

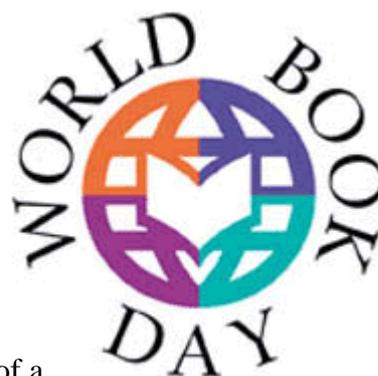
Home School Books – 02 March 2018.

Home School Book – Nursery

Dear Parents,

Thank goodness the cold spell is nearly over and let's hope there are no more transport strikes! Due to both factors it has been a short week in nursery for some children, so various planned activities were put on hold until everyone is back next week.

Regardless of the above, it has been an interesting and exciting week because we have been celebrating world book day throughout the school for a whole week! On Tuesday the children who made it to nursery, enjoyed some shared stories, read to them by the year 5 & 6 children, photographs will be on the website soon, so keep an eye out for them.



On Wednesday we had a visit from Gillian Muir, the author of a series of books about her dog Louis Louis and his adventures in strange and fascinating places, like Brussels! Unfortunately the real Louis couldn't travel with her this time because he is getting on in doggy years but we read all about his adventures in Brussels and the children recognised some of the familiar places that he sniffed out!

The children coloured in some lovely pictures for Gillian and in their home school book they drew a picture of their adventure with Louis Louis, if you look opposite you will see where they thought Louis might like to go. Some of the children said they would like to have a dog of their own, so watch out mummies and daddies! On Thursday, we had a fabulous book fair by Treasure Trove children's book store that is normally based in Tervuren. There was a great selection of books for all ages and we hope you all enjoyed reading together the one your child chose for themselves.

Then last but not least on Friday it was the dress as your favourite book character dressing up day. It is always a day enjoyed by all and the children had great fun trying to guess who Mrs Davies came as. Ask and see if they can remember the character's name!

WE LOVE BOOKS! So a great time was had by all this week and the freezing temperatures didn't matter at all as the school was very warm!

Our topic work will continue next week and we will get back to discussing clothes once again, so watch this space!

Until then have a super weekend and while you are out and about discuss the talk topic question which is 'What sort of jumpers do you like to wear, ones with patterns or ones without and why?'

Thank you

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Home School Book – Reception

Dear Parents,

What a cold but beautiful week it has been this week. Despite the strike interruption on Tuesday we have had a super book week. We have enjoyed being read to by the Year 5 and 6 class, having a visit from author Gillian Muir, visiting the Treasure Trove book fair and an exciting dressing up day.



On Friday we completed a science experiment exploring the best materials to use for an umbrella. The children observed the effects that water has on materials such as paper, which tore. They also had the opportunity to choose a material to make a small boat. For example, play dough, tin foil or cardboard, which they then put in a bowl of water to see which made the best boat.

In phonics we have learnt three new digraphs, /ee/ as in see, /oo/ as in moon and /oo/ as in book. The children have a good attitude when it comes to learning new sounds and are showing confidence when observing these sounds around the school.

In maths we have looked at comparing non-consecutive numbers to twenty, which is greater and smaller. The children have also completed activities going back over different ways of measuring, whether measuring length, weight or capacity.

In French with Mrs. Scharf, we have started singing a new song about a ladybird “Coccinelle, demoiselle ...” as part of our ongoing animal project. We played several memory games based on pet and wild animals. We also drew our favourite animal and a beautiful ladybird of course.

Just a small reminder to please return folders on Tuesday and Friday so we can send their library book, school work and home school book home, protected in the folder. There are many children who are still not bringing them in consistently on the correct days. We’d also like to mention that library is timetabled for Tuesday and therefore please do not expect your child’s library book to be changed if they are absent from school, or have forgotten to bring in their book, on this day.

Talk topic for Monday will be discussing the question ‘What do you hope to see during our trip to the park?’

We wish you a lovely weekend,

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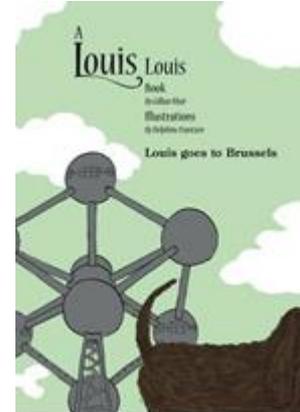
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Home School Book – Year 1

Dear Parents,

What an exciting week we've had with book week! It was so much fun to work with the author, Gillian Muir, on Wednesday. We loved hearing her read her 'Louis, Louis' books to us. She explained lots of interesting things about her work including how her books are printed at the printers, how she works with an illustrator to get the lovely pictures in her books and how she comes up with ideas for her stories. We also found out where her dog who is the star of the books come from. Next week we might even write our own adventures for Louis!



In phonics this week we did consonant blends at the end of words e.g. hand, milk, sink, bang. Because it's book week we talked about our favourite stories and drew our favourite book from the year 1 book boxes in our home school books this week. We did paired reading with the children from the junior school. They shared and discussed lots of stories with us. Carrying on the book theme in art we painted our own bookmarks to use when we are reading.

In mathematics we have used a number line to solve addition and subtraction problems. We practised counting on and counting back along the number line. We learned the importance of counting our steps forwards or backwards on the line carefully. We also practised solving some subtraction problems involving money.

In science as part of our book theme we revisited the story of the Three Little Pigs in order to recreate their houses out of the different materials of sticks, straw and bricks. It was fun testing the materials and coming up with our own ideas for our constructions.

In French with Mrs. Scharf, we listened to our story "Une maison de musiciens" in which the piano is ill and needs to see a doctor. We revised all the body parts and did some role playing pretending we were ill. We also acted out all the verbs (actions) we have learnt so far.

It's been very cold but we've still managed to have most of our playtimes outside. Please ensure that your child has a hat and pair of gloves in school until next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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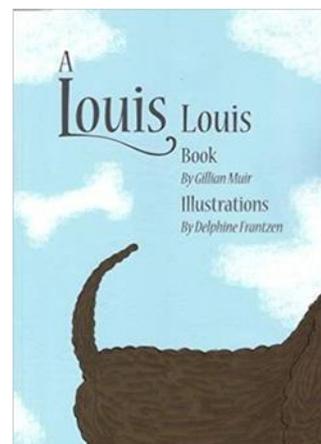
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Home School Book – Year 2

Dear Parents,

Another bitterly cold week has come to an end in spectacular fashion. Our dressing up day was colourful and fun.

Literacy has certainly taken the forefront this week with many activities linked to World Book day yesterday. We began the week with creative writing in the form of our class adventure. We have all written an adventure and illustrated our contributions to add to this communal book. When it is finished we will read it to the other classes. On Tuesday we created an acrostic spring poem for our spring display. Some of the Junior children came around to read with us in the afternoon. It was fun to see our old friends again. On Wednesday Gillian Muir came to talk about books. We teamed up with year 1 for this session. We had some stories read to us and found out how books are printed. This is done in big sheets which are folded up and then glued together and finally trimmed.



Mr Stedman kindly lent us a copy of Katie Morag and the riddles to read. We so enjoyed this book that we have decided to dedicate next week to riddles. On Thursday morning Mrs Muir again came to us and we learnt that books don't necessarily need words to come to life. We looked at a book called Journey and the story came alive using the illustrations. We spoke about the importance of titles and story openers to make the books more appealing to readers. The class certainly got a lot out of this week.

In Numeracy we have moved on to multiplication and have been doing the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We have had to write multiplication sums for different arrays which are drawings.

In French with Mrs Halvorsen, we continued working with "Qu'est-ce qu'il y a" - What is there? (describing things with Il y a & il n'y a pas (there is and there isn't) through pictures dealing with topics we have covered (animals, fruits and vegetables). We also finished the class project "Mon épicerie" (my food shop) and we started giving individual presentations in French to talk about: Mon épicerie".

In PE we managed to get a game of tag in on Monday afternoon. Whilst running around, the cold doesn't seem so bad.

In Art we made 3D tulips for the Spring display. These are really lovely and each child put their own personal touches to their work.

Thank you so much for helping your child to do their homework this week. We are so proud of our QR code book reviews and these will go on display soon.

On Friday we finally managed to prepare and cook our pizzas. We enjoyed adding the tomato and cheese to our pizzas. They tasted yummy and the class thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Perhaps they can try it at home?

The talk topic is: Who is your favourite author and why?
It should be warming up soon, I hope. Have a super weekend in any case.

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Home School Book – Year 3

Dear Parents,

What an amazing week of book activities! We had great fun putting the finishing touches to our jungle, adding monkeys, life-size characters, the ship, and beautiful botanical drawings. It was well worth the effort, especially when we watched the author's reaction as she came into school and, to her amazement, found herself stepping right into her own book!

We took a trip to Year 2 to share reading books, and enjoyed being back and rediscovering old favourites. Then we had the great excitement of visits and workshops with two 'real' authors! Oskar's grandma, who wrote 'Jack Fortune', brought the book alive with her presentation on important elements in the story and told us about how she writes and researches her books. It was fascinating to understand how the original short story developed into a full book. We also had a great writing workshop with Gillian Muir, the author of the 'Louis, Louis' series of books. She picked up on this term's Journey theme and gave us lots of ideas for creating more journey stories. The Book Fair gave us plenty of inspiration for new books to read, and everyone went home with a book to enjoy. We also had fun creating a special Book Quiz for people in the Junior Department – we're looking forward to seeing if they can answer all our questions.



In maths we went back to basics and worked on different ways to tackle 3-digit addition. Most of us are really good at it already, but it is important to be able to use different strategies to solve problems, and equally important to show the processes used. We also did some more measuring, practising using a ruler accurately and drawing neatly.

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In science we rounded off our Magnets and Forces topic by looking at friction, and the effect on a moving object. We got the toy cars out and prepared several different surfaces, which we then inclined at different angles to measure the distance the cars would travel.

In PE we played hockey, and then did lots of running games to warm up!

At least the cold weather has given us the ideal opportunity to study minus numbers on the thermometer and to understand what they mean!

Our talk topic is: How would I create my own 'writing shed'?

Have a lovely weekend – it looks as though the best thing to do is to stay in the warm and read a good book!



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Home School Book – Year 4

Dear Parents,

This week was very busy again – mighty Book Week arrived despite not the spring.

On Wednesday, Sue Purkiss, the author of children's book, Jack Fortune, came to the Infants and the Juniors. We had decorated the front gate area of school as the Himalayas just like in the story of Jack Fortune. We also made the jungle they went through. In the jungle, we had monkeys and all sorts of flowers and plant paintings. We also made two palm trees at the sides. In the Himalayas, we had made a Yeti which was very scary. We also made a big East India Company ship. It was so exciting... It was awesome making Jack Fortune come alive and having the real author with us for a day.

When Mrs. Purkiss entered our building, she said that what we had done was lovely.

When it was our turn to have her in our classroom, she told us how she started to read and write the ideas she had. She explained how she came to her characters and the places that she portrayed. All the class sat enthralled and were full of questions.

Book Week also saw us travel to the Infants twice. On Monday, we read proudly to the little ones (and in some cases our brothers and sisters) and on Thursday, we went book shopping at the visiting fair.



Elsewhere, we returned to division using mental methods and worked with remainders.

In the pool, meanwhile, the intermediates casted away their noodles and any form of buoyancy aid and raised the bar a little on the difficulty level.

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Next week is the final session after which PE will return. (Science this week was all PE as we undertook a very physical experiment to see what exercise does to our bodies when we do it.)

Also next week, the class should be going to Heysel National Stadium on Wednesday but they have still not given me complete confirmation. With luck, a letter with details should be coming home on Monday.

And that was our week.

This newsletter was written by Himanshu with a modicum of Arsalan.

best wishes

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Home School Book – Year 5 / 6

Dear Parents,

The students were very excited about Book Week and we have had a magical time. Having worked on a display for Jack Fortune, the children arrived on Monday morning to a fabulous Himalaya themed display in the entrance hall; this was a department project and everyone contributed – it looks amazing. Mrs Purkiss was thrilled when she saw it!

On Monday, it was the weekly spelling test about homophones and the prefix – inter, followed by a ‘reverse’ dictation. This involves the study of a selection of words from the Year 5 & 6 statutory spelling list, then the children have to correct a piece of text and correctly spell the misspelled



words. We attacked relative pronouns, but will have to revisit these next week.

The French Assembly turned out to be a whistle-stop tour of French history – if only history lessons could have been as animated and interesting as this when I was at school. As always, it is a joy to listen to the children speaking French; their knowledge of France and its culture was impressive. Thank you to our French teachers for organising this.

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Our first experiment about electromagnetism was the ‘flying tinsel’ experiment which uses electrostatic repulsion to make a piece of tinsel fly—no wizarding skills required, however we did need to cut up one of Mr Tranter’s jumpers! Squeals of delight erupted around the classroom, when the tinsel ‘jumped’ off the tin plate. With the lights off, we could see the ‘spark’ from the tin plate.

The highlight of our week, was having Oskar’s Grandma, Mrs Purkiss, in our classroom. As the children are writing their own versions of what happened to Alex Rider after he was shot with a stun dart, her workshop about story writing was very relevant and informative. Mrs Muir, continued to motivate the children with her selection of brilliant story-openers.

All in all, another inspirational week in the Juniors!

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Reception

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English as an Additional Language

Book Week has been a busy and exciting week in both departments.

The Reception EAL group enjoyed choosing storybooks and listening to stories, especially the storybooks about Louis the dog, written by the visiting author, Gillian Muir. In addition, this week we revised the single letter sounds, and we practised listening to vowel sounds in consonant-vowel-consonant words (cvc words).



The Year One and Two EAL group also enjoyed talking about different types of fiction books, using the vocabulary “title”, “author” and “illustrator”. We talked about our preferences in reading, and we wrote about which books we like to read.

The Junior Department EAL group enjoyed attending the French assembly, during which they took notes (in English) on key facts about France, revising the vocabulary we used in the country presentations of last half term. We also spent some time talking about our preferred reading material, as well as practising using the verbs be and have in their correct forms and going over some vowel combinations in our phonics revision.

If you would like to meet, to discuss your child’s progress in English, please contact me at the email address below, or through your child’s class teacher.

I wish you a happy weekend.

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