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Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Spring Term, with all the wintery weather this is hard to believe but the children have returned to school well and are fully engaged in learning. As a school we have been exploring some important character traits which teachers are working hard to weave into children's learning. These are Pride, Engagement and Respect. We believe these are so important for children's development and for ensuring they reach their potential educationally, emotionally and socially. Please speak to your child about what these words mean to them and the work they have been doing on them in school.

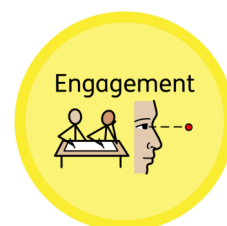
Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received with regard to our recent OFSTED, we are of course delighted and continually strive to make learning both purposeful and relevant to our children. It was great to see the report acknowledge the school's innovative work around children using their learning to make a difference to their own lives and the lives of others. We are continually looking for opportunities to make links with the community and businesses so we can grow our work around aspirations and possible careers for our children to explore. Please get in touch if you have any thoughts around this.

On Tuesday 6th February it is safer internet day. This year's theme is 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence, and navigating change online' The East Midlands Specialist Operation Unit (cybercrime) are offering a free webinar for parents on **Tuesday 6th February at 7pm**. The aim is to educate parents around keeping their children safe online. There are 1000 free spaces, and they are in high demand! You can sign up through their website.

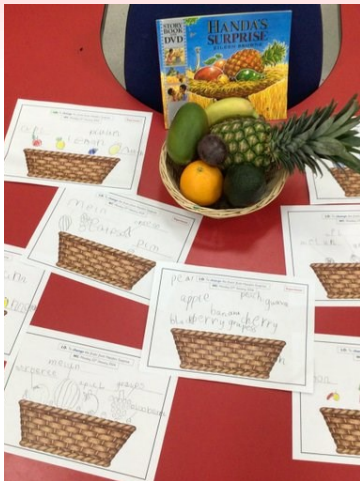
Finally we are excited to be introducing two new areas in our playground in the next few weeks. The Zone and The Oasis will give children a better more varied offer at lunchtime. The Zone will offer a range of physical and creative activities (4 a day) and will be run by our Playground Guardians and the The Oasis will offer a quieter option with reading, board games, arts and more! If you have any books or games that you would like to donate please get in touch.

If you need to discuss anything at all then please feel free to contact myself, Mrs Elsome or your child's class teacher.

Mr. Lee



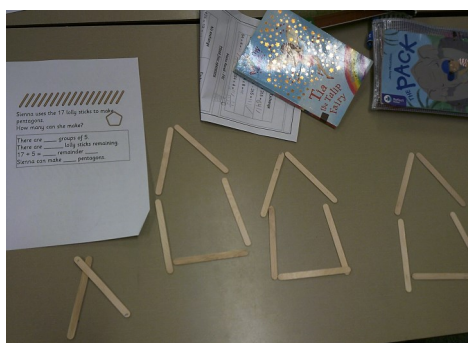
Our Bees and Ladybirds interpretation of Henri Matisse's 'The Snail'!



EYFS have been showing great Pride in their writing. Here they are exploring different fruits before writing the words in the baskets!



Year 1 were very lucky to wake up to a dose of Arctic Weather which really helped them to immerse in their Arctic Day. Here you can see some beautiful ice baubles they made. This topic will help the children to make a difference and raise awareness of endangered animals.



Year 3 explored division with remainders today using lolly sticks and shapes. They have also been busy programming using Scratch - beginning with simple movement and turning blocks

