



Miss Shaw's Newsletter

Dear children and families,

Another week flies by! It has been a very busy week in school with our usual learning going on, but also the start of the singing rehearsals for the school play. It has been so lovely to hear the children's voices - I hadn't realised how much I had missed it. Of course, this is all going on in line with Public Health England and the Government's advice.

School looks even more amazing than normal with staff creating new displays of the children's learning around the school. I have included some photographs later in this newsletter to share some of these with you, as you are not able to visit currently.

We would like to make a couple of further tweaks to the start of the day, as the children come in so quickly. The new times will **start from Monday 23rd November 2020.**

Arrival times

| Year groups | Arrival time |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Years 4, 5 and 6 | 8.45 |
| Years 2 and 3 | 8.55 |
| Reception and Year 1 | 9.05 |

You can still drop off your younger child at the same time as your older child.

Please can I ask, that you ensure that your child does not arrive early at school. We have had a growing problem of children arriving from 8.20 onwards and then playing in our car park. Firstly, the car park is used until 8.30 when Mr Kingsford locks the gates. Prior to 8.45, there is no supervision at school for children unless they are in the Breakfast Club and I would like to ask that no other child arrives before 8.40. When they are here, we do expect them to line up and not run around the car park. We have had some near misses this week.

I understand that coming across the grass is a short cut, particularly when the queue has gone, but again please can I ask that everyone walks around the pathway. With the more inclement weather, the grass will quickly ruin and we will continue to have more mud walked through our school.

Thank you for your support in both these matters.

I have had some more questions about Christmas at school.

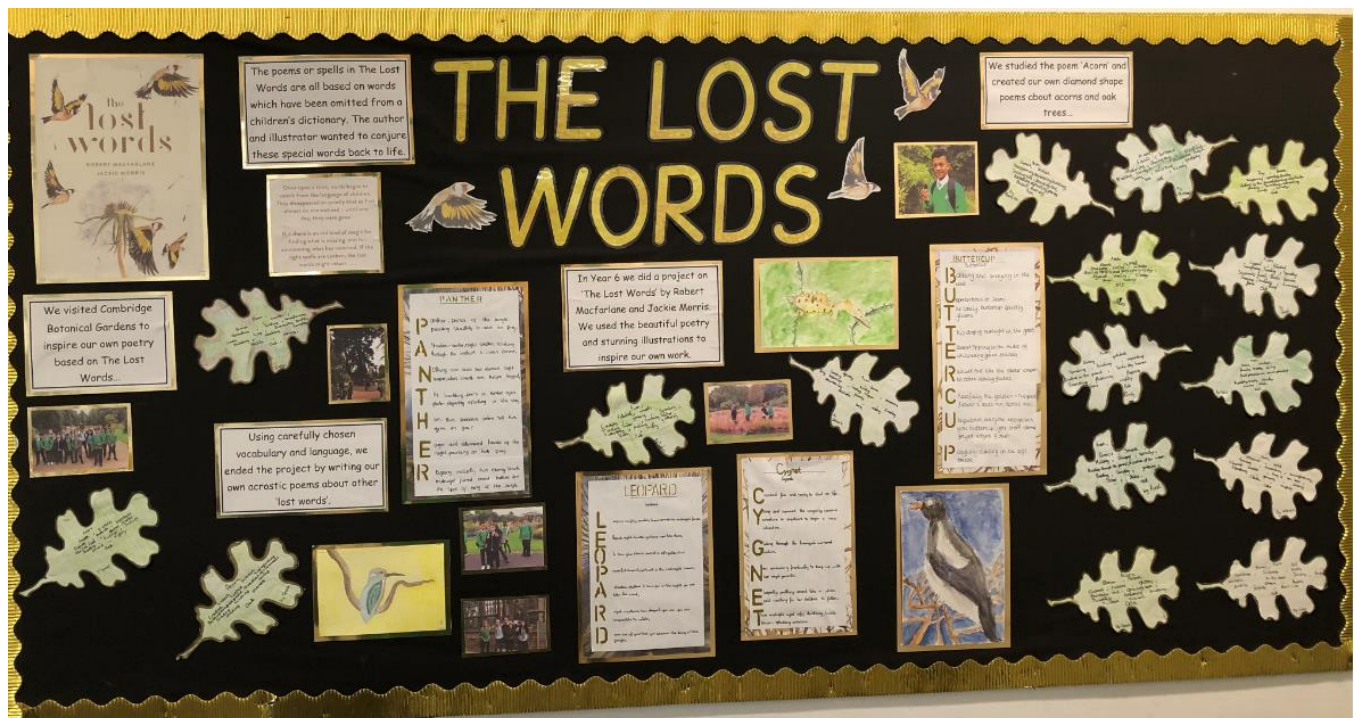
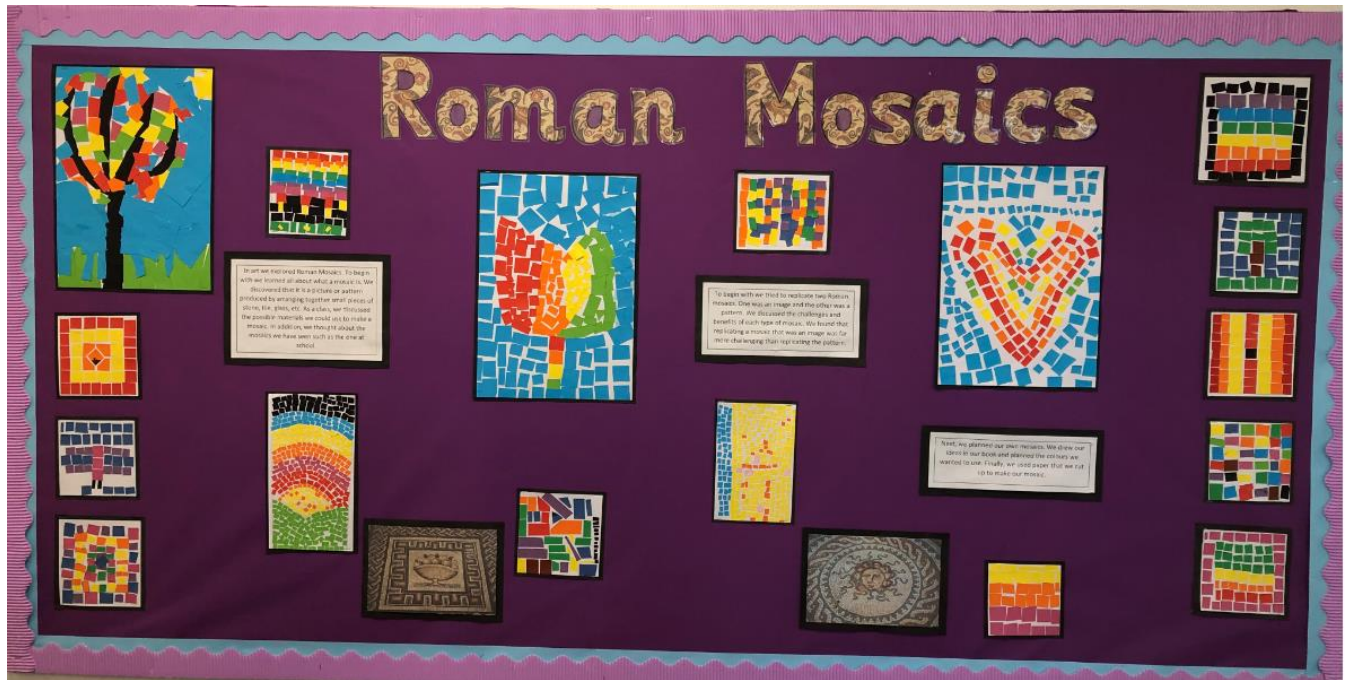
- 1) Can the children bring in Christmas Cards to hand out? Yes – we will have our post box up at the start of December. Cards can be brought in from Monday 7th December until Friday 11th December. The post box will then be put in quarantine for the weekend and Y5/6 will deliver the cards the following week. Please make sure that the name and class of the child that the card is for is on the front of the envelope or we will not be able to deliver them.
- 2) Will the children be watching a pantomime? Yes – we have two virtual pantomimes booked. One from a company the school have previously used and the other from the Castle School who have commissioned a theatre group to work with their youngsters to put on a show.
- 3) Will the children have Christmas Lunch together? Yes they will have lunch in their bubbles in the school hall, which I am very much looking forward to decorating.

Stay safe,

Miss Shaw

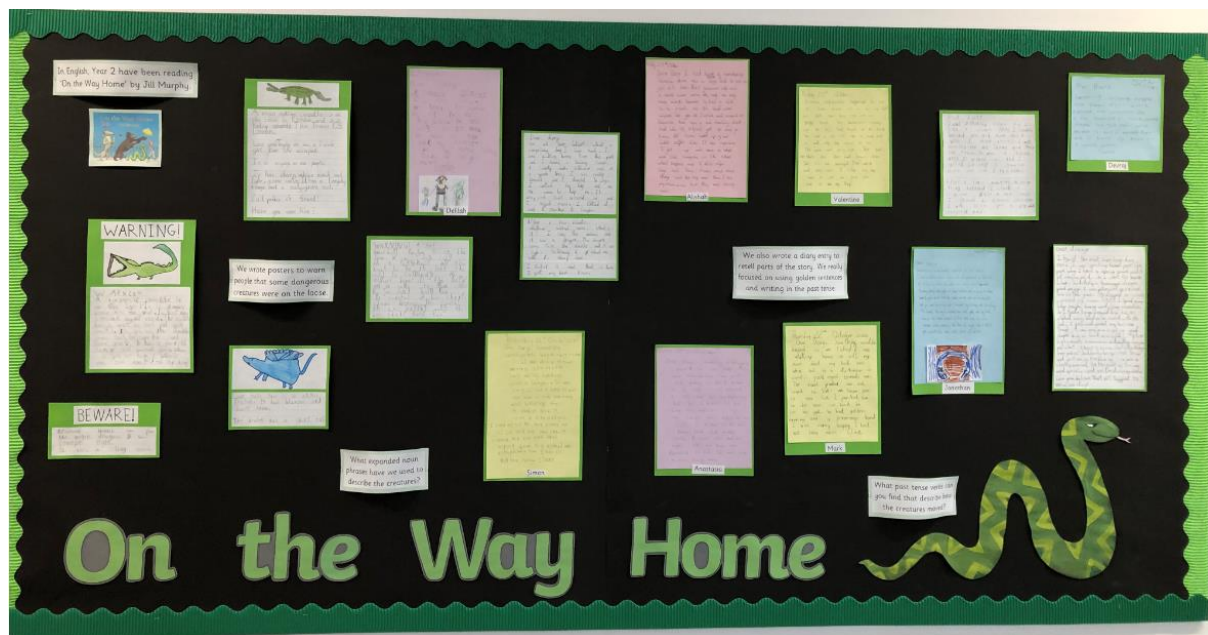


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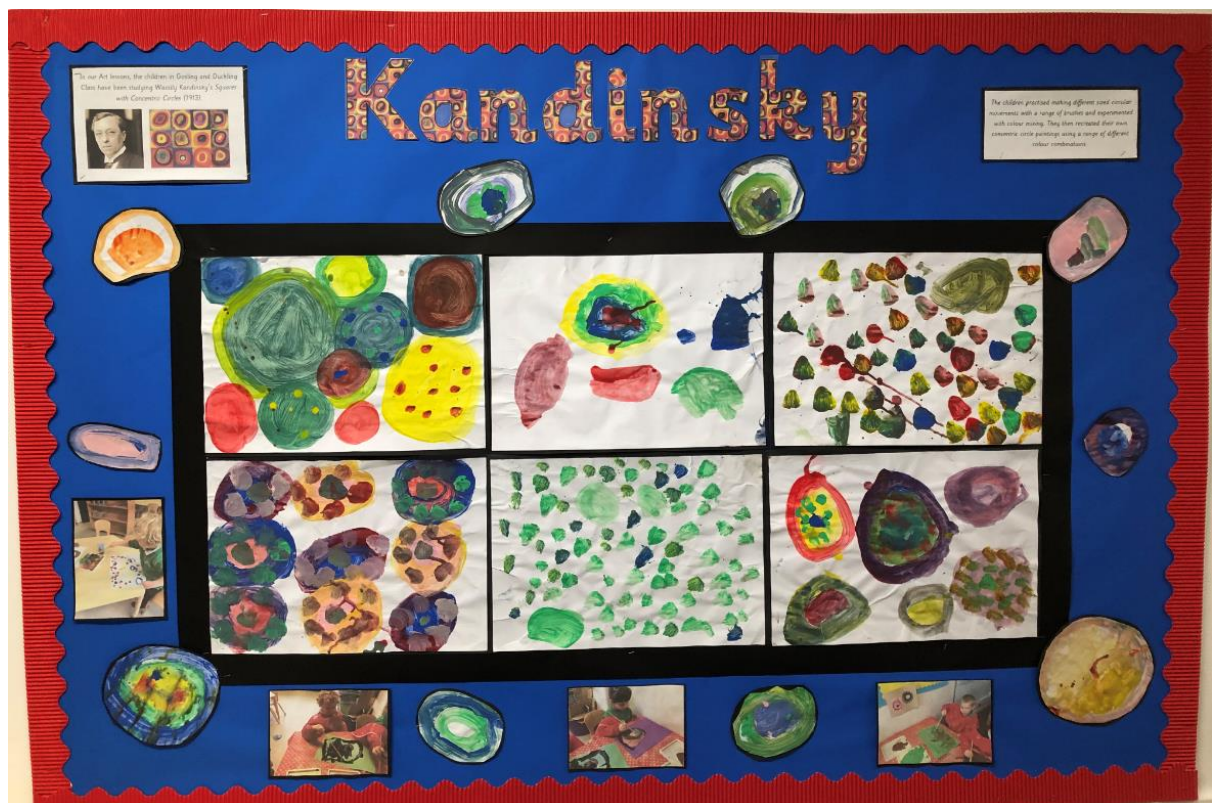


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Attendance



The Grove Owl will be gaining a name over the next few weeks. The children will have the opportunity to vote for the name.

| Class Name | % attendance from Monday 9th November to Friday 13 th November 2020. |
|--------------|---|
| The Aviary | 87.5% |
| Wren | 91.4% |
| Gosling | 91.6% |
| Ostrich | 94.7% |
| Duckling | 98.0% |
| Kiwi | 95.2% |
| Flamingo | 92.5% |
| Kingfisher | 92.9% |
| Woodpecker | 100% ★ |
| Kestrel | 95.4% |
| Eagle | 88.1% |
| Whole School | 93.6% |

Well done Woodpecker Class!





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Achievement assembly for this week will be held on Monday 23rd November and names published in next week's newsletter.