February 6th, 2023
Spring Term, Week 5

Our Weekly Newsletter

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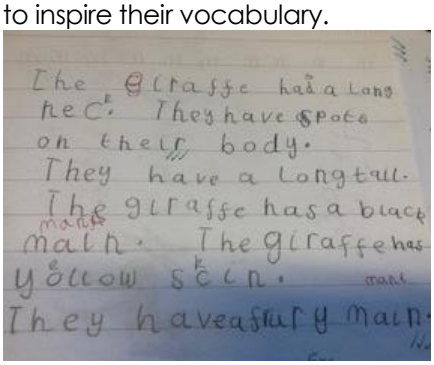
Dear Parents, Carers, Guardians, children and families

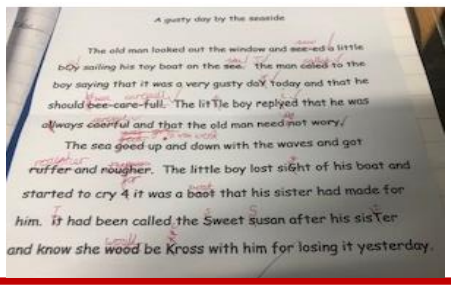
We've journeyed along this new year at speed, gathering knowledge and understanding how to learn in many subject areas. Last week, we celebrated Maths across the school, and today let's share our achievements in our children's writing.

Robins are learning to be able to use adjectives to describe animals from the Serengeti.

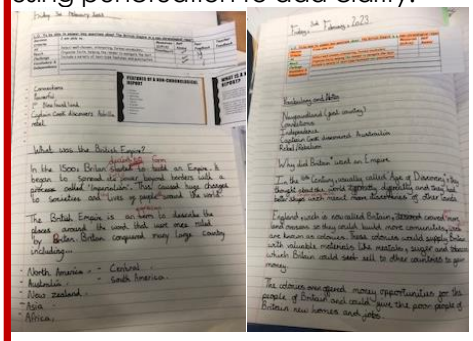
This is part of their Topic learning: our children used pictures and discussions to inspire their vocabulary.



Owls are learning how to edit and improve writing by making sure spellings and capital letters are all correctly used.



Kestrels are exploring different key questions based on The British Empire. To do this, they needed to explain facts using non-fiction, formal vocabulary and organise information using subheadings to help readers navigate the text. Editing skills are important, as is using punctuation to add clarity.



Can you help with Cross Country Running Club? Emma Hastings has kindly offered to start up this club but she needs a second adult to assist her. If you would like to help, please contact Emma via the school office.

Road safety It is very reassuring to see everyone crossing the road safely outside the school building, and thank you all for parking considerately at all times. Seatbelts, too, are important and I am sure you'll all be taking care to use them at all times.

Family Celebration Service, Thursday This will be our first chance to celebrate together in church, and we aim to start promptly at 2:15 – you will be welcome to take children home after it ends. Children who are not collected from the church will come back to school and leave at 3:20 as usual. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible (and it will replace, for this week only, our Friday Achievement celebration at school).

Year 6 Boosters for Maths and Reading will start after half term on 21st (see separate letter today).

Dates for the Diary

9th February 2:15pm Family Celebration Service, *led by Rev Gill to celebrate children's achievements this term. At St Andrews Church*

13th - 17th Feb Half term *Children, families and staff enjoying half term break*

20th Feb - non-pupil day

Staff only in school, for training, preparation, development and planning.

31st March – last day of Spring Term *Children and families enjoy Easter break, returning 17th April for first day of Summer Term.*

Extra Extra!

We have been contacted by The AIM Group who deliver **Free Online Level 2 Accredited Courses** to parents to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing your own careers.

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- **Principles of Cyber Security**
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