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## A message from Mrs Tweed

*What a fantastic first week back. It was lovely to welcome the community back to school this week and hear about everyone's half-term break.*

*It was great to see so many of you attending Parent Consultations. We really do appreciate your support.*

*We continue to focus on 'Amazing Attendance' and 'Perfect Punctuality' this half-term. We are incredibly proud of the high attendance we achieve at Ditton Lodge - children get their entitlement of a good quality education by being in school as much as they can be. Our yearly attendance currently stands at 97.1% compared to the National figure of 95.2%.*

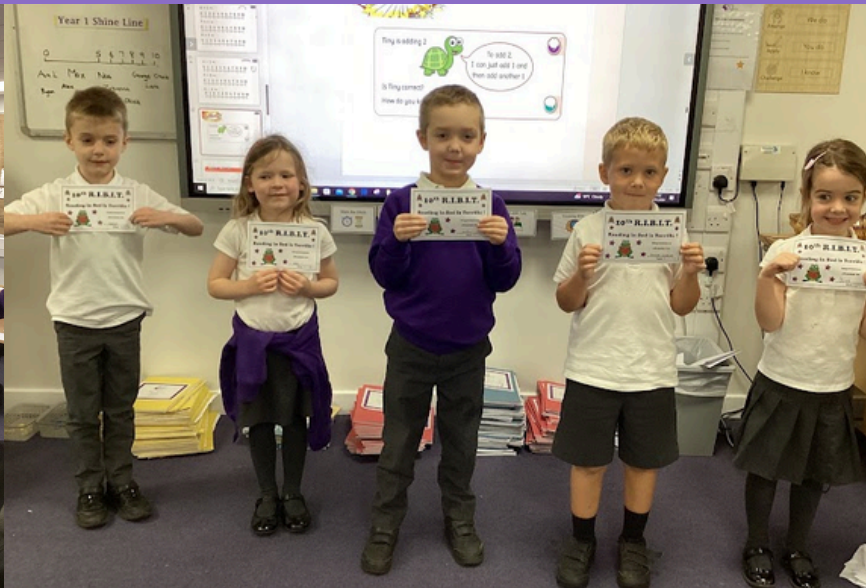
*Have a super weekend..*

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*This week our class spotlight is on Year One*

*We have had a fantastic week in Year 1! In English we have enjoyed our new text, 'The Storm Whale.' We have been learning to infer a character's thoughts and feelings. In maths we have been learning to subtract using a number line. In science we have been looking at what types of animals there are, specifically focusing on mammals and birds. We have identified the features of these animals. In art we have been learning about the artist, Piet Mondrian. We created our own piece of Mondrian art using only primary colours. In music we loved playing the untuned instruments keeping the pulse of the 'Radetsky March' by Johann Strauss Sr.*



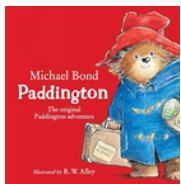


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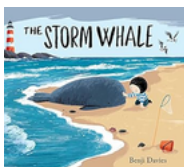


## This week our subject spotlight is English

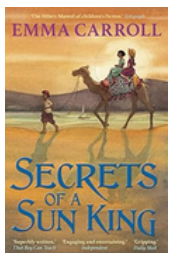
*We've asked the children to give us an insight as to how they feel about their current CUSP Reading book.*



*'I like the book because it's funny and Paddington is always getting into trouble, even though he doesn't mean to.'*



*'I like it when the whale is released because it can go back to its family!'*



*I'm really enjoying this book, I love how the writer has made the characters come to life and how confident the female characters are. I really like how there are lots of questions raised and secrets throughout the story, it makes me want to read on and find out the answers. I also like the mixture of fictional characters and real people from history, it's like reading a story and learning about history too.*



*"I love it. It links to what we are doing in Science as we will be dissecting a pig heart, I feel like something sad is going to happen at any moment. The book is keeping us on edge".*



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## House Points

*This Week's House Points Winner is :*

Palace House - 313  
Tattersalls House - 300  
Severals House - 297  
Hyperion House - 314





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## Attendance



### *This week's Year Group Attendance*

Reception: 97.7%    Year 1 - 99.03%    Year 2 - 99%

Year 3 - 95.52%    Year 4 - 94.33%    Year 5 - 93.57%

Year 6 - 98.57%    Whole School Attendance - 96.82%



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## Diary Dates

*Friday 15th November - School Disco - 5.30-8.30 pm*

*Friday 29th November - Christmas Pop Up Shop*

*Tuesday 10th December - National Child Measurement Programme for Reception & Year 6*

*Tuesday 10th December - Reception and KS1 Dress Rehearsal - 1.30 pm*

*Wednesday 11th December - 9.00 am - Parent Drop In*

*Wednesday 11th December - Reception and KS1 Performance - 1.30 pm and 5.45 pm*

*Friday 13th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch*

*Friday 13th December - PTFA Christmas Fete - 3.30-5.30 pm*

*Tuesday 17th December - Reception and KS1 Christmas Parties*

*Wednesday 18th December - Annual Visit to Panto*

*Thursday 19th December - KS2 Christmas Parties*

*Friday 20th December - KS2 Carol Concert*

*Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term*





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## PTFA

*Just a reminder that the school disco takes place this evening.*

*Reception and Key Stage 1 - 5.30 pm - 6.45 pm*

*Key Stage 2 - 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm*

*Tickets are £5.00 on the door.*

*Thank you to everyone that has sent in donations for class hampers so far. This year's themes are:*

*Reception - Blue*

*Year 1 - Purple*

*Year 2 Rainbowtastic*

*Year 3 - Green*

*Year 4 - Silver*

*Year 5 - Gold*

*Year 6 - Red*