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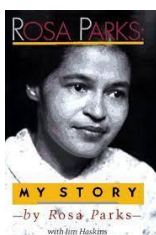
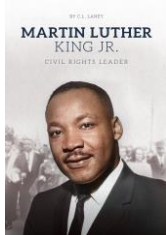
The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School

ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

A great start to the new year! We have met our attendance target of 96%. Thank you to all our children and families who have helped us do this. Keep it up!

Attendance	9-12 Jan 2024
C1	94
C2	99
C3	98
C4	91
C5	95
C6	96
Totals	96

Our Shared Values Determination



Martin Luther King Jr. day is celebrated every year on his birthday – 15th January. This week in school, we reflected on his life and legacy. We thought about how his determination, tenacity and patience brought about changes in law and inspired others to take action to stand up to racism and discrimination across the world.

Children in Class Six drew on their prior learning, recalling the actions of Rosa Parks and her bus boycott and also the actions of the British activist Paul Stephenson who organised the Bristol Bus Boycott. The picture of Paul Stephenson above is taken from one of our inspirational people mural. They also discussed the following questions:

*Do you think Martin Luther King's dream is only relevant to America?
Has his dream been achieved?*

We also listened to the song 'Happy Birthday' which was written by Stevie Wonder to commemorate the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

Looking Ahead: Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Awareness Week will take place from 5 to 11 February 2024, with the theme of My Voice Matters. It was set up by children's mental health charity Place2Be and shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health.



Every January, we take part in the RSPB's Big Schools' Birdwatch because winter is the time of the year garden birds need us most – if it's really cold, it's likely more birds will come into our gardens looking for shelter and food. This makes it easier to count the birds. We then send our data to the RSPB. As the Birdwatch takes place at the same time every year, the RSPB can look back through the years to see if anything has changed.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/get-ready-for-big-schools-birdwatch>

Curriculum Spotlight: Music Soundsteps Music Performance

We welcomed Soundsteps Music School in this week. They demonstrated how to use a range of musical instruments, encouraging the children to be curious and creative when learning in music. To find out more about the National Curriculum for music in schools, please click the link below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7b7f8c40f0b645ba3c4b8a/PRIMARY_national_curriculum_-_Music.pdf



Classes 1& 2 Teddy Bears' Workshop Wednesday 24th January

We would like children in Classes 1 and 2 to bring in a Teddy if they have one. Thank you.

Be Safe, Be Kind, Be The Best That You Can Be Early Years and Primary Learning

This week in Nursery, we continued reading the Gingerbread Man and the children had a lot of fun making their own gingerbread biscuits. In maths, we practised counting up to 5, focusing on the number 1. The children also created lots of wonderful art work, using paints, chalks and lots of different materials.



The children have also been exploring how water changes when it gets very cold. They rescued animals stuck in the ice and were able to observe the ice melting in their warm hands.

In Reception we have also been reading and retelling the traditional story 'The Gingerbread man'. We are looking forward to making our own gingerbread people to take home.

This week Class 1 children have been introduced to new vocabulary in Science (opaque, transparent and translucent). They have been encouraged to use their new words when describing objects. In phonics, we have been learning new digraphs and the children have been proudly applying them in their reading. We have started to create our own non fiction book so have been learning lots about arctic animals so we can make our information book.

In computing this week, Class 2 have been learning what an algorithm is and why it is important that you give a precise set of instructions. We had to order images of a muffin recipe and then write our own method, ensuring it was precise. In science this week, we searched for objects in the classroom that were made of a variety of materials. Then, we went outside to search for objects in the playground that were made of the same materials. As a class, we discussed how there were less objects made of different materials outside and why.



Class 3 children have had an EXCELLENT week! They have learnt how to use similes and metaphors in their writing. They have generated descriptions such as 'he was as tall as a London skyscraper' and 'his head was a huge concrete block, standing very still, not moving, not an inch'. The adults have been incredibly impressed by the creative flair seen when the children were encouraged to write independently. A big well done to all the Year 3 children for taking this step!

This week Class 5 have been continuing their science topic on materials. We have been finding out about thermal insulators. We planned and carried out an experiment to try and keep a cup of hot water warm by wrapping it in a variety of materials. We discovered that tin foil resulted in the least amount of heat loss overall but it wasn't easy with all the cold weather we are experiencing!

This week Class 6 have been working on their 'Let it Shine' topic in science. They have been investigating and describing how light travels using scientific diagrams. Next, they will investigate how light can change direction. Can the light from the torch hit a target - when there is an opaque object in the way?

Diary Dates Our Shared Value Determination

Mon 22 nd Jan	Y5 & Y6 PE 3.30 -4.30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports
Tue 23 rd Jan	Y3 & Y4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports
Wed 24 th Jan	Y 1 & Y2 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & 6 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & Y6 Girls football PM Teddy Bears Workshop YR 1 & 2
Thu 25 th Jan	Y5 Swimming Y2 AM Smugglers Way Waste and Recycling Centre 3.30 – 4.30- Y5 & Y6 Boys football
Fri 26 th Jan	Y4 Swimming
Mon 29 th Jan	Y5 & Y6 PE 3.30 -4.30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports
Tue 30 th Jan	Y3 & Y4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports
Wed 31 st Jan	Y 1 & Y2 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & 6 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & Y6 Girls football
Thu 1 st Feb	Y5 Swimming 3.30 – 4.30- Y5 & Y6 Boys football YR4 Science Museum
Fri 2 nd Feb	Y4 Swimming 9.30 – 2.30 Boys football tournament

Thank You

Thank you to all our families
from Reception to Year 6 who
met with class teachers this
week to discuss your child's
progress and learning.