

**This is the second of our new termly newsletters which will give you a roundup of all the fantastic things that have been happening in school and also let you know about some upcoming events and important dates. Please keep your eye on the latest news section of our website to keep up to date with events in school throughout the term.**

### Holiday Dates

All of our holiday dates are on our website but as a reminder.....

February Half Term – 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>  
February

School closed Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March for  
Staff Training

Easter Holiday Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April. School reopens  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Summer Half Term – 28<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup>  
June

Summer Holiday starts 26<sup>th</sup> July  
Autumn Term 2018 begins on 3<sup>rd</sup>  
September

### Homework

Following our consultation with parents last term and after speaking with pupils and staff we have revised our homework policy.

You will all be receiving a leaflet explaining our new policy so that you are clear about expectations for all pupils; the full policy is available on our website.

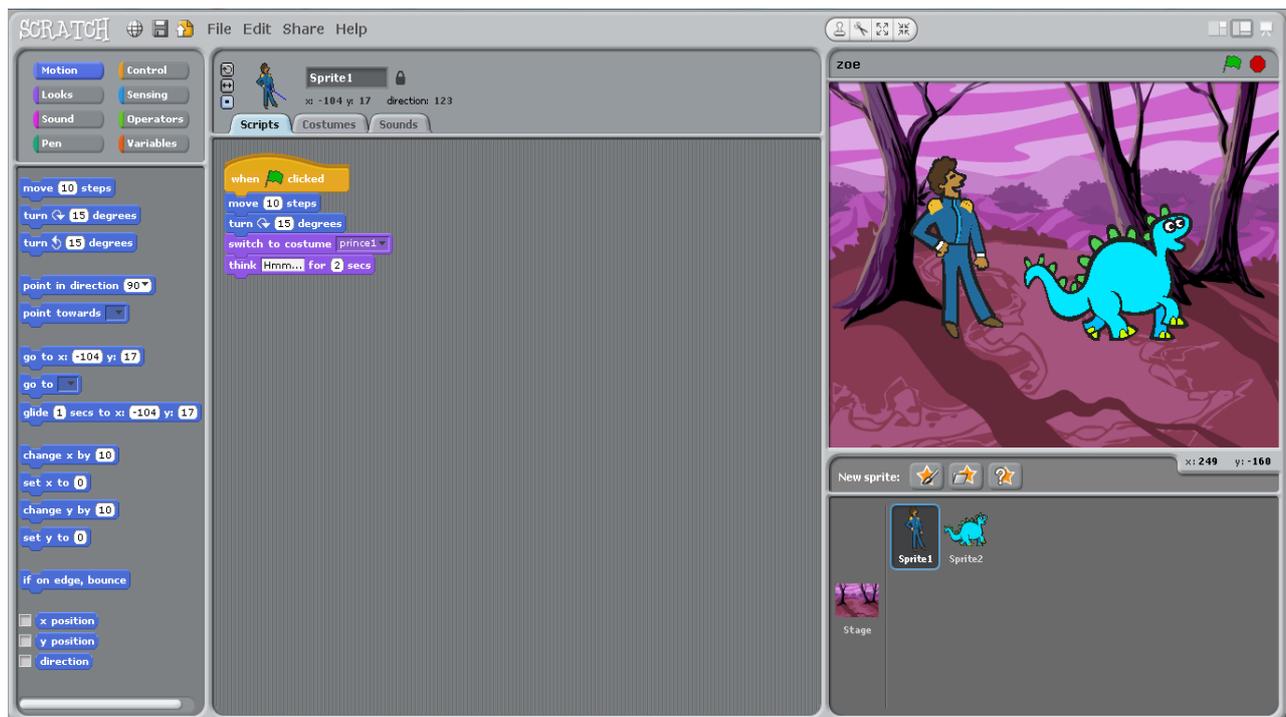
If you have any questions please speak with your child's class teacher.



### Hockey Tournament

Recently, some of Year 6's best hockey players were driven by Mr. Henderson and accompanied by Mr. Stonebridge on a hockey tournament at the Indian Gymkhana, Osterley. First of all, we had to play four group games to be able to qualify for the knockout stages. Happily, both our A and B teams made it into the knockout phases. Sadly, the A team were knocked out in the round of 16. However, the B team made it all the way to the semi-finals (out of more than 50 teams, we came joint 3<sup>rd</sup>!) What an amazing experience!

From the Hockey Team (Year 6:  
Shaifulah, Diana, Phillip, Emma, Masud,  
Suliaman, Suada, Omar, Harleen. Year 5:  
Shane, Kieran, Matei)



Year 5 have been learning how to code, using Scratch during their ICT lessons. Using their topic book of Beowulf, they created their own Beowulf Animations, using code, pictures, sound and movement.

**LI: I can test, modify and refine control sequences which use inputs and outputs.**

***SC: I can plan an animation with my partner.***

***SC: I create my animation on scratch.***

### Year 5

During the 1st week of the half term, Year 5 had their topic launch. As our topic is all about Baghdad and the Middle East, we invited parents to cook food for us and come into school to share the food with our children. We were very lucky that so many parents cooked such delicious food with their children and we spent time telling each other about the food that we had brought in.





## Reception – Mini beast topic

This term we have been exploring mini beasts! Here are some of our mini beast activities;



We made "mini beast" biscuits!



We created butterflies using food colouring and coffee filter paper.

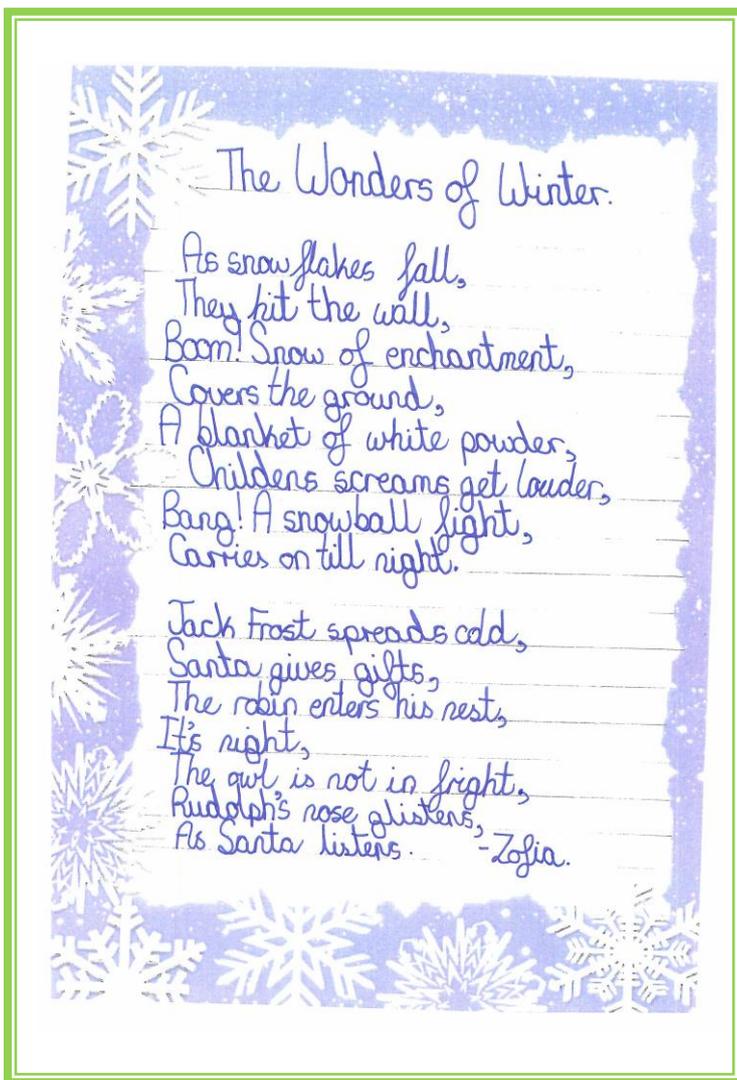


We went on a mini beast hunt at Forest School



We have planted to plants and flowers to attract bees, bugs and butterflies

We have learnt a lot about mini beasts just come and ask us!



## Gold Awards

The following children have all received Gold Awards for their fantastic work.

Omar – Yr6  
 Abisherk – Yr5  
 Iqra – Yr5  
 Kacper – Yr6  
 Najma – Yr1  
 Fadil – Yr2  
 Luqman – Yr2  
 Jochebd – Yr2  
 Morriah – Yr2  
 Theo – Yr2  
 Diana – Yr6  
 Beverlyn – Yr6  
 Sarah-Zehra - Yr6  
 Kacper – Yr6  
 Keyla – Yr6  
 Farhad – Yr5  
 Aieza – Yr6  
 Nel – Yr1  
 Anaya – Yr1  
 Zoe – Yr5  
 Dilara – Yr2  
 Bernado – Yr3  
 Jason – Yr2  
 Rand – Yr1  
 Teodor – Yr1  
 Maiya – Yr2  
 Ali – Yr3  
 Akim – Yr5  
 Sana –  
 Zofia – Yr4  
 Kairi – Yr4  
 Shane – yr5  
 Mushin – Yr4  
 Steven – Yr6  
 Mollymay – Yr2  
 Moriah – Yr2  
 Parnian – Yr5  
 Hasanna- Yr5  
 Victor – Yr5  
 Beverlyn – Yr6  
 Tyrese – Yr4  
 Jayneet – Yr6  
 Malaika – Yr2

## Sports Update

On 18th January 18 Year 5 and 6 children went to the indoor sports hall competition at Gumley. The competition was very close and the children did exceptionally well, winning a lot of their running races. The final result was that we came in 3rd place.

On the 23rd January the Year 5 and 6 girls football team went to Goals Gillette Corner and played in a football tournament. We took an A and a B team and both teams played some brilliant football against some tough opposition. Both teams won 1 of their matches but unfortunately they lost the other 2.

The Year 5 and 6 boys football team has been very busy this half term and they have participated in 2 tournaments, one at Gumley and one at Goals Gillette Corner. Both the A and B teams showed great teamwork and determination, managing to win 1 of their matches.

## Reading with Your Children

Your children will be bringing their reading books and reading record books home very night. Please make time to read with them every night, don't forget to sign their reading record books! All children need to be reading for 20 to 30 minutes each night.

## Football - The Worples Win!

After last week's two tournaments with mixed results (mostly loses), we approached our C8 match against Worples (on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018) with trepidation. However, we were motivated to improve, especially since we were playing the 8 v 8, 40 minute game at home. Up on our (rather muddy) school field, we started the first half after our captain, Shakeel, won rock, paper scissors. We started well, fluently scoring two goals in the process (through Shaifulah with a fierce shot with his right foot, and Harvey, who was quickest to react when his initial penalty was saved). In the second half, we scored another two goals (through Masud and a second from our man of the match, Shaifulah). The final whistle echoed around the field – Ivybridge 4, Worples 0 (A superb clean sheet from Oliver!) After the celebrations, we shook hands and congratulated Worples on their valiant effort. This game was a great start to our C8 league! Watch this space for our next game in February.

By Abdullahi and Philip

## **Young Voices at O2**

Guess what happened on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February? I went to the humongous O2 Arena which is in central London. Now, sit down, relax and listen to my recount.

Firstly I woke up, feeling very excited, and started brushing my teeth. Next, I went to the table and ate my breakfast and got dressed quickly. After, I started to go to school. When I was at school we put our things away and did some PSHE. After that, we went into Pluto class to rehearse some of the songs (one of the songs was called Hakuna Matata, which is my favourite). Some minutes later, it was twelve o'clock, we had our lunch and got ready to go on the terrific trip.

Once we were ready we got into our groups and started walking to Twickenham. As we were walking there, we saw a river with lots of colourful ducks. When we got to Twickenham we went on the train and waited. After we got to Waterloo we took the tube to the O2 while Miss Dare said, "The person who is the quietest will get 5 dojos." So I started being quiet until we got off the swift tube. Then we took some escalators to get there. When we got there we walked to the o2 and sat on the seats. The o2 was as big as a rugby stadium and was filled with crowds of loud children.

Later we started to practice all the songs until 5 o'clock, we ate our lunch and we got a glowing torch. We used the torch to see during the concert. Then finally the concert started but I was feeling tired so Miss Pryce told me to sit down and rest my feet. I was also really excited for the concert to begin. I had a amazing time while I was singing the lovely songs with loud voice. My favourite part was when we sang a song called Singing Together. I also enjoyed the groovy dances we did. When the concert was finished we took the coach and went home. I was feeling very tired.

I had the best day and I wish we could do this again.

Muhsin, Comet Class



