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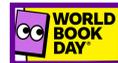
Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope you will find its contents useful.

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## Celebrating World Book Day

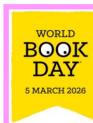


On Thursday, our school came alive with colour and creativity as we celebrated World Book Day. The day was filled with exciting opportunities to share and enjoy our love of books.

We began with Read Together at Soft Start, welcoming families into classrooms to enjoy stories alongside the children.



Throughout the day, each class took part in a special World Book Day activity, sparking imagination through reading, writing and creative tasks.



Reading remained at the heart of the day, with Buddy Reading, SLT story sessions and a whole-school *Drop Everything and Read* moment. It was a joyful celebration that reminded us all of the magic and importance of reading every day.



The highlight for many was dressing up as favourite book characters. Our afternoon assembly featured a wonderful costume parade, showcasing the fantastic effort and creativity across the school. **Check out our World Book Day Gallery in this newsletter!**



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Spring Term:

Half term:  
Mon 16 Feb – Fri 20 Feb

**End of Term:**  
Friday 27 March  
**1.30 finish**

#### Summer Term:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April



### School Photographer REMINDER

Please note that the school photographer will be in school to take the children's photo's on **26th March**.



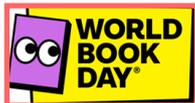
### SUPER STARS



Elm	Zahar
Pine	Aliya
Cherry	Natalie
Holly	Eshaal
Maple	Araya
Willow	Yunus O
Palm	Maya
Banyan	Sanaa
Olive	Ilyas
Cedar	Elena
Mahogany	Hafsa
Eucalyptus	Amos
Sequoia	Adam L

**WELL DONE**

# Pakeman World Book Day Book Character Gallery



## KS1 Geography

This week, in Key Stage 1, the children made globes out of paper plates and tissue paper. Super work everyone.



## Attendance and Punctuality

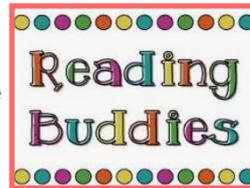
Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Holly Class	Under 96%	Cherry Class
KS2	Mahogany Class	Cedar Class	Banyan Class



## Reading Buddies

Our school is proud to provide opportunities for mixed-age reading buddies. The pairing enhances literacy, fluency and reading enjoyment. Younger children gain confidence and advanced language skills from peers, while older children develop empathy and patience.

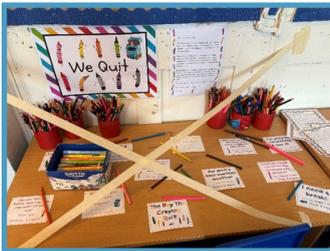
It a Win-Win!!



## Literacy Starters

This term, classes started their new Literacy topics with exciting WOW starters.

In EYFS, the children received a letter from the Three Little Pigs.



In Year 1 and Year 2, the children discovered that all of their crayons and colours had quit.

In Year 3 and Year 4, the children made a volcano erupt!



## Inspiring Author Visit to Launch World Book Day Week



Pakeman was delighted to welcome Alex Wharton, former Children's Laureate Wales, earlier this week, to launch our World Book Day celebrations and mark the National Year of Reading.

Alex is an award-winning poet and dynamic performer whose engaging assemblies and workshops inspired children across the school. From the very first poem, he created an inclusive, high-energy atmosphere where everyone felt able to join in. His lively performance style, including rhythm, rap and music, captivated pupils and gave many the confidence to share their own writing more bravely. Children enjoyed participating so actively in the assembly and workshops.



In the workshops, pupils explored practical techniques for generating ideas and shaping their own poems. The sessions were hands-on and inspiring, and children were incredibly proud of the work they produced. They used Alex's microphone to perform it.

Throughout the day, there was a real buzz around school, with many pupils keen to find his books afterwards so they could revisit their favourite poems.



This special visit was part of a literacy project funded by Bookmark, in partnership with Authors Aloud UK, who work to bring authors into schools across the UK. We were also thrilled to receive a selection of Alex's books for our school library which he signed for us.

## Pakeman Poetry

Here, we present some of the fantastic poetry created at Pakeman during the Spring term! In Year 1/2 children explored descriptive language by writing colour poems, using both their senses and imagination. In Year 3/4, children experimented with shape poems (calligrams) about animals. Their poems were carefully arranged so that the words formed the shape of the animal they were writing about. Year 5/6 used their experience after working with Paul the Poet. They used new poetry techniques when writing their poems. They then typed up their work so they could be included in a poetry anthology. Wonderful poems everyone!

### My fluffy puppy

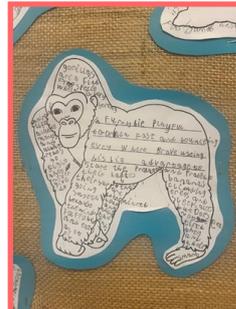
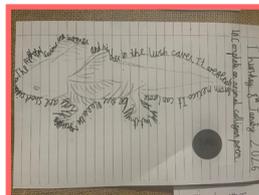
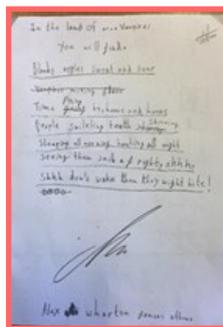
I remember my dog when she was a puppy  
She always loved a good old snuggle  
Little paws and so very fluffy  
And bounces around like a tiny brown bunny  
A funny little strut and ears quite floppy  
I love my funny little puppy

Anais Yr6 Pakeman

### First time horse riding

A hungry mare trotting around,  
Like an endless roundabout,  
Eating everything, chewing super loud,  
But the stallion next to her is eating without a sound,  
Neighing with pride, standing tall and proud,  
Like an extinct dinosaur that's nowhere to be found.

Aysha begum Y6 Pakeman



### What we need

We need respect  
Like a clock needs it's numbers  
And a salad needs cucumbers.

We need kindness  
Like cinderella needs her glass shoe  
And a ghost needs to say BOO!

We need loyalty  
Like a woodpecker needs it's tree  
And a caged bird needs to be freed

We need equality  
Like a gymnast needs their balance  
And a show needs talent

We need honesty  
Like Jellof needs It's spice  
And a board game needs a dice

By Landa Diallo (special mention to Shevari Mcindoe)