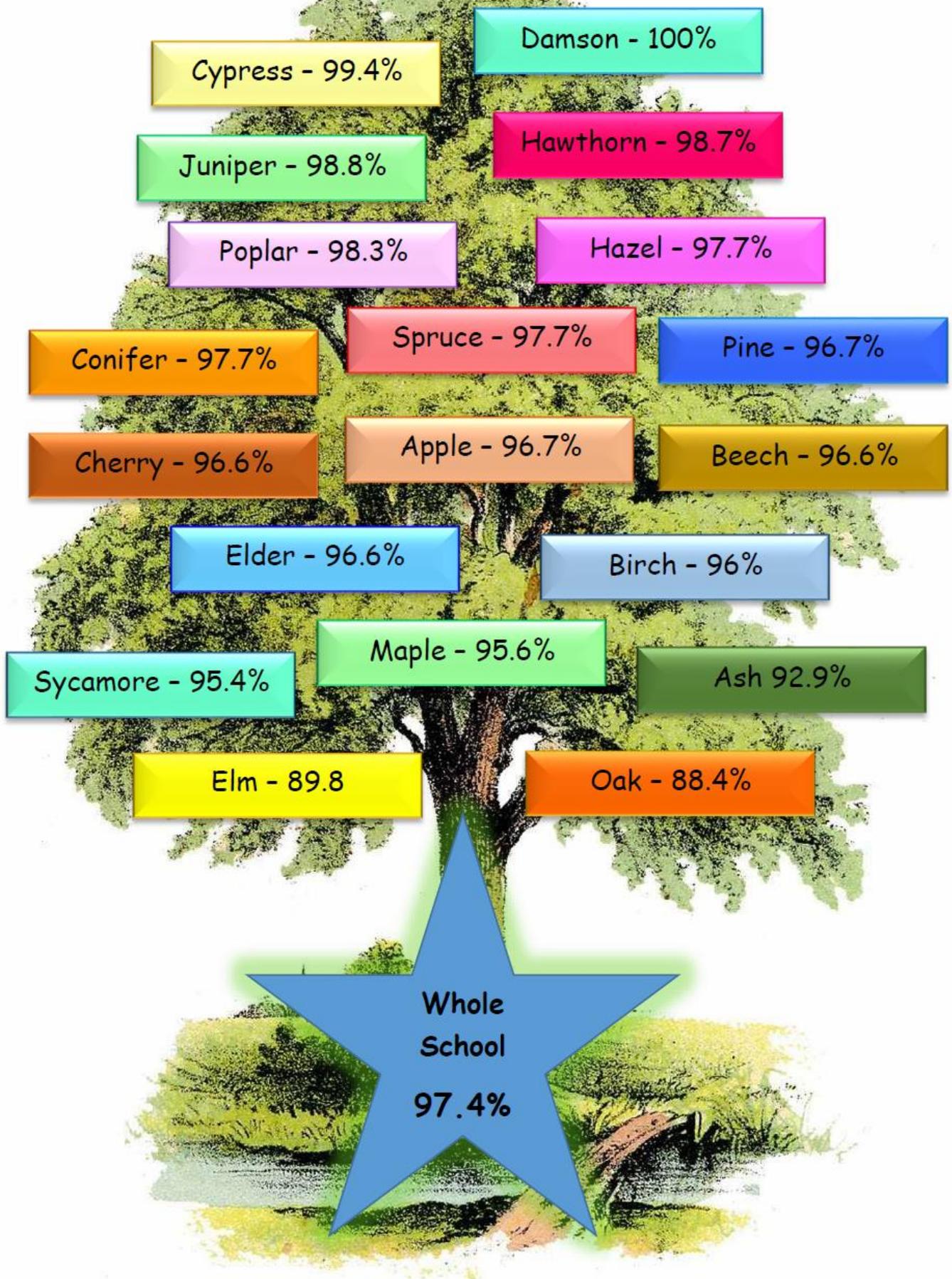
Hello from Billy and James in Cypress Class!!!



This week we have been doing ratio in Miss Morgan's group and in Miss Slattery's and Miss Martin's group they have been writing a diary entry from the point of view from Flint in our book this term called 'Sky Song'. There is only about ten teaching weeks until the SATS in May. All of us have been trying our best in every aspect of learning. Also in P.E we have been learning SAQ (speed agility and quickness). In science we have been learning about how different animals that have adapted to their natural surroundings (habitat). Thank you for reading Billy's and James' chronicles.

Next week's Think is... Can you point to where the sky starts?

Attendance Matters!



Dates for your Diary - Term 3

Monday 28th January - Mobile Library in school

Thursday 31st January - 6:50 - 6:00 - Year 5 Medway Test Parent Talk

Wednesday 6th February - Chartwells Event - 'Scrumdiddlyumptious'

Monday 11th February - YR, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 - 4:00 - 7:30 - Parents Evening

Tuesday 12th February - Year 3 - Temper Temper Chocolate Workshop

Tuesday 12th February - YR, 1, 2, 3 - 4:00 - 6:00 - Parents Evening

Wednesday 13th February - Y4, 5, 6 - 4:00 - 6:00 - Parents Evening

Wednesday 13th February - Year 4 - Making Potions Parent Workshop - Times to follow

Buster's Book Club

The winning class this week for Buster's Book Club is Damson. Well done to everyone who read and met their target this week. The increase in the amount of children reading at home this week was very impressive, well done everyone! Next week is prize week! The winning class will receive a free ticket to Leeds Castle and Buster Book Club also have a challenge - the winning school in our area will win a story telling session with CBeebies Mister Maker.

Happy Reading!



| TEAM POINTS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| This week the 'Holcombe Cup' has been awarded to Brook. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attendance Ace | Cypress, Elder and Poplar with 100% Well Done! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Punctuality Penny | Ash, Elder, Juniper and Oak with 0 lates! | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Golden Tie | <p>Congratulations to:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Ash - Joshua</td> <td>Apple - Inioluwa</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elm - Lenny</td> <td>Cherry - Izabel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oak - Ivy</td> <td>Damson - Quinn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beech - Mihails</td> <td>Conifer - Halle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hazel - Jessica</td> <td>Hawthorn - Lily</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Maple - Haiden</td> <td>Poplar - Ikie</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Birch - Joseph</td> <td>Juniper - Lily</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pine - Gracie</td> <td>Sycamore - Jack</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spruce - Joseph</td> <td>Cypress - Patrick</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Elder - Catherine</td> </tr> </table> | Ash - Joshua | Apple - Inioluwa | Elm - Lenny | Cherry - Izabel | Oak - Ivy | Damson - Quinn | Beech - Mihails | Conifer - Halle | Hazel - Jessica | Hawthorn - Lily | Maple - Haiden | Poplar - Ikie | Birch - Joseph | Juniper - Lily | Pine - Gracie | Sycamore - Jack | Spruce - Joseph | Cypress - Patrick | | Elder - Catherine |
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