



# Perryfields Primary PRU



Friday 22nd December 2023

Please take the time to read and talk about the newsletter with your child. Thank you.

## **A message from Mr Hines!**

Welcome to our final edition of the newsletter for 2023. It has been an exceptional term as the pupils have worked very hard and achieved much. We have been delighted with their resilience when faced with challenges and the excellent learning behaviours that they strive to show.

As you are aware we have been on many educational visits and hosted a number of visitors this term. We are delighted with all the positive comments we have received from other teachers, school leaders, special visitors and members of the general public around the excellent behaviour and relationships between the pupils, their peers and staff.

I hope you all have a great Christmas holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, as we have a Teacher Training Day on the Monday.

**Thank you for your continued support of the school.**

## **Acton Mill Care Farm – Parent Trip**

**Thanks so much to the parents who were able to come to Acton Mill Care Farm. We hope you had a good time and also found the information sharing session useful. We will keep you informed of any future events of this nature.**

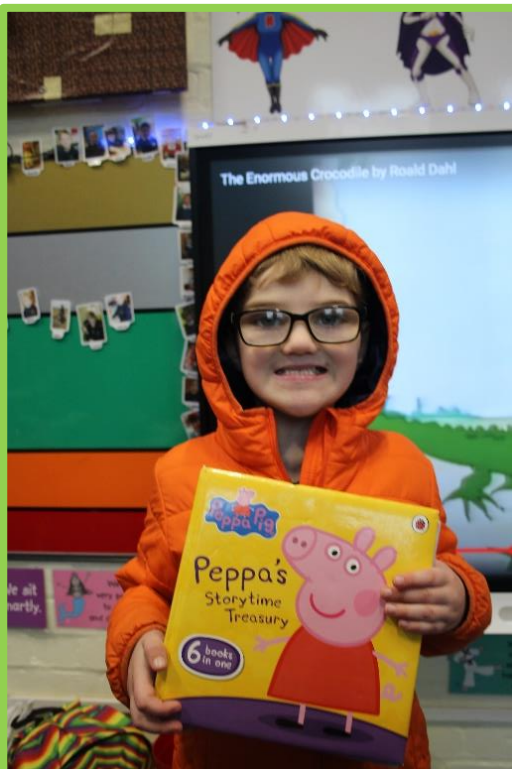
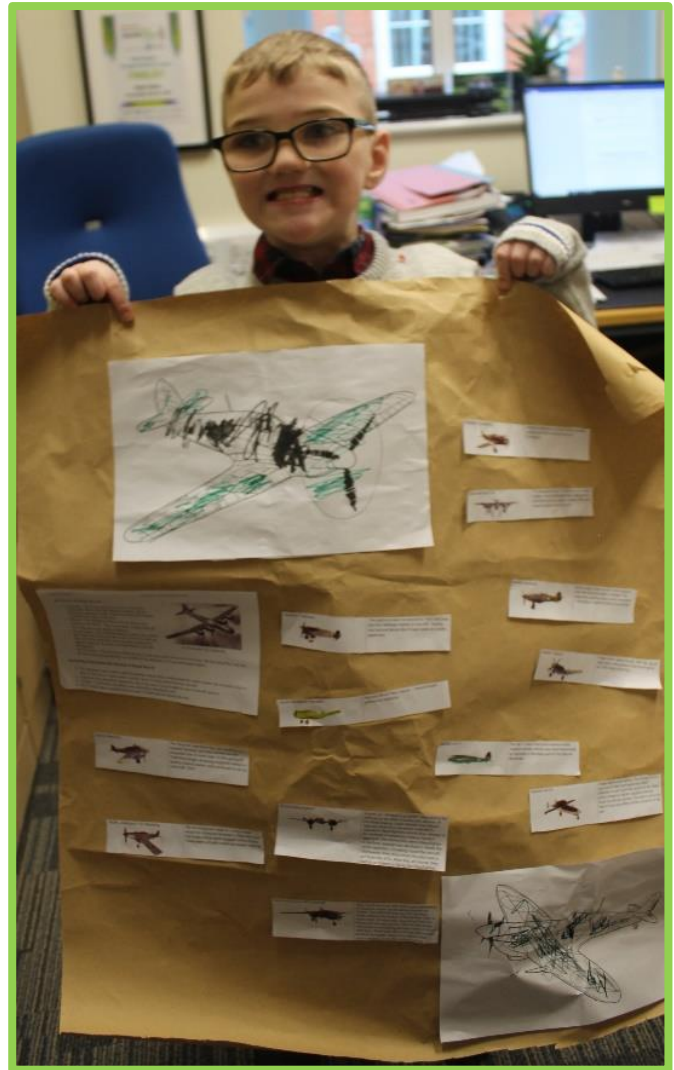


### Homework Challenge

A massive well done to Alfie for completing all 16 Homework Challenges. We are sure he will enjoy spending his £10 WHSmiths voucher!

Well done to the children who have completed the Reading Challenge by reading at home every night!

- Levi, Alfie, Elijah, Archie J, Jack, Theo, Tommy, Reggie and William



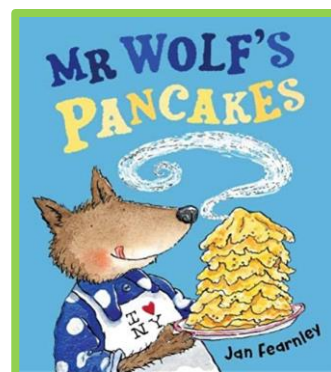
### **Books to Read Before you leave Primary School**

**Title:** Mr Wolf's Pancakes

**Author:** Jan Fearnley

**Genre:** Fiction

Mr Wolf wants to make pancakes but is unable to read the recipe book, write the names of the ingredients or count the money to buy them. His neighbours are unwilling to help him, but are soon lured by the delicious smell of pancakes when he successfully completes his task.



## Worcester Inclusion Games

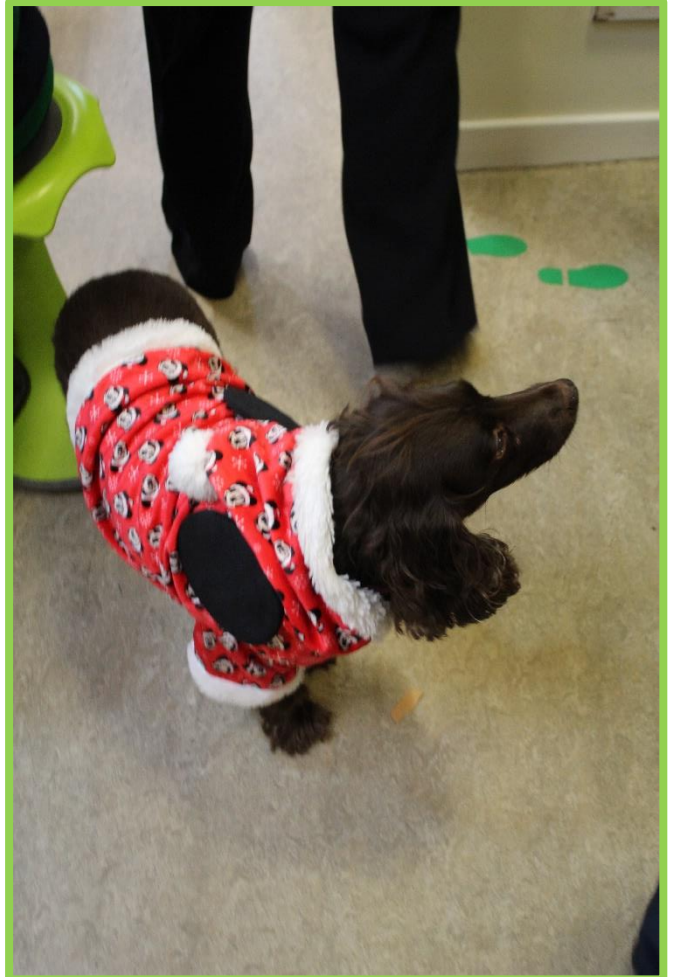
Well done to the children who took part in the Inclusion Games. There were some excellent performances as the children took part in various sports events with pupils from other schools. We were particularly strong in the javelin and jumping events and everyone really enjoyed the morning!!



## Christmas Dinner at Perryfields

We had a wonderful Christmas dinner this year. The children loved the experience and showed great collaboration and friendship with one another.





Merry Christmas everyone!

### Smart Trees Trip

The younger children visited Smart Trees and took part in lots of educational activities linked to Christmas. They participated in the orienteering task particularly well and even managed to meet Santa!



## Pear Game Assemblies

Since the last newsletter we have looked at things such as:

- Collaboration
- Choose the right word
- Reduce, reuse, recycle
- Hidden message
- Great things come to those that wait
- Staying in control
- Hannukah
- The starfish story
- The gift of giving
- The Christmas Truce
- Empathy
- Goals
- Too much screen time



## Learning Power

The Learning Power we are focussing on next half term is being **Resilient**. We want our pupils to be able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions or situations. To become resilient learners we want the pupils to consider:

- Is there another way I can do this?
- Who can I ask?
- What can I look at? (working wall, knowledge organisers, toolkits)
- Remembering the Learning Pit

**We show resilience in a number of different situations in school and it is a vital life skill!**

## Book of the Month!

Staff: Mrs Cole

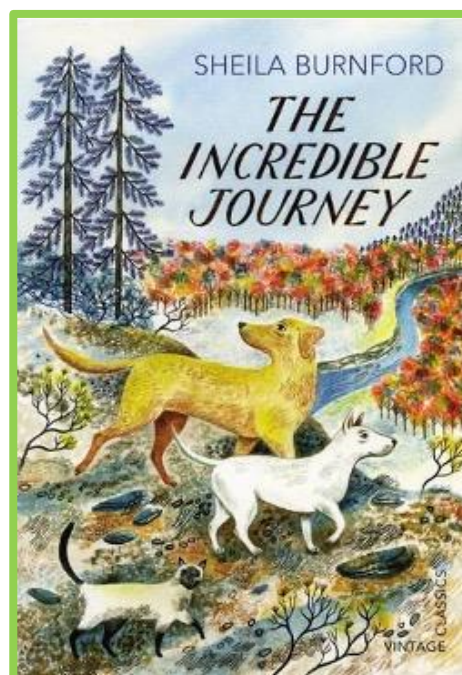
Title: The Incredible Journey

Author: Sheila Burnford

Genre: Fiction

The Hunter children must go abroad for the summer, so they reluctantly leave their three pets in the care of a friend. But the faithful animals only know they must get home again, somehow.

So the labrador, the old bull terrier and the dainty Siamese cat set off on a perilous journey through the wilderness. But how will domestic animals fare against river rapids, hunger, icy temperatures and ferocious wild beasts? And if they make it home, will their owners be waiting for them?



## Animal Mania

As a Christmas treat Animal mania visited the children. They learned all about the animals' habitat, food and characteristics, as well as handling them.







### **Design and Technology Project!**

Blake and Mrs Davis have amazed us with their latest design and technology project. With a little help from Mr Ben, Blake has managed to create a wonderful playhouse for his cats. He should great technical skill and resilience to overcome problems during the making of it and should be very proud of himself.



## Chocolatiers!

Mrs Poole delivered special lessons where the children made chocolate with a festive theme. The end products were fantastic as they took a lot of care over their work.



### Chocolate Facts

The United States of America makes the most chocolate. A lot of their chocolates contain peanuts and almonds!

Brussels in Belgium is known as the 'Chocolate Capital of the World' as they have the reputation for making the best chocolate!

People in Switzerland eat the most chocolate!

The most popular chocolate bar in the UK is Cadbury's Dairy Milk!

As part of their topic work the older children visited Norton Barracks and Gheluvelt Park, which is named after a famous battle that took place in Belgium during World War 1.



### Christingle

All of the children learned about the meaning behind the Christmas Christingle Service and made their own.



**The orange represents the world.**

**The red ribbon (or tape) symbolises the love and blood of Christ.**

**The sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations.**

**The lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.**

## Christingle

The afternoon pupils represented Perryfields in a Christingle Service at our local church. They answered lots of questions from Reverend Sarah Cottrill about the meaning of Christingle and sang a hymn. Mrs Halliday played the accompanying music and the pupils showed excellent respect and engaged with the service very well.



### Reverend Sarah Cottrill

We would like to say a big thank you to reverend Sarah for delivering the service and also helping us by providing the tables for our Christmas lunch. We have an excellent partnership with the church as they are very keen to see our children.

### Archie J's Science Retrieval Quiz!

See him with your answers! You will get a prize for finding the answers out!

1. Name a piece of science equipment that is used to measure temperature.
2. An 'anomalous result is either...
  - a) A result that fits a pattern
  - b) A result that doesn't fit a pattern
  - c) When a result cannot be found
3. Which material would be best for a window? Brick, glass, metal or plastic? Why?
4. Which material would be best for a lunchbox? Brick, sponge, glass or plastic? Why?
5. What does translucent mean?



### Smoothie Makers!

Well done to Alfie and Jakub who made some really healthy and lovely tasting smoothies. They also showed great kindness by sharing them with staff.

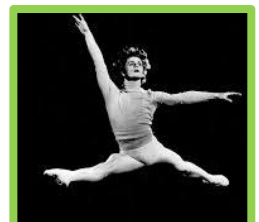


### Mr Grindrod's Quote of the Month!

Mr Grindrod has taken inspiration from Mikhail Baryshnikov, one of the most famous male ballet dancers in history.

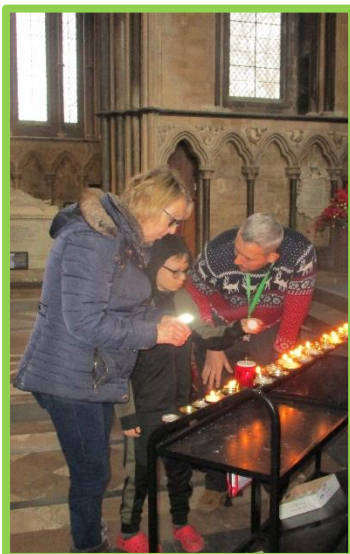
***"I do not try to dance better than anyone else. I only try to dance better than myself."***

Focus on self-improvement within your own learning journey – there is no need to rush or get downhearted if someone is ahead of you. We learn at our own pace.



## Christmas Tree Festival at Worcester Cathedral

Some of the children visited the Christmas Tree Festival at Worcester cathedral. This is always a popular trip for them and they saw some amazing trees!



## Classes 1 and 2

### What we are learning about in Spring Term 1

Please see below some of the things the children will be looking at next half term. The full plans for each subject are within the curriculum section on the school website but this will give you a flavour:

- Wonder Women - Identifying who Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell were and looking at their work in nursing. The children will be finding out about their achievements and comparing their lives. They will be looking to persuade people about why we should remember them.
- Science – Studying plants, light and dark and living things in their habitats. The children will be looking at common plants, seeing what conditions they need to grow and identifying some of the key parts and what they do. They will see how plants and animals survive in different habitats.
- In English we are sharing the texts below so the children can recognise features of texts, develop their reading and writing skills and identify different aspects of grammar such as nouns, plurals, clauses and conjunctions. There will also be daily phonics and guided reading using some of our E-Bug books.



Anansi and Tiger: Writing for Action	Information texts: All about Tigers	Jack and the Beanstalk – Character, mood and problems
		

- Maths – The children will be working on place value, addition, subtraction and using money.
- Personal, Social and Health Education – the children will be working on dreams and goals. This includes giving them knowledge and strategies regarding:
  - Difficult challenges and achieving success
  - Dreams and ambitions
  - New challenges
  - Motivation and enthusiasm
  - Recognising and trying to overcome obstacles
  - Evaluating learning processes
  - Managing feelings
- RE – pupils will be looking at places of worship across a number of religions and what makes them sacred to the believers. The children will look at what people do there and some of the objects you may see in the buildings.
- Arts and Sports – the children will have a range of activities across the arts and sports. They will be developing new skills with some specialist teaching from Severn Music, Jackman Pro and Redgate Sports. Please see our website for finer details around these subjects that take place for the afternoon pupils.

## Classes 3 and 4

### What we are learning about in Spring Term 1

- Out of this World - By looking at the Ancient Greeks as a starting point the children will be exploring the change over time and key events from Galileo's telescope to space exploration between 1940-1970 and then finally into modern day. They will evaluate and assess the impact and significance made by key people such as Galileo, Neil Armstrong and Mei Jameson and be able to explain how their actions have changed history.
- Science - Pupils will be investigating the movement of the Earth in relation to the sun, moon and other planets within space.
- The children will study the whole class texts in the table below. They will be working out the text features and writing character descriptions, recounts, diary entries, postcards and a biography. Suffixes, paragraphs and relative clauses are some of the technical grammar they will find out about and apply in their work. In addition to this the children will have daily guided reading tasks using the E Bug books that will improve their reading fluency and comprehension.

Wonder	Neil Armstrong
	

- Maths - Fractions, multiplication and division are the main units of work that the children will be learning about. They will be applying their knowledge across a wide variety of problems so they gather a deep understanding.
- Personal, Social and Health Education - the children will be working on dreams and goals. This includes giving them knowledge and strategies regarding:
  - Personal learning goals, in and out of school
  - Success criteria
  - Emotions in success
  - Making a difference in the world
  - Motivation
  - Recognising achievements Compliments
- RE - The pupils will be looking at stories from Hinduism and be able to explain how they relate to Hindu beliefs. They will investigate the ways of life and beliefs within the Hindu religion.
- Arts and Sports - the children will have a range of activities across the arts and sports. They will be developing new skills with some specialist teaching from Severn Music, Jackman Pro and Redgate Sports. Please see our website for finer details around these subjects that take place for the afternoon pupils.



## Parent Zone!!!

We are committed to supporting the physical and mental health of our pupils and families. We will regularly signpost you to useful support organisations or resources that may help you and/or your child flourish in the community.

### Contacting Children's services

Family Front Door: 01905 822666 (Office Hrs) 01905 768020 (Emergency Out of Hrs)

The Emergency Deputy Team (EDT): 01905 768020

Get Safe (Child Exploitation): 01905 845568 / getsafe@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk

**If you have reason to believe that a child, young person or adult is at immediate risk from harm  
CALL 999**

### Are you worried about domestic abuse or conflict in your relationship?

Women's Aid 24hr Helpline - 0800 980 3331

Male Domestic Abuse 24 hr Helpline - 0800 014 9082

### [Money Helper](#) - free debt advice

If you're struggling with debt, it can be hard to know where to turn. But with lots of free advice services available across the UK, you can find help in a way that's best for you.

Free Debt Adviser, click the link above and search for support in your local town.

### Stop loan sharks [www.stoploansharks.co.uk](http://www.stoploansharks.co.uk)

Think smart, not shark when it comes to Christmas shopping this year. Shop around, there are many deals and offers out there. Be wary of any new friends offering to help you out quickly, know the signs and get the right help and support you need.

We know Christmas can be hard, and if you're looking for a loan there are places you can go other than a bank. Visit: [www.findyourcreditunion.co.uk](http://www.findyourcreditunion.co.uk) or [www.findingfinance.org.uk](http://www.findingfinance.org.uk).

For help and support with a loan shark @StopLoanSharksEng



### Help for Households

#### [Help for households](#)

- Income Support
- Finding Work
- Energy Bills—Cost of Living Payments
- Childcare Costs
- Household costs
- Childcare Costs

### [Too Good To Go.](#)

Use the app to explore shops and restaurants in your local area and save Surprise Bags of surplus food from going to waste at a great price.

### Kids meals for free or for £1

**Asda** – Kids Eat for £1 deal in Asda Cafés and **half-price adult** main meals in their cafés from 3pm onwards.

**Morrisons** – Get one free kids meal with any adult meal £4.50 or over.

**Tesco** – A free kids meal deal with any adult purchase in a Tesco Café.

### Local food banks

**Worcester City** (Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 11am—2pm)  
0808 2082138 7 Lowesmoor Wharf, Worcester WR1 2RS

**Droitwich** (Tues 1pm—3pm & Fri )  
07532 130604 / 07532 130604 Droitwich Baptist Church,  
Ombersley Street East, WR9 8QS

**Redditch & Bromsgrove** (Mon—Thursday 11am —2pm & Fri 10am– 1pm) 01527 69161 Number 24, Church Green East, Redditch, B98 8DE

### Mental Health Support

**Mind.** Information and Support on mental health. <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support>

National Self Harm Network <https://www.nshn.co.uk>

**Samaritans** <https://www.samaritans.org>

**The Ollie Foundation.** Mental health charity for young people <https://theolliefoundation.org/contact>

Mental health support in Worcestershire <https://www.talkingtherapies.hwhct.nhs.uk/localsupport>

Mental health support for children in Worcestershire <https://camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/reach4wellbeing>

### Online safety

Use [Perryfields' free online safety hub](https://perryfieldsprimarypru.onlinesafetyhub.uk) to find out about the latest apps, how to put parental controls onto devices, how to report concerns and much more!

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### Key Dates Coming Up.....

Please note that items highlighted in green are for selected classes or pupils so you will hear if this is the case for your child!

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Teacher Education Day – no pupils**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Pupils back to school**

**From all the staff at Perryfields have a very happy Christmas!**

