



NEWSLETTER

'If you believe it, you can achieve it'

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear families,

A busy and exciting week at Cottons Farm Primary Academy. On Wednesday, we had a visit from Mr Hughes (CEO) and Mrs Hainsworth (The Director of Education); they enjoyed spending time in the classrooms talking to the children about their learning, and praised the staff for their on-going hard work and commitment to making Cottons Farm a wonderful place to learn. Each class has continued to enjoy their topic– Ahlberg class have been talking about families and learning about the skeleton. Donaldson class have learnt the story 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' and they are making great progress with their writing! Cowell class have been doing some tricky maths this week; it has been great to see the children persevering. Finally, Rundell class have been incorporating the use of the app Seesaw to enhance their writing lessons– well done!

Next week, the whole school will be visiting St Stephen's church for Harvest festival on Tuesday; we will be giving thanks for the food we have and singing the Harvest songs. On Thursday, it is National Poetry Day (see the poster), the theme is the environment, therefore we would like the children to come in dressed in 'environment' colours– green, brown, yellow/ dressed to do gardening. We will be studying a range of environment themed poems.

Parents evening slots go live today, please see the letter for more information and sign up on School Spider.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Patmore (Principal)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Weekly story time every Friday in EYFS at 9am

National poetry day– Thursday 6th

October

Parents evening—18th, 19th, 20th

October– sign up on SchoolSpider

Friday 21st October INSET day –school is closed to pupils

Monday 24th– Friday 28th October

HALF TERM



National poetry day on Thursday 6th October.

The theme is the **environment**.

Please come into school in environment themed colours/ clothes.

GREEN

yellow

Environment

Brown

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The Harmony Pledge

The Character Competencies:



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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Aspirational | 6. Communicator |
| 2. Confident | 7. Motivational |
| 3. Resilient | 8. Co-operative |
| 4. Tolerant | 9. Problem Solver |
| 5. Creative | 10. Honest |

ATTENDANCE

Attendance EVERY day at school counts!

Class attendance for this week

Ahlberg — 86.54%

Donaldson — 94.27%

Cowell — 95.83%

Rundell — 92.50%

Well done to Cowell Class!



SEND and Inclusion News

This week I wanted to share with you some information about **Derby City's Local Offer for SEND** families.

What is the Local Offer?

The Local Offer gives children with special educational needs or disabilities and their families, information about what support services will be available in their area.

Where can I find information about Local Offer?

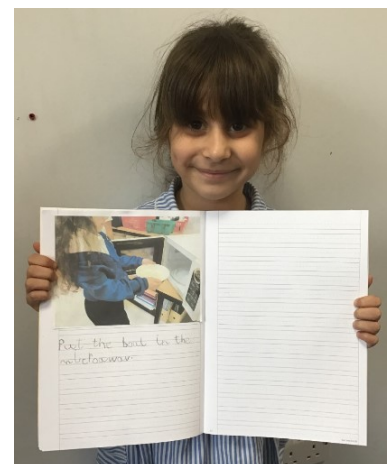
<https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/derbys-send-local-offer/>

You can also follow on Facebook :

Mrs Grainger



Goldilocks and the three bears in Donaldson class



Class of the Week

Cowell class have had a busy week. They have been chatting to the CEO (Anthony Hughes) telling him all about their learning, which he was delighted to hear about.

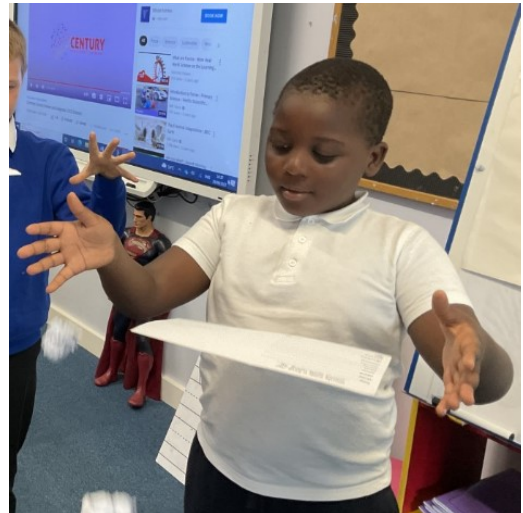
They have started to learn how to write a legend (the story of Romulus and Remus – the founders of Rome) and have used drama to retell the story. As a launch into the story children made accurate models of Romulus and Remus using lego; detailed models of the shewolf using modelling clay and some spectacular colosseums either drawing or models.

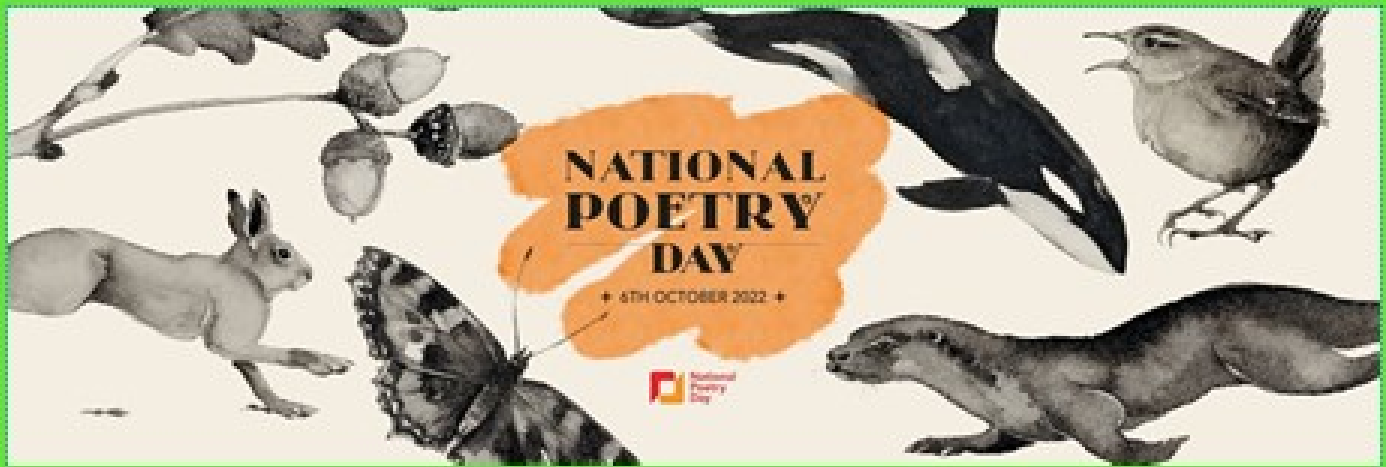
At the swimming pool, most Y3 children have conquered their fears and are even beginning to swim with aids whilst the Y4 children are refining their front crawl stroke and are working towards their grade 1 certificates.

In science the children have been exploring forces in a range of investigations including testing paper in gravity and identifying which materials are magnetic and non-magnetic. The class particularly enjoyed investigating which card shapes are the strongest in their design and technology project (aqueducts) with one group managing to balance 27 books on a card cuboid.

Finally, the y3 group have now been issued their learning ipads and are currently learning how to use them, expectations and keeping safe on the internet. Once these skills are completed they will be able to bring them home and begin to accelerate their learning by completing tasks at home.

From Miss Mitchell.

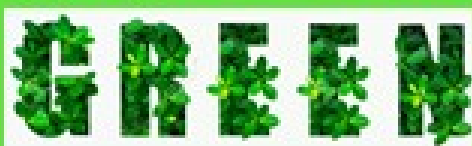




National Poetry Day is a UK-wide celebration of poetry, taking place on 6th October 2022, and the theme is **The Environment**.



In order to celebrate the day, we would like children to come to school in non-uniform, environment colours or outfit.



Dressed to do gardening