

Nursery and Reception

Reception and Nursery have been busy helping our resident Forest School fairy called Willow. She left the children some signs of her arrival a few weeks ago and since then has been leaving tiny messages that often contain a challenge.

This week, Willow asked the children for their help with learning to count. Willow wanted to add candles to a cake for her friend's 4th birthday, but she didn't know how many candles to add. The children helped make a number mat for Willow using her favourite things from the forest.



Nursery and Reception Long Ago

We also looked carefully at photos from a long time ago and the children observed that they were all black and white. To deepen our understanding of black and white the children explored the different shades of grey they could make by mixing black and white paint. They also talked about how the paint strokes looked different when on a black or white background.



Year 1/2/3

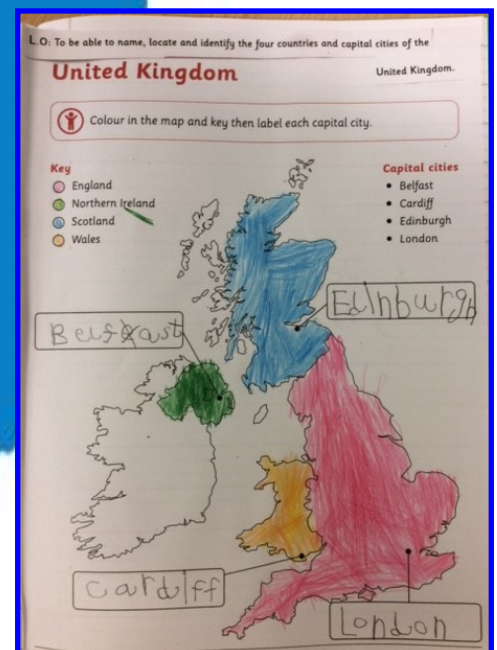
Bright Lights, Big City

As part of our topic 'Bright Lights Big City', we've been reading the story 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew. In the book, we discovered a small, special room full of The Crown Jewels. Then the children had fun creating their own crowns, and we finished off by becoming kings and queens for the afternoon.



Year 1/2/3 Bright Lights, Big City

As part of our topic 'Bright Lights, Big City' we have been learning to identify the four countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities. The children were introduced to Google Earth and used it to locate The United Kingdom. They then used an Atlas to find out about the different countries and capital cities that make up The United Kingdom before working independently to locate and label them on their own UK map.



Parents, can your child tell you how they use our learning characters to support their progress?

Which of our learning characters does your child use most often?

Our Learning Characters



Concentrate!

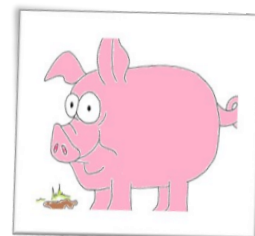
Concentrate the eagle helps you to:

- Manage distractions
- Get lost in the task.
- Do one thing at a time.
- Break things down.
- Plan and think it through.

Have a go!

Pinky the pig helps you to:

- Have a growth mind-set.
- Don't worry if it goes wrong.
- Learn from mistakes.



Be co-operative!

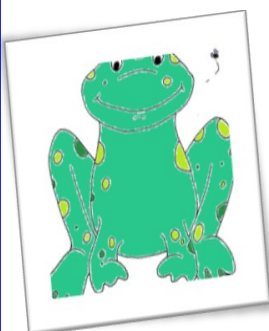
Jerome the lion helps you to:

- Listen to others.
- Say when you don't understand.
- Be kind when you disagree.
- Explain things to help others.

Never give up!

Ellie the elephant helps you to:

- Work hard.
- Practise lots.
- Keep going.
- Try new strategies.
- Ask for help.



Keep improving!

Kermit the frog helps you to:

- Review your work.
- Identify your best bits.
- Try to be better than last time.
- Don't compare yourself to others, only yourself.

Be curious!

Fluffy the cat helps you to:

- Ask questions.
- Notice things.
- Look for patterns and connections.
- Think of possible reasons.
- Research.



Use your imagination!

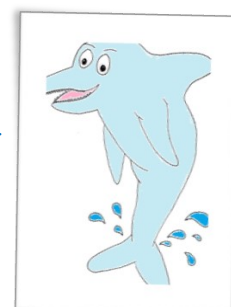
Dreamy the unicorn helps you to:

- Be creative.
- Let your imagination go.
- Think up new ideas and questions.

Enjoy learning!

Dilly the dolphin helps you to:

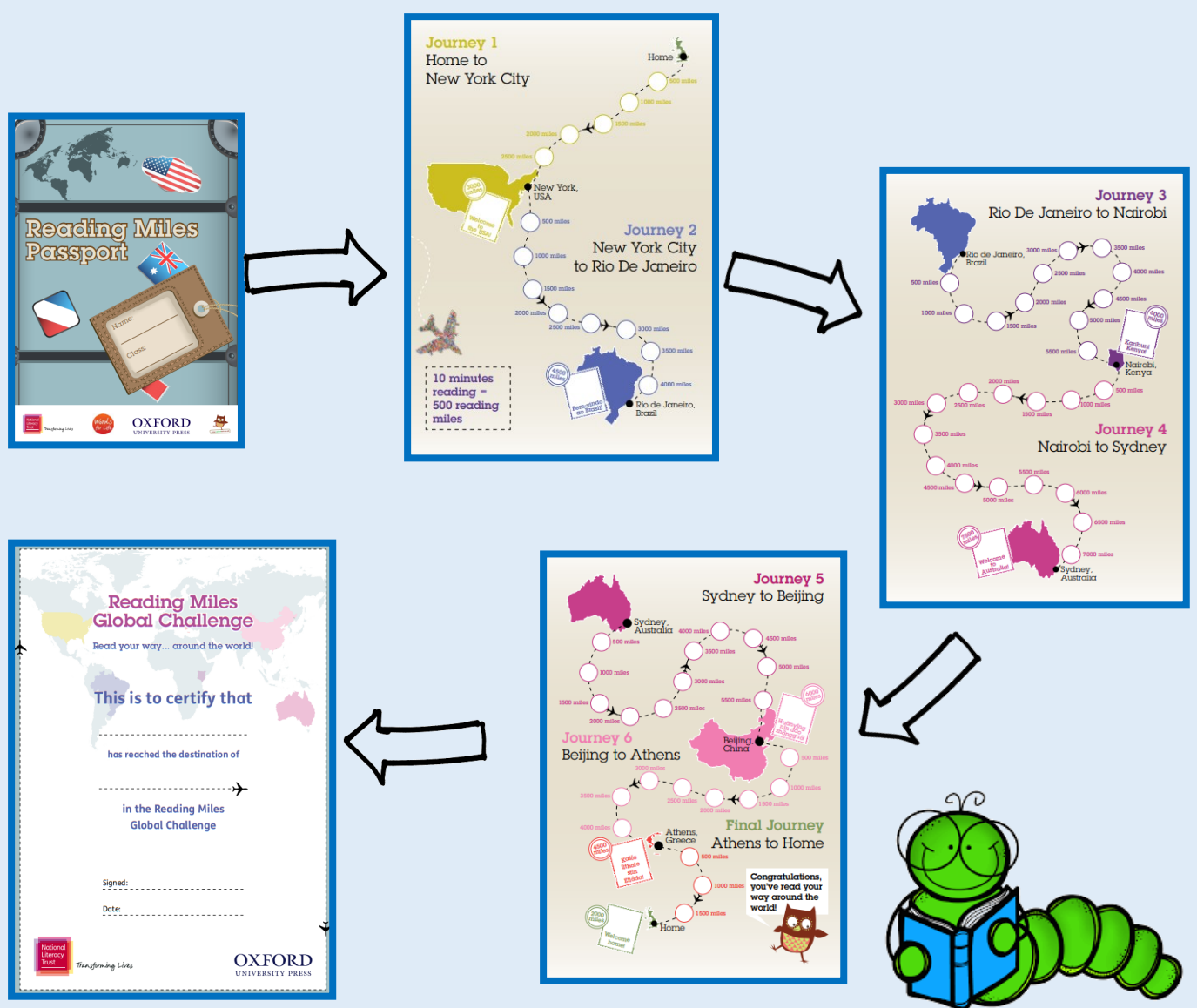
- Feel proud of your achievements.
- Feel your neurons connecting and your brain growing.
- Use what you have learnt in real

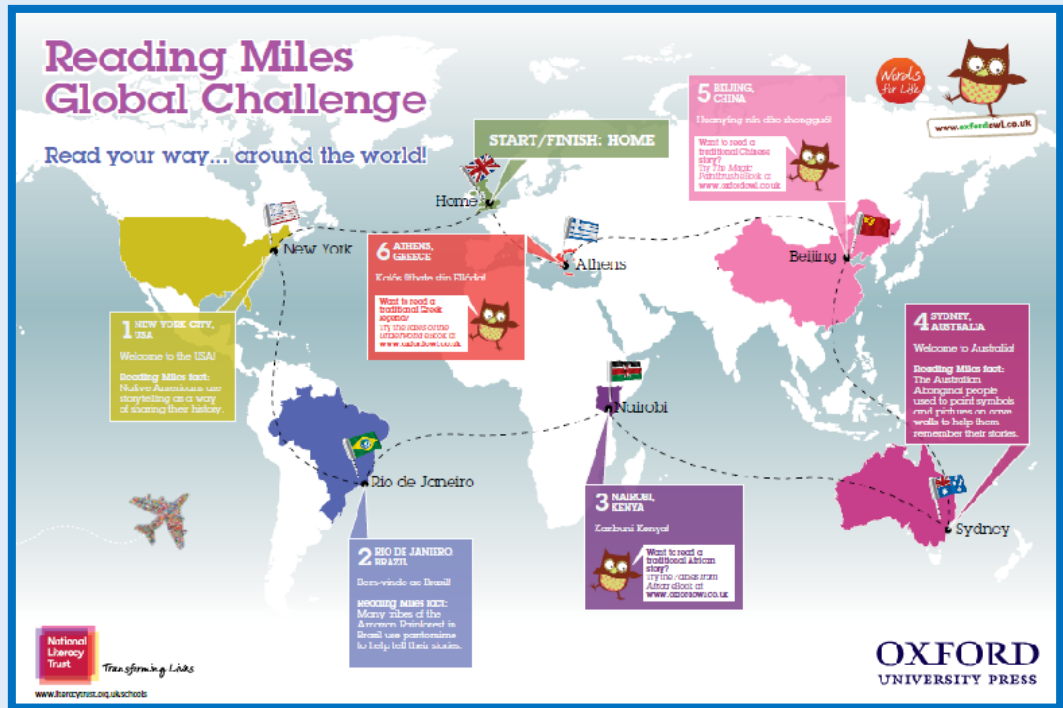




Introducing our home reading incentive

I am so pleased to share with you our new reading incentive for children from **Reception to Year Six**. The children will all be given a reading 'passport'. For every day they read, they will be able to tick off 500 miles in their passport, taking them along a pathway to six different countries around the world before they 'return' to the UK. **There will be incentives along the way, traditional stories to read based on the countries they visit and a certificate and treat at the end to celebrate them completing the challenge!**



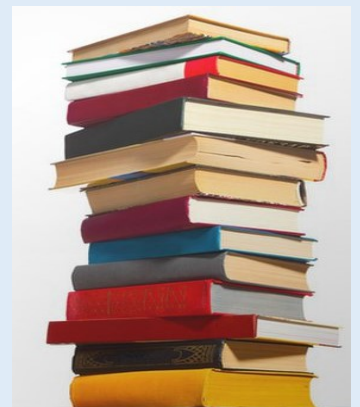


The challenge begins on Monday 22nd November!

I will be completing the challenge too; and will keep a record every week on the newsletter so that the children can see if they are beating me! There are 60 days to tick off in passports, so we should start to see some winners around the middle of January.



If parents/carers would like to join in at home, please pop into the office on Monday and we will give you a passport to start filling in too!



Happy reading, everyone! Mrs Hartley

Be a Super Star Reader!



Congratulations to Sadiye for being this week's Super Star Reader! It's so wonderful that Lucien and other children at Lighthorne Heath are developing a passion for reading books!

7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

- 1 Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

- 2 Ask your child lots of questions



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

- 3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

- 4 Ask your child to summarise what they have read



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

- 5 Ask your child to write about what they have read



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

- 6 Read and discuss reading with friends or family



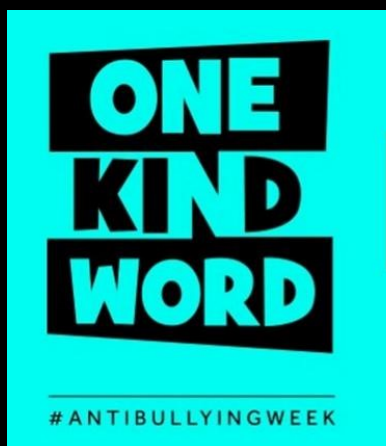
Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

- 7 Maintain the motivation to read



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'

Anti-Bullying Day



Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that **'One Kind Word'** has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week for this year.

Show your support for anti-bullying by coming to school wearing your own choice of clothes ODD SOCKS on Friday 26th November! Bring 50p and we'll donate it to The Anti Bullying Alliance.



In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.

Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

Friday 26th November



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 31: Goals of Education

Lighthorne Heath Learning Heroes

Nursery and Reception

Mrs Hartley and Mrs Manley's class hero this week is Isla. We have chosen Isla

because she has had a fantastic return to school showing great confidence and fantastic behaviour.

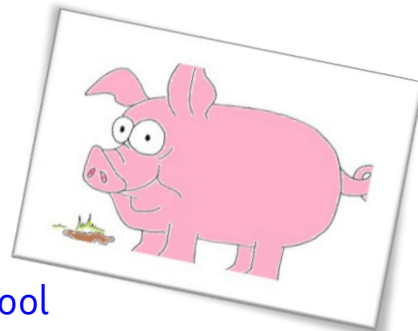
During story time, Isla listens carefully and concentrates which shows in her ability to answer questions about the text. Well done Isla!

Year 1/2/3

Our heroes for this week are Lexie and Laila for settling into the class so well. Both girls are hardworking, polite and are already making many friends. It has been a pleasure to welcome them into our class.

Year 4/5/6

Our hero for this week is Josh. He has worked hard in all aspects of his learning and produced some lovely written word inspired by the film La Luna. He has persevered when things have got harder and shown resilience when things have gone wrong. Well done Josh!



Have a go



Concentrate



Be curious



Enjoy learning



Use your imagination

Other Information

Thursday 25th November 2021	Year 2 and Year 3 Theatre Trip to The Belgrade to see 'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime 10.15am
Friday 26th November 2021	MUFTI (non uniform) Day—bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes to school. All donations to School Fund.
Wednesday 8th December 2021	Whole School Silent Disco (details to follow soon)
Thursday 9th December 2021	Whole School Christmas Performance 'Supersonic Lamb' and refreshments 2.00pm
Monday 13th December 2021	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 14th December 2021	Year 5 and 6 Theatre Visit to the Royal Shakespeare Company to see 'The Magician's Elephant' at 7.15pm
Thursday 16th December 2021	Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Visit to Warwick Arts Centre to see 'The Very Hungry Christmas Caterpillar' at 1.30pm
Friday 17th December 2021	MUFTI Day—bring 50p to wear a festive outfit.
Friday 17th December 2021	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Monday 20th December—Friday 31st December School Closed for Christmas holiday	
Monday 3rd January 2022 school closed for Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 4th January 2022 school closed for in-service (teacher) training	
School re-opens on Wednesday 5th January 2022	
Thursday 10th March 2022	School Nurse Annual Health Needs Assessment Year 6
Thursday 10th March 2022	School Nurse National Child Measurement Programme Year 6 and Reception



School Christmas Dinner

We are delighted to inform you that Educaterers will be offering a Christmas Dinner for our children on 13 December 2021. We will be purchasing Christmas crackers for all children and there will be a festive atmosphere in the school hall. If you would like to book a Christmas Dinner for your child please log in to parent pay to book your meal under the payment item **Christmas Dinner 13/12/21**. **You must book your request by Friday 26th November** as our kitchen will need to place their order. Although all children in KS1 receive a Universal Free School Meal we would be really grateful if you could still log in to make the booking to assist us with giving numbers to Educaterers. Similarly, if your child is in receipt of a free school meal please also still log in to parent pay to make the booking for your child. The cost of the Christmas Dinner is £2.25 and payment should be made prior to December 13th 2021 to secure the meal. If your child does not want a Christmas Dinner on this day, they will still receive a cracker and be able to join in with the festivities. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries.

With best wishes from Mrs Westwood and all the staff at Lighthorne Heath.

MHST tips for wellness

Digital Detox

This week's theme is Digital Detox.

Did you know that an addiction to screens can be harder to treat than an addiction to drugs? One study found that teenagers spend on average 11 hours a day in front of a screen! This takes away from other activities, such as in person socialising, time outdoors and hobbies that don't require screens.

Try one, or both, of the below activities throughout this week.

- 1) Set specific times of the day where you will switch off certain apps/games/screens. You can set a reminder on your phone/alarm clock, or write the times down on a post-it and place it somewhere visible.
- 2) Check out [this quiz](#) on what type of social media feed you have. There are also tips on how to have a more positive social media feed.

Useful Links: Information for [primary schools](#), [secondary schools](#) and [parents](#).

The Mental Health in Schools Team provides support to students and schools. We are available during term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead, or your Education Mental Health Practitioner for information and advice.

Useful dates for November:

19th International Men's Day
20th Universal Children's Day

Fantastic news!

Construction company Taylor Wimpey have very generously made a financial donation to school to meet the full cost of all of our Christmas theatre trips! Full refunds will shortly be made to any families who have already made payment.

Taylor Wimpey

Reception and Year 1

The Very Hungry Christmas Caterpillar

At Warwick Arts Centre

On Thursday 16th December at 1.30pm

Children will eat their lunch at school and then travel by coach to Warwick Arts Centre. The children should be back in school by the end of the school day at 3pm.

The full cost of this visit is being generously sponsored by Taylor Wimpey.



Years 2 and 3

Beauty and the Beast

At The Belgrade Theatre

On Thursday 25th November at 10.15am

Children will travel to Coventry by coach, and have a slightly later packed lunch (snacks will be provided at the theatre by school). The children will be back in school by the end of the school day at 3pm.

The full cost of this trip is being kindly sponsored by Taylor Wimpey.



Years 4, 5 and 6

The Magician's Elephant

At the Royal Shakespeare Company

On Tuesday 14th December at 7.15pm

Children will go home at the end of the school day for their dinner and then return to school at 5.45pm, for departure by coach to Stratford-upon-Avon. The show will finish late (approximately 10pm) so children will be allowed to come into school a little later on 15th (details to follow nearer the time).

The full cost of this trip is being generously sponsored by Taylor Wimpey.

