

CRADLEY NEWS

Friday 2nd March 2018

Half Term

Welcome back to the snowy and cold conditions. We are all looking forward to putting winter behind us and embracing the warmth of Spring. The road to school on Friday morning.



World Book Day

On Thursday we suffered from a truncated World Book Day due to the snowy conditions. We shared a big read together in the hall and shared our costumes and the books that inspired them.

Book Sale

On Monday we held a £2 pop-up book sale in the school hall. All children had the opportunity to buy a new book to take home. The children were very excited to choose from a wide selection available. We sold 170 books, which resulted in us being given 17 new books. Key Stage 1 will benefit this time. In May we plan to hold another sale in aid of books for Key Stage 2. Thank you for your support.

Football Match v Leigh and Bransford

The match due to take place this weekend has been cancelled.

Residential Meeting

Thanks to the parents who attended the Conover Residential information evening on Tuesday. Information was shared and questions answered. We look forward to receiving monies via School Money. The first instalment is due now.

Shire Services

Shire Services, our school meals provider, are undertaking a customer satisfaction survey. They are inviting parents of children who have hot lunches, to take part in the survey. The link is as follows:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/shireservicesparents2018>

The survey is open till the end of March.

Nursery

We have absolutely loved The Highway Rat in Nursery this week, sharing the experience with the whole school. On Monday, it started as a normal day, squiggling while we wiggled during P.E. Then the robber arrived. A figure in a cloak with a tail dashed passed us and caused such excitement. We were sure it was the Highway Rat! He even stole our lunch trolley. We made binoculars and wanted posters in an effort to catch him. On Tuesday, we went to assembly with all the big school children to discover to our surprise that Mrs Robb had been the Highway Rat. On Wednesday we made our own cake shop, similar to the one in our story. The children mixed up playdough to make pretend cakes and made their own money too. Fabulous number practice! Thursday was brief but exciting. We created snowy pictures, and decorated real cakes with icing and then ate them for our snack. We hope the children have fun in the snow during the rest of the week.



Class 1

We've had great fun this week. On Monday things went missing in our classroom and there were sightings of somebody - or something! - with a tail, running across the field carrying a black bag over his shoulder! On Tuesday the mystery was solved in assembly and we read our book for The Big Write week - *The Highway Rat!* Throughout our week of phonics and in the afternoons we've had great fun writing a happy ending, based on our value of the month, Forgiveness. We shall be showing our parents during Wednesday morning's assembly (7th March), if the snow doesn't stop us! In maths we have been using spring balances and balance scales to find out what heavier and lighter actually means. The Year 1s will be exploring this further next week. We've had lots of lovely photos sent in from half term and we have enjoyed sharing our experiences with our friends on the big screen.



Class 2

This week in Class 2 we have been writing 'Wanted' posters about The Highway Rat which we have put on display all along the corridor. We have also been making some fairy cakes to go in the cake shop from the story. We wrote names on the cakes, imagining that each letter of the alphabet cost a different amount of money then working out how much our names would cost. Hopefully some of the cakes made it home to be enjoyed by other members of the family!

Class 3

On Monday we were very puzzled by things going missing from our classroom. All was revealed on Tuesday morning when we discovered our Big Write book was *The Highway Rat* by Julia Donaldson. In English we have written character descriptions of the Highway Rat using expanded noun phrases; some of us even managed to include a subordinating conjunction! In maths we have been practising our times tables and begun working on some multiplication and division. We have started to find out some interesting facts about Ireland. We have received lots of emails, photos, letters and postcards from Flat Stanley from France, Italy, Scotland and Ireland.

Class 4

In Class 4 we've had a very exciting week, beginning with items all around the school being stolen! Our help table and recycling bin all went missing during Monday morning. Fortunately, the culprit was caught and our belongings were returned in good time for us to

develop our poems exploring the story of *The Highway Rat* in English. In maths this week we have been focusing on fractions looking at how to order, simplify and convert both mixed and improper fractions. In topic we have been investigating how eco-friendly our school is and were very impressed by what we found out. Nevertheless, we found some ways in which the school could be improved and have a better impact in the environment. We are planning to propose these ideas to Mr Greaves next week. Thursday was World Book Day and we all had a lovely time dressing up, exploring a variety of book characters. It was so nice to see everyone making an effort and appreciating the books we have.

Class 5

The week began with the mystery of items going missing from classrooms through the day - our fire door was swinging open after play and Mrs Paton's trolley had disappeared. There were unnerving sightings of a cloaked figure with a tail on the school site which Miss Guy and Mrs Paton managed to catch on camera. All was revealed on Tuesday when the hoax was uncovered and we settled down to enjoy *The Highway Rat*. As our contribution to the Big Write, we imagined Daphne Duck setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the forest, and we wrote feature articles reporting on how successful the scheme turned out to be six months later! In maths we have been working with fractions, decimals and percentages, and in science we learned about the purpose of nutrients and how they are transported around the body. In topic we continued following the WW1 experiences of young Archie Dobson, whose cousin Walter and father Edward are both called up to the army.

Value of the Month

Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Chosen by Adam Jones, Class 2.

Dates for the Future

MARCH

FOREGIVENESS

- 6th Football Matches @ Bosbury
- 7th Class 1 Collective Worship - parents welcome
- 8th Yr 3/4 tennis @ JMHS
- 16th Pyramid Football and Netball Tournament
- 20th Last swimming session
- 21st Police visiting Nursery
- 22nd Yr 1/2 mixed football @ JMHS 4pm
- 23rd Clubs Finish
- 27th Easter Service @ Church 9am

- Football matches @ Bosbury
- Yr 3/4 mixed football @ JMHS 4pm
- Break up

APRIL

RESPONSIBILITY

- 16th Term starts
- 18th Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Evening for Parents @18:30
- 24th Football matches @ Bosbury