



PARENT CONFERENCES

Thanks to all parents who joined us for our mid-year parent conferences over the last fortnight. It is a great point in the year to catch up with parents and look forward to how to move our children's learning forward for the remainder of the year.

ROCKING MATHS DRESS UP!



As the school officially launches Times Tables Rock Stars, we are holding a Maths Rock Star Day at school on the **11th March**. We are encouraging all children to **come to school dressed up as rock stars!** Throughout the day, children will participate in activities from Times Tables Rock Stars. This is a fantastic platform which encourages children to learn and apply their times tables by competing in challenges and competitions. We hope this day will promote the platform to children to use both at school and at home.

DIGITAL STRATEGY

We took the opportunity to check in with parents about usernames and passwords during parent conferences for our digital learning platforms – Seesaw, Mathletics, Times Table Rocks Stars. We also checked in with KS2 parents about using the Chromebook devices that we have obtained this year. We're glad that more parents have come and collected a device for their child now, meaning that even more children are able to learn at home safely using a school device. All our home learning is available on Seesaw. If you are a parent of a KS2 child who needs a device but has still not collected one, please contact the school office.

MADAME TUSSAUDS

The Year 5 trips to Madame Tussauds last half-term linked to our PSHE topic of "dreams, goals and careers" as well as our new Art/DT topic of sculpture. The children learned about a range of different occupations and learned how the sculptures were made.



WHERE DO ANIMALS LIVE?

In nursery, our big question for Spring term's topic is "Where do animals live?". This week, the children have been learning about water animals and facts on sea wildlife. We have enjoyed our topic-themed art, math and writing activities such as 1-1 counting and creating their own rainbow fish.





WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday March, Ark Brunel celebrated World Book Day. Children dressed in costumes as their favourite book characters. We all found a mysterious grotto in the playground and wrote some lovely pieces of writing about it. We also wrote a whole-school story. Reception created our characters and setting, Year 6 wrote the beginning, Year 1 wrote the build-up, Year 5 wrote the problem, Year 2 wrote the resolution and Years 3 and 4 both wrote alternative endings. The story, with both endings, is on the page below. We hope you enjoy!



This week's shout outs go to:

Buss	Anuar
Carpenter	Joshua
Caxton	Regan, Rishan
Darwin	Kareem, Rafael
Dickens	Alayaah, Luqman
Faraday	Atarah
Fry	Jayson
Jenner	Tion
Johnson	Ahmed
Newton	Aidan, Nathalia
Pankhurst	Sarra, Saul
Seacole	Sufi, Laila
Shackleton	Jude, Zahra I.
Wilberforce	Anabella, the whole of Y6
Wollstonecraft	Jervany, Abdullah

Class Attendance - this week

BUSS	95.8%
CARPENTER	88.6%
CAXTON	90.3%
DARWIN	90%
DICKENS	97.5%
FARADAY	97.2%
FRY	88.4%
JENNER	95.6%
JOHNSON	94.7%
NEWTON	88.9%
PANKHURST	96.2%
SEACOLE	91.9%
SHACKLETON	96.8%
WILBERFORCE	96.6%
WOLLSTONECRAFT	97.8%

Upcoming

- Fri 11th Mar. TT Rock Stars Day (dress like a rock star)*
- Mon 14th Mar. Pankhurst class visiting Holland Park*
- Wed 16th Mar. KS1 SATs Workshop for parents (9:05am)*
- Wed 16th Mar. Johnson class visiting The Floating Classroom*
- Thur 17th Mar. Jenner class visiting The Floating Classroom*
- Thur 17th Mar. Newton class visiting Holland Park*
- Fri 18th Mar. Red Nose Day (wear something red and make a donation)*
- Fri 1st Apr. Easter Bonnet Parade*
- Fri 1st Apr. Last day of term*



The Mystery Door

Y6: Walking along the dusty, ancient carpet, Jack looked up and saw the cracked ceiling. Wind howled through the drafty walls, and he trembled in fear. As the castle doors shut behind him, Jack heard a loud CREAK coming from upstairs. Curiosity got the better of him and he decided to investigate the strange surroundings.

Slowly creeping towards the stairs, a nearby door began to shine mysteriously. Distracted by the light, he moved silently to the distant shadow. His heart pounding anxiously, he clasped his trembling hand around the tarnished, brass handle – locked! An obsidian shadow passed over him. Looking up, Jack saw his grandma peering down at him and the door. Maybe she had the key.

Y1: “Grandma, do you have the key?” asked Jack.

“I don’t have a key, but let’s go and look for it!” replied Grandma.

They looked and looked and looked, but they couldn’t find it anywhere.

Suddenly, Grandma had a genius idea. “I can try to unlock the door with my knitting needles,” she said.

As Grandma was trying, Jack heard the scary CREAK again. It was coming from the other side of the door...

Y5: As Grandma managed to unlock the door, twisting and turning with knitting needles in hand, she entered an empty room. To their disappointment, Grandma and Jack were faced with another challenge. As a strong gust of wind travelled through an air-vent, the door behind them slammed shut! A leaf of paper cascaded and landed at Jack’s feet. He slowly turned it over and had a riddle to solve:

Y2: *“I have a yellow cover,
But it’s not a bed.*

*I have many pages,
That have been well-read.”*

Quickly, he scanned the room for a bookshelf. There in the corner he spotted a dusty, wooden book corner. Running to the shelf, he dusted off the covers in search for a yellow one. There, glowing on the top shelf, was a golden, yellow book. Tiptoeing carefully up to the shelf, he used his grandma’s knitting needles to nudge the book down. The book came tumbling down and landed with a mighty thud. Slowly, Jack opened the book and, to his surprise, as he flicked through the pages he heard a creak behind him. Scared, he turned to see the door was now wide open.

Y3 ending: With his heart pounding in his chest, Jack stood frozen with terror. Allowing his curiosity to take over, Jack ran towards the wide, open door. As he passed through, it slammed shut behind him...The room began to spin. Lights flashed! Loud noises! Nothing made sense to him.

BANG! The room stood still. Jack rubbed his eyes and tried to stop his stomach from churning.

“Jack, what are you doing here?” asked a deep, low voice.

Jack gasped and slowly turned around. Before him, he saw a pale, old man.

“Grandpa?” asked Jack, as he pinched himself. “Where did Grandma go?”

Y4 ending: Slowly, Jack crept towards the open door.

“Please, Jack. Be careful,” warned Grandma.

“Shhh...they might hear us,” whispered Jack. He peered cautiously around the corner and noticed a giant, wooden treasure chest.

Suddenly they heard a distant echo of a voice, “Inside of me is your greatest wish.”

Grandma excitedly ran towards the chest. They heaved the lid open without hesitating. They couldn’t believe their luck: diamonds! Thousands of majestic, glistening diamonds!





Can you show me how to take a screenshot?

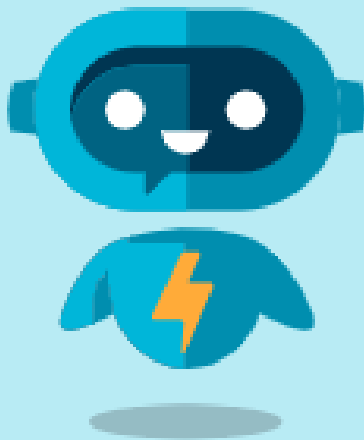
SPArky, do you like pizza?

I've forgotten my password

I can't connect to WiFi

I can't log in

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SPArky

SPArky is the new chatbot that can help you with questions about, or problems with, your child's Chromebook.

SPArky is there to provide IT support to you and your child at home

Your child can get help from SPArky on their Chromebook by visiting the IT Support Page on www.ark-spark.co.uk

You can still get help from SPArky on another device but your child will need to log in to their school Microsoft account

SPArky can help with many common issues but sometimes will direct you to our IT experts. Please help your child to follow these instructions.

Coming soon!

