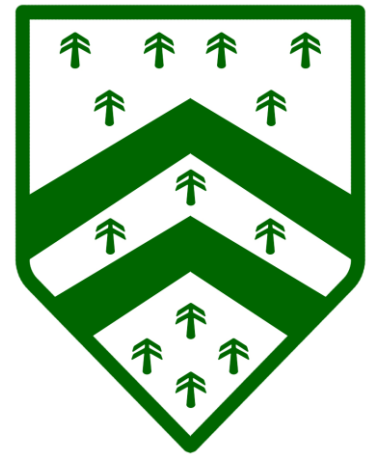


Everything we do, we do with love.
1 Corinthians 16:14.



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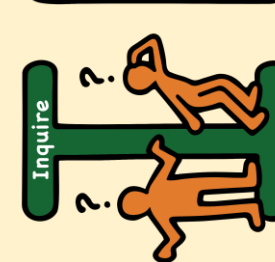
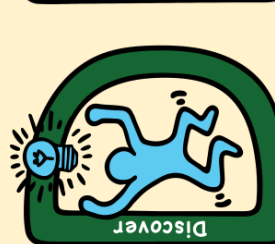
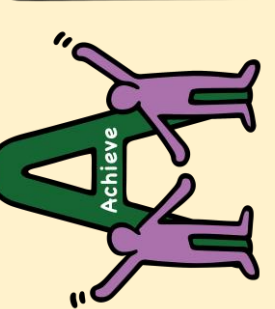
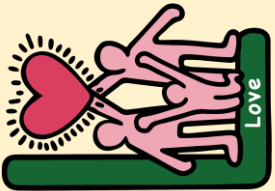
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Spring 1 Newsletter

C. Kilbey

Mrs C. Kilbey
Head Teacher



So much achieved this half term...

This half term has been full of learning with children making progress across the curriculum.

On a **musical** front, the fabulous Young Voices Choir travelled to Birmingham to perform along with over 5000 children from other schools. They were fantastic – having learned the words and dance moves so well. A huge thank you to all the parents who travelled over to Birmingham to support them – they loved trying to spot you in the huge audience. Charlie and Emilia bumped into MC Grammar backstage too – Readers are Leaders!



We were visited by **Ofsted** this half term and I would like to thank all parents who completed the Parent Survey as part of the process. It is really important for us to know how you feel we are serving you and your children and supporting them in their learning journey. Your answers help us to focus our next steps for further improving the children's experience at Bishop's Tachbrook.

There was a great response to our recent **parent governor elections** and we are pleased to announce that **Zoe Greene** and **Timothy Hussain** have been elected as our new parent governors. We would like to thank all the candidates for wanting to help drive our school to be the best it can be.



Worship Focus

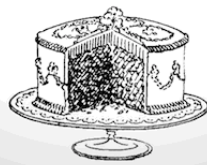
This half term our IDEALS focus has been 'Discover'. We have thought about people who have discovered talents and skills.

Jesus – Light of the World

We started the term by lighting our Christmas Candle in the advent wreath. We talked about things that are fast, and realised that light is faster than sound. We wondered how fast Jesus could move if he is the Light of the World? We thought back to our worship about prayer last half term, and felt that sometimes He wasn't fast to answer prayers.



a party without
CAKE
is just a
meeting
-julia child



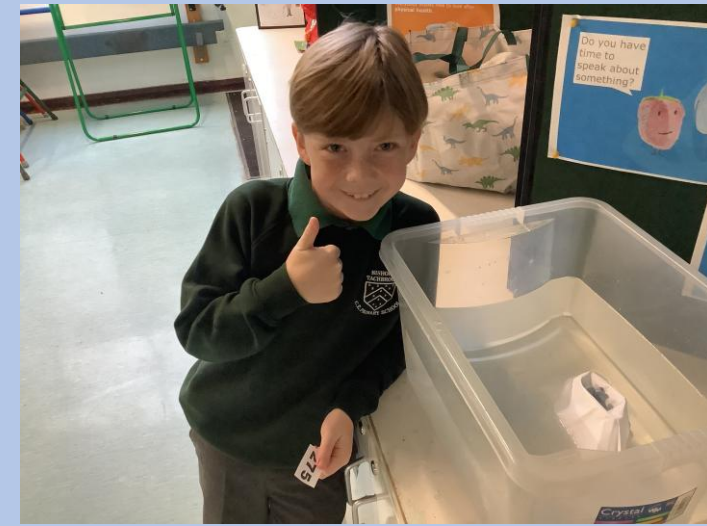
Julia Child

We learned about Julia Child who dreamed of being in the army or navy. She wasn't able to, but did become a spy. As a spy she created cakes to keep sharks away from underwater mines that were protecting allies from enemy submarines. From this discovery she learned that she was great at baking and went on to bake many cakes and host her own TV show. Sometimes our dreams don't work out as we imagined, but we may discover talents and skills along the way.



Old Testament Discoveries

We thought about people in the Bible who discovered talents: Joseph discovered that he could understand dreams, Moses discovered that he could convince Pharaoh to release the Hebrew slaves; and David discovered he could beat a giant soldier despite never having any training. We then went on to think about Noah. He learned that he could build a boat even though he lived a long way from water. Zach discovered he could build a boat too – even though he thought it wouldn't work!



Discovery of the power of faith

Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego (three Jewish men) discovered that staying true to their faith in God could save them from death. When King Nebuchadnezzar built a statue and demanded that the people of his kingdom worship it, they refused and continued to worship their God. Their punishment for disobeying the king's orders was to be thrown in to the fire, but the King saw a fourth person in the fire with them, protecting them from the heat. The fourth person looked like the son of God. King Nebuchadnezzar began to worship their God when he saw how he could protect the men.



Dear God,
please give us strength to do a
leap of faith no matter how big or
small like the three Jews
Please defend us from ~~the~~ danger
like the Jews and help us believe
in ourselves
Amen



Discovering the power of imagination

We began by imagining what we might do or say if King Charles walked into our school with children saying they would welcome him and maybe bow or curtsy. If Moana visited the children had lots of questions they would want to ask her. We went on to imagine a playground, then imagine Jesus waiting to meet us there. We thought about what Jesus might be doing and what we might say to him. It appears he may be good at football, and enjoy sliding and swinging too!



Discovery of the importance of rest

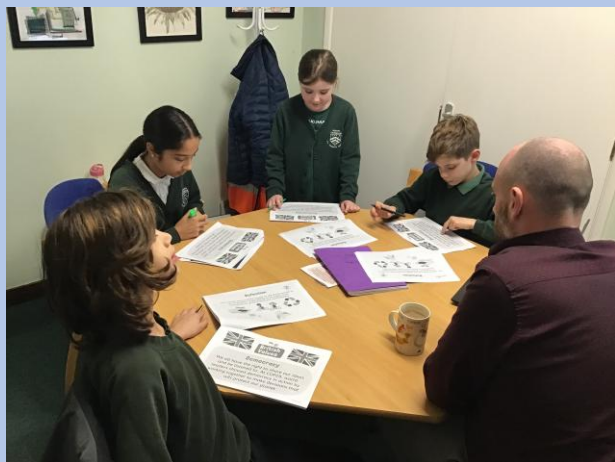
As we approached half term, we thought about the importance of rest. In the Creation Story in the Bible, God created the world in six days and on the seventh day he rested. This is called the Sabbath. Christian people are encouraged to take a day of rest each week. WE thought about the ways we liked to rest: playing outside, reading a good book, having a nap, listening to music. Lots of us liked to rest by playing computer games. We discovered that computer games are really good fun, but actually don't help our brain to rest – they make our brain really active. We were challenged to find a different way to rest in the hour before we go to bed, to help our brains stop and rest too.





Picture News Worship

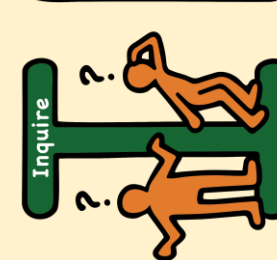
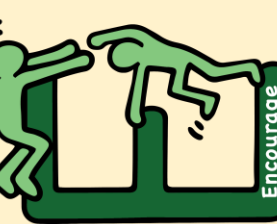
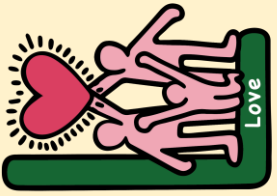
This half term, our Picture News team have changed the way they plan worship sessions, and we meet together as KS1 or KS2 now. They plan their worship carefully with Mr Bench, then present the question of the week to the children. Many children have shared that it is their favourite worship of the week!



Reverend Jonathan

Reverend Jonathan has visited school to lead worship with us and has encouraged us to think deeply about the Magi and Candlemas as well as using some Mr Men in his worship times.



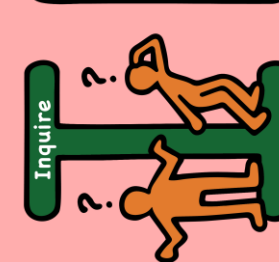
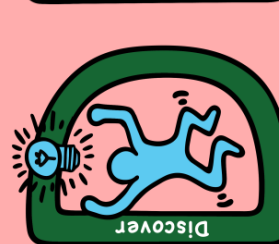
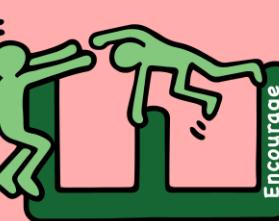
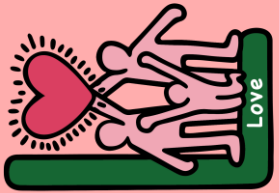


What have the children been learning?

It has been a busy and exciting half term and there has been so much learning happening in school.

Please click on your child's year group to find out what they have been learning this half term. The more you can chat about the pictures, the more they will recall their learning, and the more likely it is to stay in their long term memory. Thank you for your help!



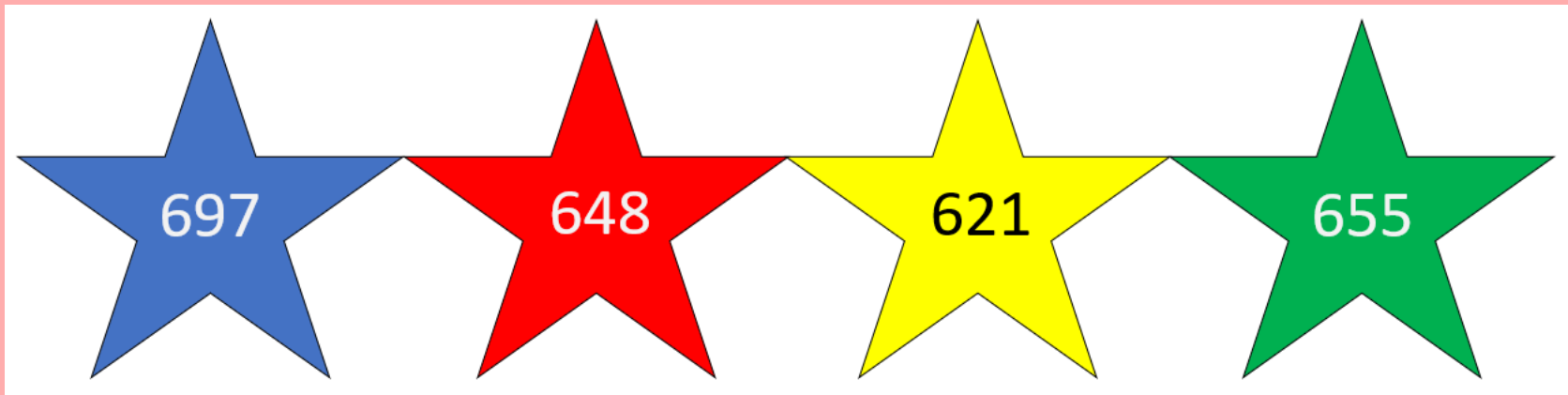


IDEALS raffle tickets:

This half term saw the children living out so many of our IDEALS in school. Each week we counted the raffle tickets and the leading team changed often through the half term.



We would like to say a huge well done to Blue Team, who collected the most raffle tickets and will celebrate with a 'Wear What you Want' day on Tuesday 25th February.





Team Tachbrook in action

The Cross Country team travelled out on a sunny, but chilly day to compete against other schools in the local area. They ran hard and performed really well, showing great strength and stamina - determined to keep running to the end. For some of them, the race was longer than they thought it was going to be and they needed to dig deep to finish, for others they were able to keep a fast pace from start to end. We are so proud of the children for representing the school so well.



Team Tachbrook in action

Year 5 and 6 athletics team travelled to Ryton Sports Connexion to compete in an indoor athletics competition. They were competing in a group of 21 'small schools' although there were a total of 33 schools competing on the day. They all performed brilliantly and were able to finish 2nd out of all of the schools competing. The staff and children organizing each event were impressed by how well the children competed. They also cheered each other on in support.

[See more photos by clicking this link.](#)



Team Tachbrook in action

Year 3 gymnasts attended a competition against other local schools and had the opportunity to use the gymnastic equipment at Leamington Gymnastic Club. For many of the children it was the first time they had used gymnastic equipment: jumping into a foam pit, walking on a narrow beam, travelling across a sprung floor, and using a vault. They were brave to try all of the events and we were so proud of how they encouraged each other to have a go.

[See more photos by clicking this link.](#)



[See some videos by clicking this link](#)

Music Celebration

[Follow this link to see more photos from the Music Celebration.](#)



Benefits of learning to play a musical instrument:

There is an incredible amount of research showing that learning to play a musical instrument brings so many educational benefits. Playing music uses multiple parts of the brain simultaneously which benefits cognition more generally, and noticeably with respect to maths. At BT we are pleased that we can offer children the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument. If you would like your child to learn to play, please contact the school office for more information about the instruments we offer. If we don't currently offer the instrument that your child is interested in, please do ask as we work closely with Warwickshire Music and are keen to encourage children on their musical journey.

Increases the capacity of your memory.	Refines your time management and organizational skills.	. Improves your reading and comprehension skills.	Elevates your performance skills and reduces stage fright.	Promotes happiness in your life and those around you.	Betters your mathematical ability.
Boosts your team skills.	Increases your responsibility.	Exposes you to cultural history.	Sharpens your concentration.	Enhances your coordination.	Creates a sense of achievement.
Promotes your social skills.	Boosts your listening skills.	Teaches you discipline.	Enhances your respiratory system.	Teaches you perseverance.	Fosters your self-expression and relieves stress.



IDEALS Awards

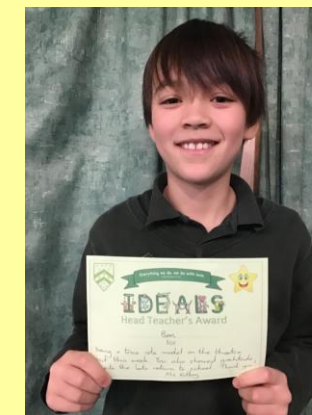
This half term we have celebrated lots of children showing our IDEALS and shining as great role models to other children.

Head Teacher's Stars



Harry

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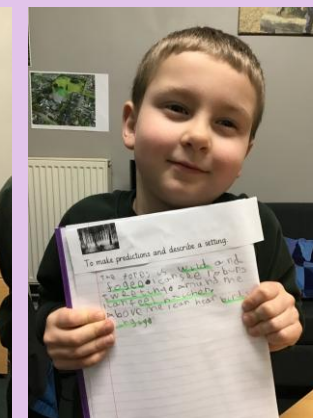
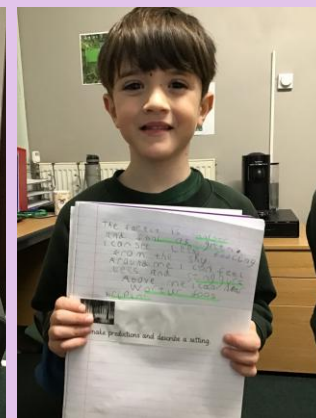
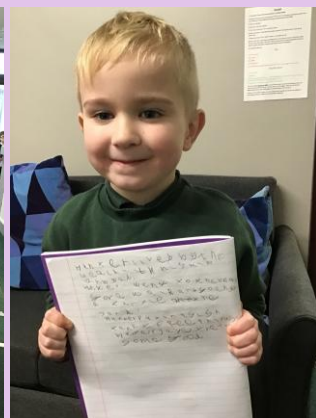
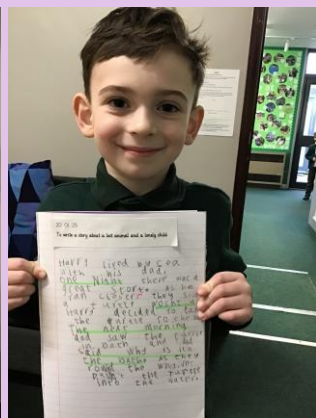
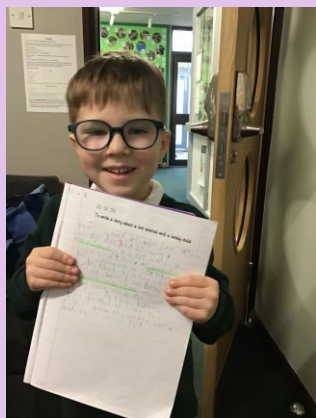
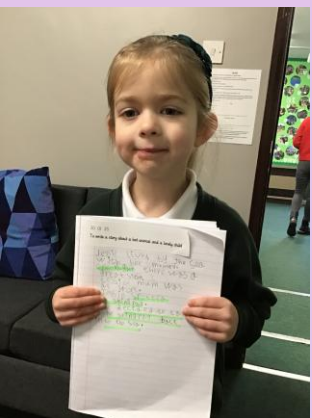
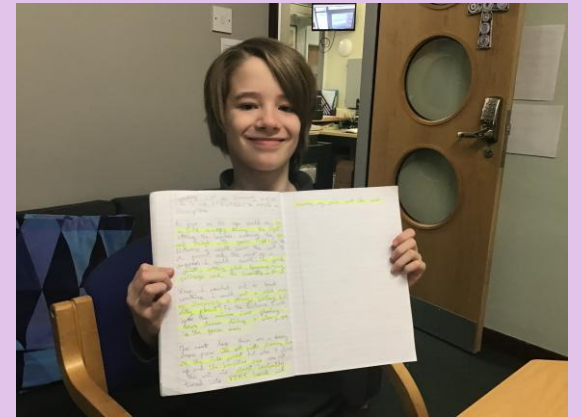
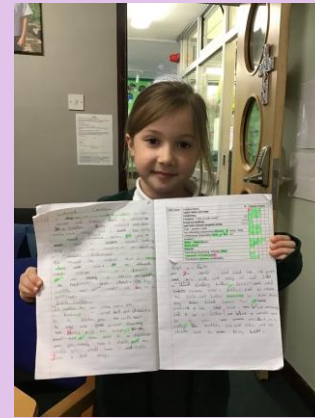
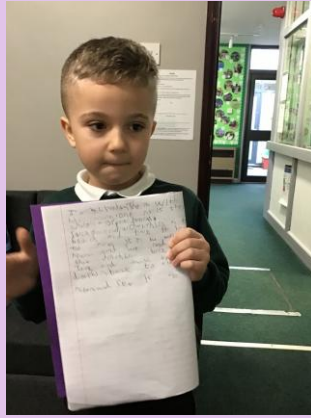
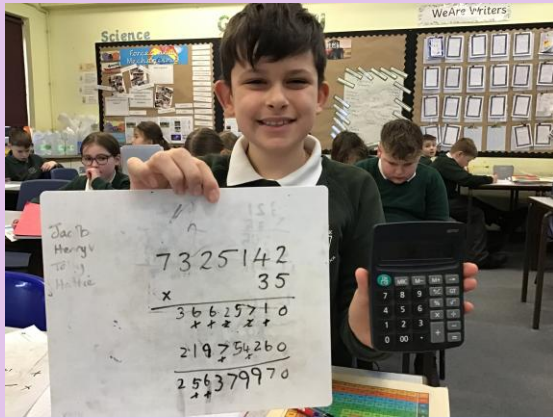
This half term we have celebrated lots of children achieving great things across the curriculum.





Great Learning

Several children have brought great learning to my office this half term. There has been some extremely descriptive writing, digital artwork using animation and tricky maths work - where Henry proved that once he understood the method, there was no limit to the size of the numbers he could work with. He's as good as a calculator now!

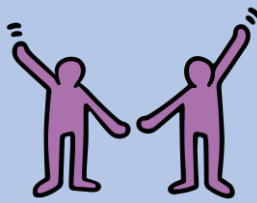




Amazing Awards from home

We have celebrated: sports awards - swimming, gymnastics, football, rugby, dance, cheerleading, running, martial arts, Go Ape; and a Squirrel Scout top award.

It is lovely to see so many children discovering new skills and talents!

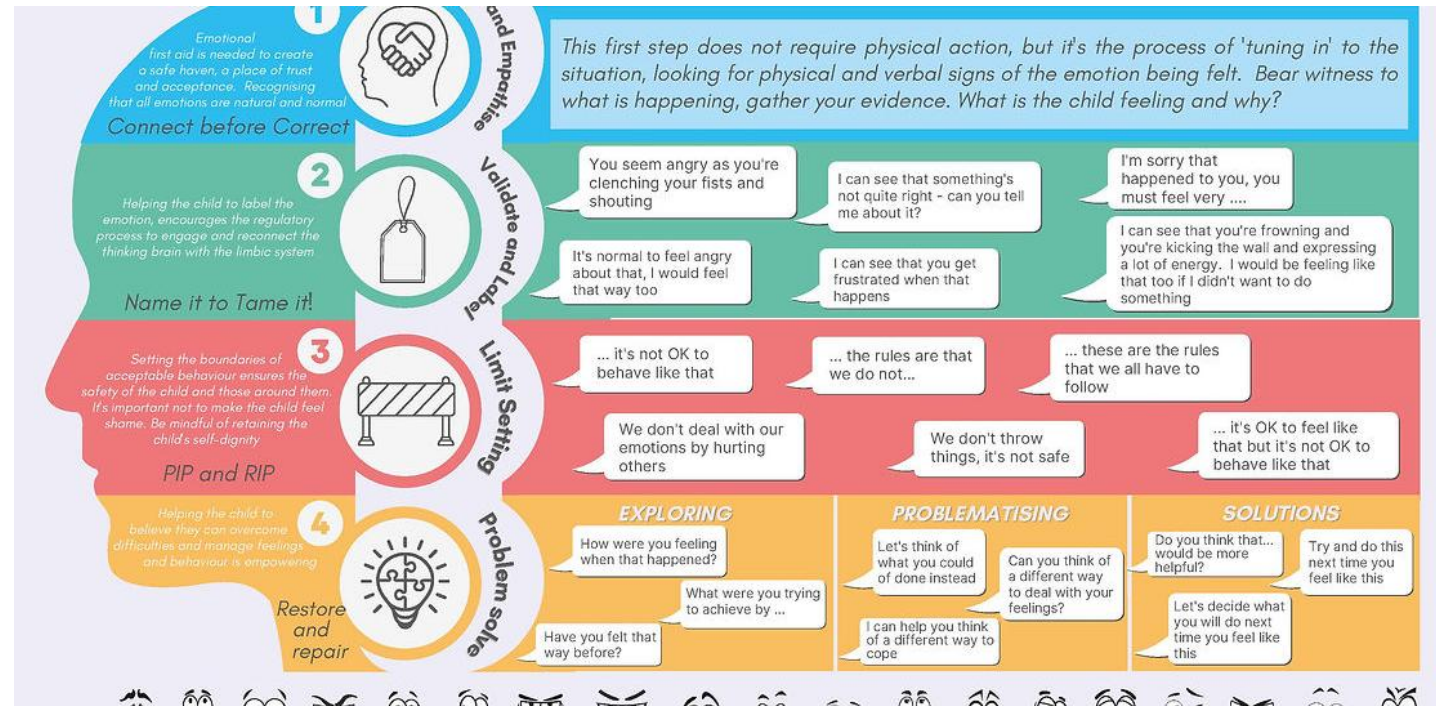


In school we use emotion coaching to support pupils to understand their emotions and find strategies to manage their behaviour choices when they are finding things tricky.

Teaching children to recognise, accept and understand their emotions (including big emotions) can lead to them finding strategies to help when they experience these emotions.

Using emotion coaching strategies at home will support the work we are doing in school.

[Click on this link for a Pocket Guide to Emotion Coaching.](#) If you would like a paper copy, please ask.





World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

We are inviting the children to dress up if they would like to on World Book Day. They can choose to be a favourite book character, or dress up as a word of their choice. We don't expect parents to buy costumes especially for the occasion, and dressing up as a word can be as extravagant or as simple as you choose.



Dates for your diary:

You can find out if we are on Week A or Week B by looking at a [special calendar on the website](#) created for this purpose, and linked to the PE timetables.

- Tues 25th Feb – Year 3 swimming starts (Every Tuesday morning - last session Tues 8th Apr)
- Fri 28th Feb – Year 5 netball competition
- Mon 3rd Mar – Boys' football league match
- Tues 4th Mar – Special lunch – Pancake Day
- Tues 4th Mar – Archery competition
- Tues 4th Mar – Girls' football league match
- Thurs 6th Mar – World Book Day
- Thurs 13th Mar – Year 3 trip to Coventry Cathedral
- Wed 19th Mar – Year 4 Reading Final
- Tues 25th Mar – Learning Celebration 1 (3:30-6:30pm)
- Thurs 27th Mar – Learning Celebration 2 *3:30-6:30pm)
- Thurs 3rd Apr – Year 3/4 Dress Rehearsal 'Aladdin Trouble'.
- Mon 7th Apr – iRock concert for parents (9:30am)
- Tues 8th Apr – Year 3/4 performance for parents (5:30pm)
- Wed 9th Apr – Year 2 trip to Compton Verney
- Wed 9th Apr – Year 5 Basketball competition
- Thurs 10th Apr – Easter Service at St Chad's (led by Year 5) and Easter lunch at school
- Mon 14th Apr – Friday 25th Apr – EASTER HOLIDAY

We have shared some of the dates for the half term ahead, but please do keep an eye on the [calendar on the school website](#).