

Aragon School Newsletter

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Friday 9th December 2022



Dear parents and carers,

The last fortnight has been non-stop starting with World Cup fever coming to Aragon, Humanities week and now Christmas!

Our Humanities week was a great success; each year group studied a different continent, learning about the physical and human geography of the area, landmarks, customs, food etc. The children wrote fact files, pen pal letters and lots more, really immersing themselves in the work. The 'expo' on Friday was buzzing with excitement as the children showed off their work to each other and had their 'passports' stamped!

We had all of our KS2 Carol Concerts earlier this week which were lovely and got us all feeling Christmassy – thank you so much to all of you who came to support us – what a great turn out! Nursery have also performed their 'Wiggly Nativity' which was a huge success – well done them! Reception children loved their walk to post their letters to Father Christmas himself and then had an extra treat when Father Christmas and Mrs Christmas came to visit their Christmas breakfast! Thank you to all the Reception 'elves' for sorting it!

We still have our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativities, the pantomime and Christmas dinner to look forward to! It'll be busy next week!!

As this is the final newsletter of 2022, I'd like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone at Aragon, to thank you for your incredible support during 2022, it means so much to us all, and to wish you all a happy and healthy 2023!

Kind regards,

Clare Ryder



Diary Dates

December

- 12th/13th - Reception Nativity
- 12th/13th - Y1 Nativity
- 13th - School Pantomime
- 14th - Christmas Dinner Day
- 14th/15th - Y2 Christmas Performance
- 16th - Governor's Assembly
- 16th - Break up @ 1.30pm

January

- 3rd - INSET Day
- 4th - Children Back
- 26th - 4H Class Assembly

February

- 2nd - 4J Class Assembly
- 9th - 3A Class Assembly
- 23rd - 3LB Class Assembly
- 28th - Parent's Evening

March

- 1st - Parent's Evening
- 2nd - World Book Day

Check out our social media!



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Achievement Awards 28.11.22/5.12.22

6B - Isabel for improvement of all areas of learning! Your presentation, quality of work and participation was faultless!

Keep it up!

6F - Jake for making an excellent crumble and tidying up very well.

5B - Akshayan for hardwork and perseverance in swimming lessons.

5E - Ennis for wonderful improvement in her handwriting.

5L - Casey for excellent effort in his booster sessions before school.

4B - Theodora for always being such a fantastic role model.

4H - Jack for excellent participation in PE and working incredibly well with his tennis partner.

4J - Reggie for working hard and coming into school with a positive attitude.

3A - Leonard for excellent effort across all subjects.

3AB - Aastha for always listening and doing the right thing!

3LB - Brooklyn for being a fantastic role model in Year 3

2G - Maya for always trying her best in her maths learning and not giving up.
Well done!

2R - Lola for always being a superstar and a real role model to others.

2W - Amirah for working hard on developing her confidence and resilience.

IB - Darcie for always following the golden rules and starting to make progress in her writing

IDV - Logan for amazing descriptions and drawings of Rainbow Friends.

IM - Helena for writing fantastic sentences using adjectives..

RC - Noah for playing kindly with friends

RP - Ted for your amazing seasons art work Ted. We were so impressed! Well done!

RT - Skye for becoming more confident and contributing so well during carpet times.

6B - Subhan for excellent singing practise for the church service

6F - Alex Z for working really hard in singing rehearsals.

5B - Martin for an excellent historical timeline about the King of Thailand.

5E - Waniya for her enthusiasm during Humanities week.

5L - Whole class for fantastic effort in their assessment week.

3A - Dhruvan for excellent behaviour in all lessons.

3AB - Danny for excellent effort in all areas.

3LB - Brooklyn for consistently working hard in English and producing fantastic pieces of writing!

2G - Ashton for his fantastic map work in Geography during humanities week. Well done!

2R - Rio for his great project work with Miss Tilbury last week.

2W - Charles for his outstanding knowledge of the continents.

IB - Liyana for great contributions in class discussions and for writing a lovely letter to Santa

IDV - Demi for always having a positive attitude to her learning and for being a role model to others.

IM - Cullen for amazing progress with phonics and reading.

RC - Layla for following the Golden Rules

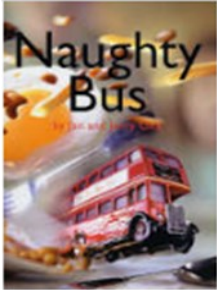
RP - Freddie for your amazing knowledge about the world during our Humanities Week! Well done Freddie!

RT - Avon for an amazing letter to Father Christmas!



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Spotlight on Year 1...



The fabulous Year 1's have been extremely busy! In English, we read all about the 'Naughty Bus' and this inspired us to write our own endings for the story. Some of the children linked this to the mischievous things that their elves had been getting up to.

In Maths, we have been learning about positions in queues including left and right. The children were eager to show me the way they make sure which way is left. We combined this learning with lots of dances including the 'Hokey Cokey'.



In Science we have now completed our topic about Seasons and the weather. Last week, we carried out an investigation to learn about why it rains.



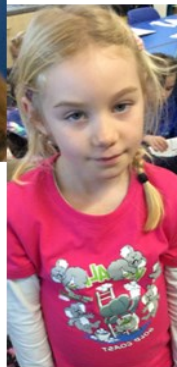
Year 1 have really enjoyed learning about toys from the past in History. They particularly liked playing with the olden day toys and designing a toy of the future!



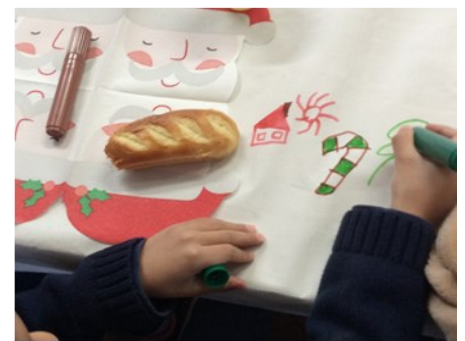
For humanities week, we studied the continent of Australia by looking at globes, maps and Google Maps. The children were extremely interested in all the different animals that live in New Zealand and the surrounding islands. We watched some David Attenborough documentaries about kangaroos and The Great Barrier Reef.



Then we dressed up!



To round off the week, we had a delicious breakfast with a very special visitor!



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Humanities Week

Last week was our first Humanities Week! Each year group were given a continent to 'explore', taking part in many different activities and lessons to immerse themselves in that continent. Take a look at the following:

Reception and Nursery went all the way to Antarctica!

'We read the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and painted our own penguins. During our carpet times, we have learnt lots of facts about Antarctica and created our own mini fact file. It has been great fun visiting this cold climate!



Year 1 ventured to the continent of Australia!

Take a look at their spotlight to on page 3 to find out more!



Year 2 visited Africa!

We started off the week learning all about Nelson Mandela and wrote fact files all about him. We created some amazing water jars out of clay. We had fun using maps and locating countries in Africa on the globe. We looked at physical and human features of Africa and are becoming very good at explaining what these are. We loved learning the Zulu Tribal dance and were very good at it!



Year 3 looked into Europe!

Year 3 had a wonderful time taking part in Humanities week! We learnt lots of new information! Our favourite activities included; making our own Christingles and learning a flamenco dance. We loved hearing from Danny and Oleh all about the culture in Ukraine. We can't wait for the next one!

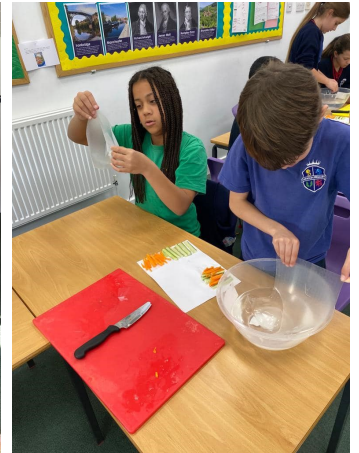
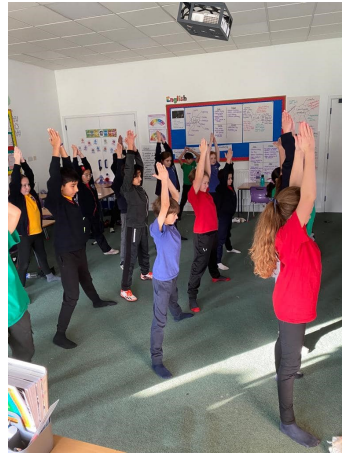


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Humanities Week

Year 4 went all the way to South America.

They got into the carnival spirit! They thoroughly enjoyed creating their Rio carnival masks and dancing to some salsa music.

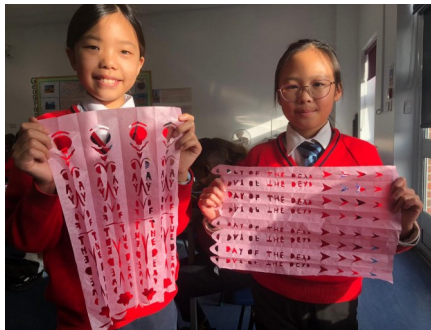


Year 5 studied the vast continent of Asia!

Some activities they've participated in include: yoga, making Vietnamese summer rolls, map and fact file creations and a food treasure hunt!

Year 6 travelled all the way to North America!

Some of the many activities they completing included: creating Mexican bunting 'Papel Picado'; taste testing and designing their 'Dream Nacho Dish' and they learnt about the importance of dream catchers in Native American cultures, particularly the Sioux Tribe- they then created their own!



The week culminated in the hall being turned into an exhibition! Each child was given a passport and each continent they visited, they received a sticker. There was a real buzz around the school. Thank you to the teachers who helped to organise it: Mrs Roach, Mrs Murphy, Mr High, Miss Blake, Miss Bernatek, Miss Ellerby and Miss Pearce.



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Mental Health and Wellbeing Newsletter

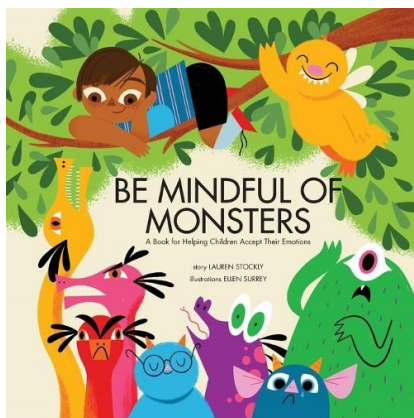
With Christmas on the horizon, if you are after a present idea, why not consider a book that can support your child's emotional literacy and wellbeing? Here are a few recommendations:

Early Years:



These stories explore, courage, change, friendship and sharing in a way that will support young children to understand these concepts and ways of managing them.

Key Stage One:



Be Mindful of Monsters by Lauren Stockly. A story about how a child called Ezzy who avoids difficult emotions and learns how feelings present themselves and how we can learn to live with difficult emotions.

Bright Big Feelings Books, a collection of books by Tom

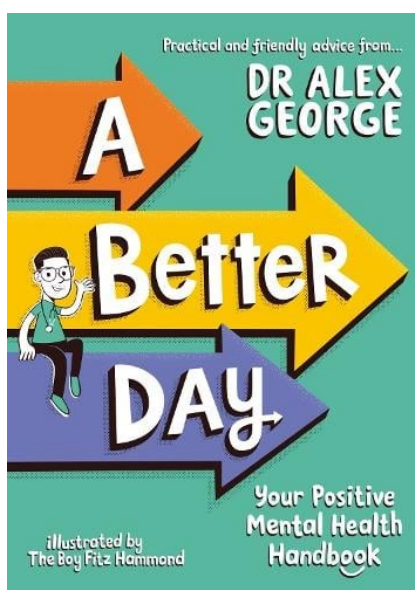
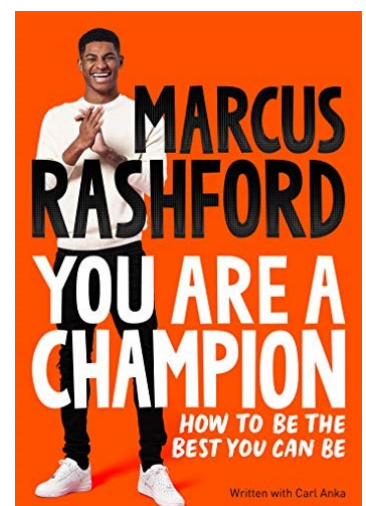


Percival. A series of books covering difference, worry, resilience and jealousy. They can be purchase individually or as a set.

Key Stage Two:

A Better Day by Dr. Alex George. A Better Day is a positive, accessible and practical toolkit guiding young readers in how they can care for their mental health with confidence.

Marcus Rashford You are a Champion
You Are a Champion is packed full of stories from Marcus's own life, brilliant advice and top-tips from performance psychologist Katie Warriner. It will show children how to be the very BEST that you can be. With You can Do it supporting children to understand how to use their voice and make a difference in this world.



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KS2 Christmas Carol Concerts

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who joined us for our KS2 Carol Concerts. The children all sang beautifully and definitely spread the Christmas Cheer. Thank you to David at Emmanuel Church and Ken at Morden Park Baptist Church who hosted for us.



Anti-Bullying Week Posters

Congratulations to our winners of our Anti-Bullying Week poster competition 2022! Miss Blake had the very difficult task of choosing the top 3 from each year group in Key Stage 2. The standard was incredibly high! Well done and thank you to all who submitted an entry.



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Sutton SCITT would like to wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Please do get in touch if you are interested in teacher training in 2023 rfa@glenthorne.sutton.sch.uk

Christmas fun in EYFS

Reception have been busy thinking about what they would like the big man to bring them on Christmas Day. They wrote their letters to him and took a little walk to the post-box so that they could post them!

On Wednesday 7th December, Reception had their very own Christmas breakfast with our special guests Mr and Mrs Clause and their very helpful elves! It was so much fun!



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Curriculum maps

Updated curriculum maps are now on the website.

These maps give an overview of your child's learning in all subjects for the half term.

[Year 6 Curriculum Map](#)

[Year 5 Curriculum Map](#)

[Year 4 Curriculum Map](#)

[Year 3 Curriculum Map](#)

[Year 2 Curriculum Map](#)

[Year 1 Curriculum Map](#)

[Reception Curriculum Map](#)

Aragon Primary School Curriculum Map

Year 4

English We will be studying a wide range of genres and creating pieces of writing based on the following stimuli: <i>Matchbox</i> , <i>Suspense writing</i> <i>My Teacher: Biographies</i> <i>The Drowsy Menace: Seasonal Poetry</i>	Maths Order and compare numbers beyond 1000. Recognise the place value of each digit in a 4 digit number. Order and compare numbers beyond 1000. Round any number to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. Add/subtract numbers with up to 4 digits using the formal written methods of column addition where appropriate. Estimate and use inverse operations to check answers to a calculation.
Reading The Boy Who Biked The World Overheard in a Tower Block Stitch Head	Science: Living things and their habitats Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.
Music: Mamma Mia! As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with the well known song Mamma Mia, children will listen and appraise more ABBA hits.	PSHE: Being me in my world I can explain why being listened to and listening to others is important in my school community. I can explain why being generous, is important and can help me and others feel valued.
Art: Pop Art Explore what constitutes art and why people's opinions on what is in a differ, before delving into the Pop art movement, investigating a variety of works by Warhol and other Pop art artists and producing their own.	Geography: The Americas Focus on North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, states and (where) major cities - understand geographical similarities and differences through looking at regions in North and South America - use maps, atlases, globes and digital computer mapping.
RE: Buddhism	Computing: General IT Review using the striping tool. Revise saving a document and making a folder. Formatting text using bold, italics, underline and changing the colour font.
PE: Netball - Children develop movement and ball handling skills. They learn simple attacking tactics as part of a small team, and start to think about how to organise themselves to defend their goal. Play with a basic court set-up.	

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Loudmouth Theatre Company - Year 5

Yesterday, Loudmouth Theatre Company performed and delivered workshops to our Year 5 children on the theme of keeping safe online!

The programme uses age appropriate drama and discussion workshops to support children in learning about safe contact with others. Using the NSPCC's PANTS rule as the central theme the Safe Team teaches the children about safe and unsafe secrets and body contact as well as recognising the feelings that may occur when you feel unsafe. The programme explores difficult topics such as domestic abuse and child sexual abuse and exploitation in a safe and gentle way.



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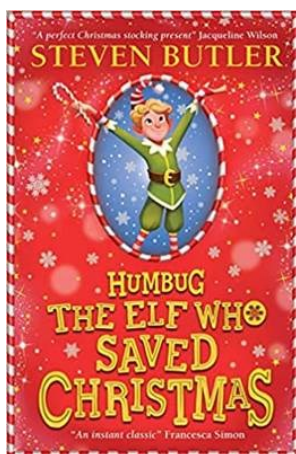
Attendance 28/11/22-8/12/22

We know that sometimes illness can't be avoided but now we are fully re-open and trying to close all the gaps in the children's learning from the national lockdowns, we really would appreciate you getting your children into school everyday and on time.

6B	85.9%	2G	92.7%
6F	93.3%	2R	94.4%
5B	93.5%	2W	89.1%
5E	94.7%	1B	87.6%
5L	91.7%	1DV	91.2%
4B	87.6%	1M	87.7%
4H	88.4%	RC	86.7%
4J	84.3%	RP	85.4%
3A	93.7%	RT	85.2%
3AB	91.9%	Whole School	89.4%
3LB	85.4%		

Reading Matters: Click on the book to take you to a description!

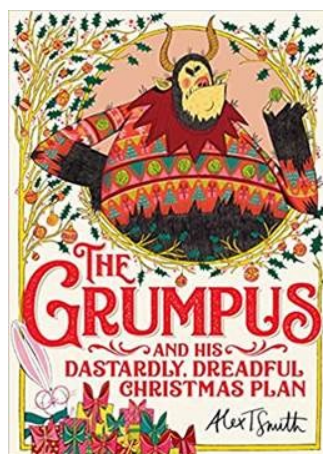
Y5/6



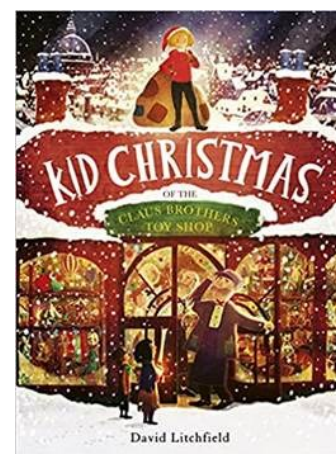
Y3/4



Y1/2



EYFS



Safeguarding

Children have a right to be cared for and protected; protecting them is everyone's responsibility. Here at Aragon Primary School, we have a duty of care to ensure that all users of the school are kept safe from harm.

We are committed to provide a secure and supportive environment in which children can develop and grow into mature and responsible people. Safeguarding children is an essential part of our holistic approach to ensure that children are protected from abuse and neglect and that every child reaches their full potential. To report a safeguarding concern or for any queries contact: kaldis@aragon.merton.sch.uk

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Little Wandle Letters and Sounds

At Aragon we value early reading and as such you may have noticed your Reception or Year 1 child talking about 'Phonics'! Aragon Primary School uses Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised, a complete systematic synthetic phonics programme (SSP) developed for schools by schools.

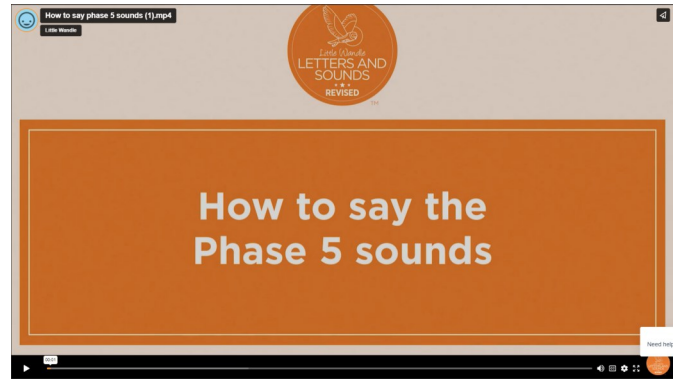


[Why not have a look at their 'Parent' page and see how to support your child at home with their reading. Click here.](#)



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 2

Click the picture: Sounds taught in Reception this half-term



Click the picture: Sounds taught in Year 1

House Point Leaderboard

Phoenix



10,342

Griffin



9539

Dragon



9244

Unicorn



8127

Spelling Shed



Class Winners

1. 6F
2. 6B
3. 3LB

Top Spellers

1. Aananya 6B
2. Arayan 4B
3. Oscar 4J

Times Table Rockstars



Class Winners

1. 2G
2. 3AB
3. 5L

Rock Legends

1. Aananya 6B
2. Yakub 4B
3. Prathieha 6F

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