

WELCOME TO THE KEY STAGE 1 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM MRS NORRIS

Dear Parents and Carers

The arrival of spring has brought a buzz of energy to Key Stage 1, with children excited to explore, learn and enjoy the brighter days ahead.

Year 2 have been taking full advantage of this, exploring science outdoors. Last week, they observed and identified a variety of flowers in bloom and this week they have been investigating what seeds need to germinate. Both classes made thoughtful predictions and we can't wait to see if our Zebra and Penguin scientists were correct.

Year 1 have also had some exciting experiences since my last newsletter. They enjoyed a fantastic trip to Whipsnade Zoo, learning about animals and their habitats and have been busy in Forest School with Mr Norris, working together to build shelters from natural materials.

Last Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day in style! It was lovely to see children dressed as their favourite book characters, or cosy in pyjamas, dressing gowns and slippers. The day was a great reminder of the joy of reading and the special moments it can bring at bedtime.

In English, Year 2 have been inspired by the thought-provoking text *My Name is Not Refugee*, creating sensitive and reflective pieces of writing about what it might be like to leave home because of war, persecution, or natural disasters.

At this stage in the spring term both year groups have completed their White Rose Maths, phonics, and Accelerated Reader assessments. The results reflect the hard work and dedication of our pupils and staff across Tigers, Monkeys, Penguins and Zebras. Well done to everyone!

Today, we celebrated another cultural day, this time focusing on Jamaica. The KS1 corridor was filled with colourful butterfly and parrot artwork and the children had a great time singing Bob Marley's 'Three Little Birds.' It was a fun and lively way to explore geography while learning about another culture.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mrs Norris

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WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?



Year 1 had a brilliant and slightly soggy day at Whipsnade Zoo, exploring and finding out about all the different animals and their habitats.



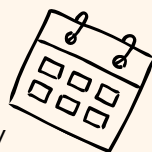
Year 1 pupils thought about what makes them happy as part of our Mental Health Week.



Year 2 have loved exploring the apparatus in their gymnastics lessons with Mr Norris.



DIARY DATES:



19th March - Year 2 Coastal Day
24th March - Easter FEd Fair
27th March - Break up for Easter Holiday
14th April - Back to school
14th April - Zebras to visit Dunstable Library

Year 2 Reads!

In February 2026, students have read...

90 Books

78,152 Words

for **5** minutes/day!
(individual student average)

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