

Franché News

Week Ending: 7th February 2020



This week, children have been prepared for E-Safety week, next week. Miss Taylorson has led assemblies across the school about keeping your Internet identity safe. For example, not using your real name or giving away any personal information. Our Digital Leaders, who have been chosen from Key Stage 2, to act as experts, spoke to the children confidently and clearly.

Teachers are busy planning engaging activities around this year's theme. If you are unsure as to which apps and websites are safe, please check out <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> for further information, advice and support.



Safer Internet Day 2020 | Tuesday 11 February
Together for a better internet
www.saferinternetday.org.uk



Attendance

Attendance school target: 96.00%
Actual School Attendance: 95.09%

Best Classes of the Week:
Rec/Year 1: 1J with 99%
Years 2-4: 3C with 100%
Year 5-6: 6M with 98.9%

Best Year Band: Year 4 with 98.9%

These classes all had 100% punctuality last week:
RCL, 1A, 1C, 2L, 2SH, 3C, 3H, 4M, 5P, 6M, 6H
Can we make this even better next week?
Gates open @ 08.30, lessons start @ 08.40

Caught Being Good



224



201



330



221



Holiday Club

For Children aged 3 - 13 years old.



We provide quality childcare during school holidays

Open Monday to Friday

7am - 6pm

Fully qualified staff

Variety of activities including Forest School
(please see our activity time table for more info)

Our Sessions and Prices				
7:00-6:00	7:30-5:30	7:30-1:00	9:00-3:00	10:00-3:30
£27	£25	£14	£14	£14
Sessions include breakfast, morning snack, afternoon snack and a light tea is provided for all children. Please note, hot dinners are only provided for children that attend Franche Pre-School/Nursery.				

Sessions must be booked in advance

"My favorite thing about holiday club is meeting new friends".
Cora

"I like playing party games and baking cakes".
Darcie

"I love running around outside and playing with my friends at forest school".
Jonah

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Year Band News

Tots

Tiny Tots & Little Tots this week have been using a range of fruit and vegetables to print on paper. We have enjoyed seeing which fruit squashes the best and produces the best print.

We have been using nursery rhymes in our continuous provision to enhance our listening skills.

Our favourite rhyme this week has been "Miss Polly had a dolly"

Big Tots this week have been experimenting what happens when we make cold tea during our role play. Using different flavoured teas to explore smells and taste.

We have been practising our chopping skills also when preparing snacks with an adult for our friends.

Our favourite story this week has been "The Tiger who came to Tea".

Top tips for talking

5 ways to make a new word stick!

Say the word together a few times – add silly voices if it helps 😊

Tell them something about the word – pick the most important link and talk about it!



If you don't have the actual object then find a picture for it...

Clap it out together

Revisit the word later in the day – talking about it again will help it stick!

Year Band News

Nursery:

This week, children have been learning the story of the Gingerbread Man as part of our topic on Fairy Tales. They have been designing their own gingerbread house in literacy as well as ordering Gingerbread Men by size from tallest to shortest in maths. In addition, they made some lovely dough out of which they cut and baked their very own Gingerbread Men to take home and eat. On Thursday they also really enjoyed our Valentine's Disco arranged by the PTA and danced the afternoon away to some of their favourite tunes.



Reception

This week Reception were fortunate to receive a visit from a British Soldier and a ballerina as well as looking at the occupation of Doctors and Nurses as part of the topic 'When I Grow up'. Children learnt all about persevering and being Work Hard Wiz's'. In Maths, children looked at colour patterns and the number focus this week was the number 15. Literacy was all about observing objects and writing simple sentences about their observations. We also looked at the concept of 'near' with our Concept Cat.



Extra-Curricular Activities - spring 2

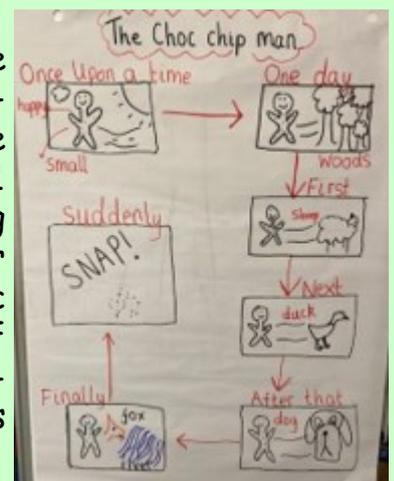
The closing date for clubs is today. Unfortunately, any late entries will not be considered. If your child is successful, they will receive a letter next week with all of the details.

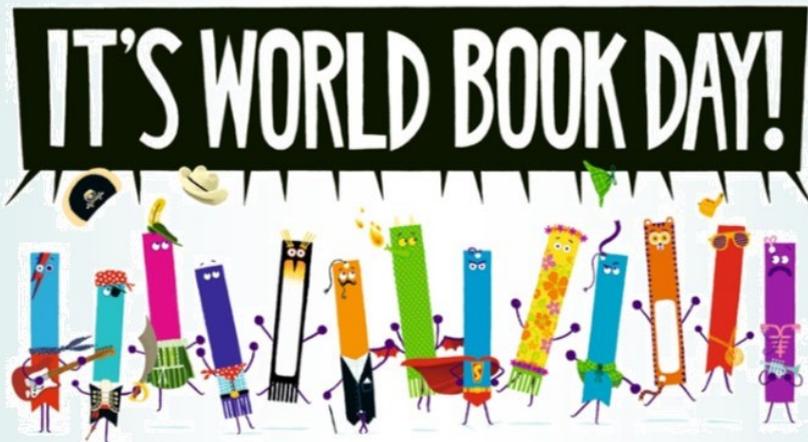
Payment **must** be made before your child attends the club's first session. Payment for clubs will still continue on Parent Pay. If we do not receive payment before the club, then unfortunately we will not be able to accept your child onto the club.



Year 1

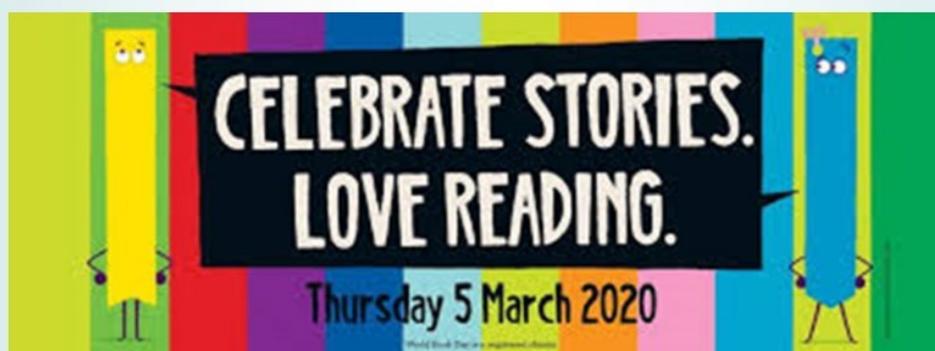
This week in Year 1 we have created a new story map to re-write our stories of the Gingerbread Man. We have chosen new characters and we can't wait to finish writing our stories next week! We enjoyed baking Gingerbread last week and sold them on the Year 1 playground - thank you to everyone who bought one! We are going to be using the money raised to purchase new Phonics games for the children. In Maths we have continued our measurement topic and have moved on to capacity and volume. We have had lots of fun measuring water in to different sized containers and investigating which holds the most! A question to get you thinking - "does capacity just relate to liquid?"





World Book Day is nearly upon us and we would like to celebrate in style. Pupils are asked to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, with prizes for the best costume in each year band. Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a number of book themed activities, such as a story safari and special assemblies, all celebrating our love of books and reading.

We would like the day to end with a pre-loved book sale and would be grateful for any donations of unwanted children's books you may have. We would ask that any donations are sent into school with your child the week beginning 24th February. *It might be a great excuse for a Spring clean!*



Year 2

As part of reflection time, pupils have been creating mind maps on all the good things that make them, as individuals, special. The children then took the time to share their mind maps with their friends as well as their friends identifying things that maybe they hadn't put down about themselves that makes them unique. Following this, the children have been thinking about how these characteristics play an important role in their daily lives and the choices they make. What would you say makes you unique and special?



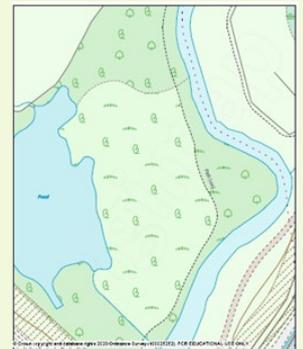
Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful week. On Thursday afternoon, we were fortunate to be joined by a fantastic magician, Andy from Andy's Magic based in Kidderminster. Andy taught us about showmanship when presenting tricks and how to 'wow your audience'. Also, this week, we have enjoyed performing our poetry as well as putting our final pieces of artwork and poetry together. In Maths, we have been focussing on money. We have looked at strategies to add money. Next week, we will be finding change. As a challenge over the weekend, can you help your grown up with the shopping and counting out money?



Year 4

This week, the children have been learning about the water cycle and the part that evaporation and condensation play in it. We have also been looking at two-digits multiplied by a single digit in Maths, so the children have been using all of their times table knowledge. In Geography, the children have been using OS symbols and keys to interpret information on a local map. In English, the children have been finishing their letter to Jack, informing him specifically about the location of their fieldtrip and its suitability for building houses on.



Year 5

This week we have been learning to compare and order fractions by using a mixture of pictorial, abstract and concrete resources to deepen our understanding. Our inter-space agency competitions have begun to heat up - currently the children are working on effective methods to bring Space Commander Bob Lucas back to Earth safely whilst considering our scientific knowledge of gravity and air resistance. Stay tuned to see which team is victorious!



Year 6

This week, the children have had an opportunity to try out a past SATS paper. This gave the children the chance to apply all their learning but also inform teachers of any gaps for future planning. Besides that, the children have also been innovating chapter 6 of Kensuke's Kingdom, writing their own version to incorporate description, action and dialogue. In Maths, the children have been successful in using BODMAS to solve some challenging questions such as $(19-7) + 8^2 + 9 = ?$. In Science, the children have begun to learn about how living things are classified based on common characteristics such as whether a backbone is present or if milk is given to offspring.

BODMAS

1. Brackets first
2. Orders (ie Powers and Square Roots, etc.)
3. Division and Multiplication (left-to-right)
4. Addition and Subtraction (left-to-right)

We hope you have enjoyed the first week of taking part in the Action for Happiness February challenges. Please feel free to send photos, videos etc to office@francheprimary.worcs.sch.uk and let's share these acts of good deeds.

  **ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2020**  

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



"People forget what you said and what you did. But they never forget how you made them feel" - Maya Angelou



1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you

2 Ask a friend what good things have happened to them recently

3 Do something supportive and friendly for your colleagues

4 Notice the good qualities of everyone you meet today

5 Get in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

6 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

8 Say friendly things to people who work in your local shop or cafe

9 Put away digital devices & really focus on who you're with

10 Try to involve others and invite them to join your conversations

11 Smile at the people you're with and try to brighten their day

12 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

13 Be kind especially when your first instinct is to be unkind

14 Tell loved ones why they are so special to you

15 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a stranger

16 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

17 Respond positively to everyone you meet today

18 Look for the good side when other people frustrate you

19 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most

20 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them

21 Give sincere compliments to three people you meet today

22 Make a plan to meet up with others and do something fun

23 Take time to speak with a neighbour and get to know them

24 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else

25 Make positive comments to as many people as possible today

26 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

27 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

28 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

29 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



www.actionforhappiness.org

Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies

Did you know...

Half the sugar kids eat and drink each year comes from snacks and sugary drinks between meals - that's 10kg of sugar each year!

Smart swaps

After school, swap biscuits, sweets and chocolate muffins for healthier snacks like fruit and chopped veggies, plain rice cakes, toast with lower-fat spread or a fruited teacake.

Why fruit and veg are great

Fresh fruit and vegetables are always the best snack choice for your kids - they contain vitamins and minerals, are a good source of fibre and count towards their 5 A Day. Plus, they're easy to eat on the go!

Top tips for snack time

It's easy to replace your usual snacks with fruit and vegetables. Here are some top tips!

1. Keep it in easy reach - have a fruit bowl in the house so fruity snacks are nearby when your kids are peckish.
2. Fill the fridge - have ready-to-eat fruit and veg, like carrot, cucumber, celery and peppers, pre-prepared for an easy snack kids can eat with their fingers.
3. Pack a snack - save money, and time, when you're out and about by taking bananas, apples or chopped up vegetables with you.
4. Get the kids involved - try making snack time exciting and more hands-on. Get your child involved by getting them to chop up the fruit and vegetables they're going to eat, they'll love chopping it up themselves!



Congratulations to all our wonderful Stars of the Week!



<p>Tots Tiny Tots: Wilf H Little Tots: Harvey F Big Tots: Rowan S Remi A</p> <p>Nursery Yellow: Poppy S Red: Albie R Blue: Ezri P</p> <p>Reception RLB: Sienna A RSL: Lily S RBF: Poppy R RCL: Willow B</p>	<p>Year 1 1A: Florence J 1C: Oliver F 1D: Bradley B 1J: Joseph B</p> <p>Year 2 2CH: Eillithia F 2W: Jude H 2SH: Raman D 2L: Evie A</p> <p>Year 3 3C: Maisie B 3H: Beau E.H 3P: Emily T 3SB: Isabel P</p>	<p>Year 4 4S: Kelvin W 4B: Louie C 4EP: Jacob E 4M: Josh S</p> <p>Year 5 5P: Alex G 5T: Olivia A 5E: Alfie W 5W: Oliver R</p> <p>Year 6 6G: Emily A 6H: Rigby M 6M: Joshua N 6R: Sienna J</p>
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Headteacher's Award

Nursery: Ava B
Reception: Darcie G
Year 1: Jia-Ying
Year 2: Dylan H

Year 3: Oliver H
Year 4: Mia C
Year 5: Edward R
Year 6: Freya M



Congratulations to the following children for completing their Bronze passports:

Year 2

Isobel T
Kerry-Anne M
Olivia T

Year 3

Oliver H

Year 4

Harley V
Grace M
Ethan B
Leo T
Kelvin W
AJ B
Noah L'H

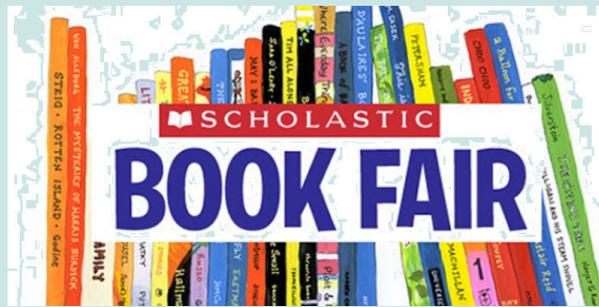


Year 5

Alexis J

Year 6

Isaac M
Billy Y
Grace R
Brooklyn L
Olivia B
TJ D
Harry C
Alex V
Emily-Jai A



Book Fair arrives next week with a huge selection of books for children of all ages and will also be open after half term. Please come along and support this event as all sales help to raise money for the school to spend on books. We look forward to seeing you there!



Thursday February 13th 2020 3.10 - 3.45pm
Friday February 14th 2020 3.10 - 3.45pm
Monday February 24th 2020 3.10 - 3.45pm
Tuesday February 25th 2020 3.10 - 3.45pm
Wednesday February 26th 2020 3.10 - 3.45pm



Over the last few years at Forest School we have had lots of generous donations, garden tools, timber off-cuts, top-soil, wellies, logs and wood-chippings. Our latest donation was from our very own Mrs. Keen from year 4 who managed to bring us a massive box full of

pots and pans! As you can see everything has been put to good use already and really enhanced the children's learning.



Spelling Shed

A colorful illustration for a spelling competition. The title 'Spelling Shed' is written in large, bubbly yellow letters with a grey outline. Below the title, the text 'Well done to Kaidyn P for being our top Franche speller! Top class was 5P!' is written in a black, cursive font. The background features a blue sky with white clouds, a green grassy hill, a white picket fence, a yellow beehive, and a wooden shed with a chimney. Several cartoon bees are flying around.

Well done to Kaidyn P

for being our top Franche speller!

Top class was 5P!

TIMES TABLES

ROCK STARS

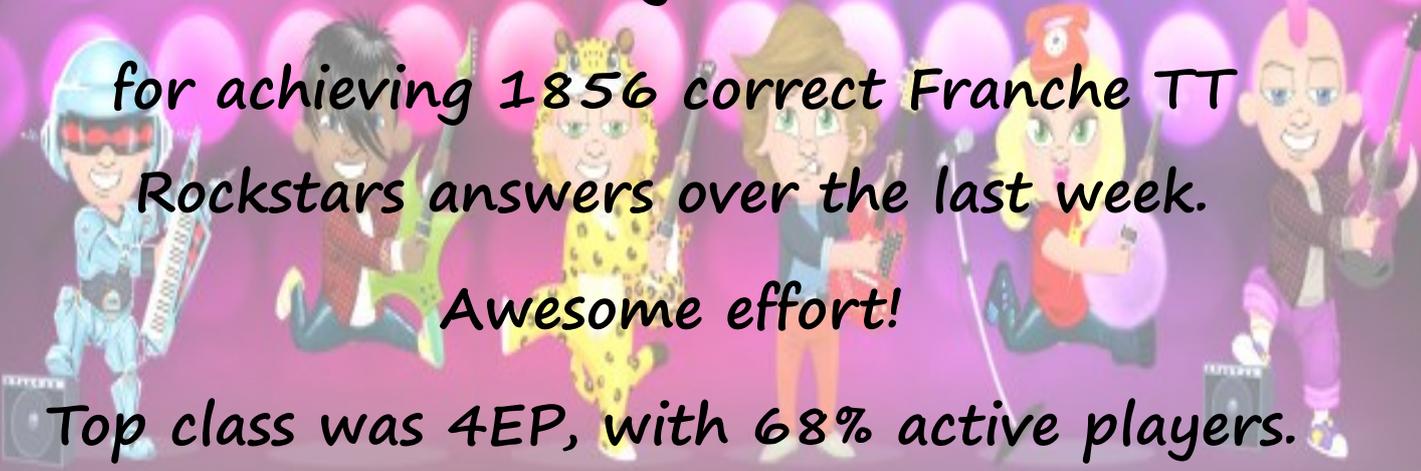
Well done to Bailey Thomas M in 4EP

for achieving 1856 correct Franche TT

Rockstars answers over the last week.

Awesome effort!

Top class was 4EP, with 68% active players.

A row of six cartoon characters representing different rock bands. From left to right: a blue robot-like character with a guitar, a character with black hair and a green guitar, a character with a yellow leopard-print outfit and a guitar, a character with brown hair and a red guitar, a character with blonde hair and a purple guitar, and a character with a pink mohawk and a purple guitar. They are all holding their instruments and looking towards the viewer.

Volunteer and Skills Fair

Thursday 26th March 2020

Kidderminster Town Hall 10am – 2pm

Discover a whole host of volunteering opportunities

FREE refreshments

Gain confidence whilst learning new skills

Have your CV checked

Careers advice and employability

Volunteering enables you to make a difference, help your local community, make new friends, learn new skills and improves our wellbeing.

With more than 30 community volunteering groups attending there really is something for everyone to get involved with!



For more information see www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/volunteerfair or call 01562 732572

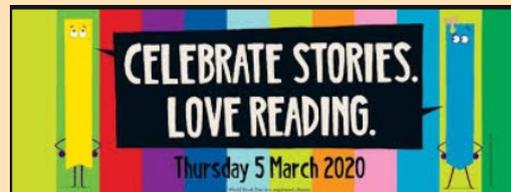


Dates for your Diary:



• **Week Commencing 10th February: E-Safety week**

• **World Book Day: Thursday 5th March:** please come to school dressed as your favourite book character!



• **Maths Workshops:**

Nursery + Reception	To take place in the summer term (details will follow)		
Year 1	Tuesday 24th March Tuesday 31st March	9.00 - 10.00	LSH
Year 2	Friday 6th March	9.00 - 10.00 10.30 - 11.30	USH
Year 3	Friday 27th March	9.00 - 10.00 10.30 - 11.30	USH
Year 4	Friday 28th February Monday 2nd March	9.00 - 10.00	USH
Year 5	Friday, 20th March	9.00 - 10.00 10:15 - 11:15	USH
Year 6	Friday 13th March	9.00 - 10.00 10:30 - 11:30	USH
Year bands will be sending letters (via ParentMail) with further details about these workshops			

• **Parents' Evenings:**

Tuesday 10th March & Wednesday 11th March (details to follow)

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