



# Ditton Lodge



## A message from Mrs Tweed



Another terrific week and as always we thank you for the support that you give us with all that we do! It's been great to see the new fencing going up around the school over the last few weeks. This certainly makes us more secure.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are very keen to invite you into school more regularly. The first session we have planned is on Thursday 15th February at 2.50 pm. You will be invited into your child's classroom and they will tell you all about 'Zones of Regulation'. This is a really useful strategy to support children's emotions that you might also want to try at home. If you have multiple children in the school, you can pop into various classrooms for short bursts of time. Please do save the date and join us if you can we would love to see you.



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## *This week our class spotlight is on Year Four*

*This week we have been learning how to use formal written methods in Multiplication and all the children have shown great stamina to master this new learning. In RE we have just finished learning about Islam and we compared the Qur'an and the Bible looking at similarities between the religions. We have been exploring textiles in art, learning how to tie dye. We particularly enjoyed learning about variables in our first Computing lesson this term and we have almost finished *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant*, our class novel. We can't wait to see if Nirissa gets a new Queen.*



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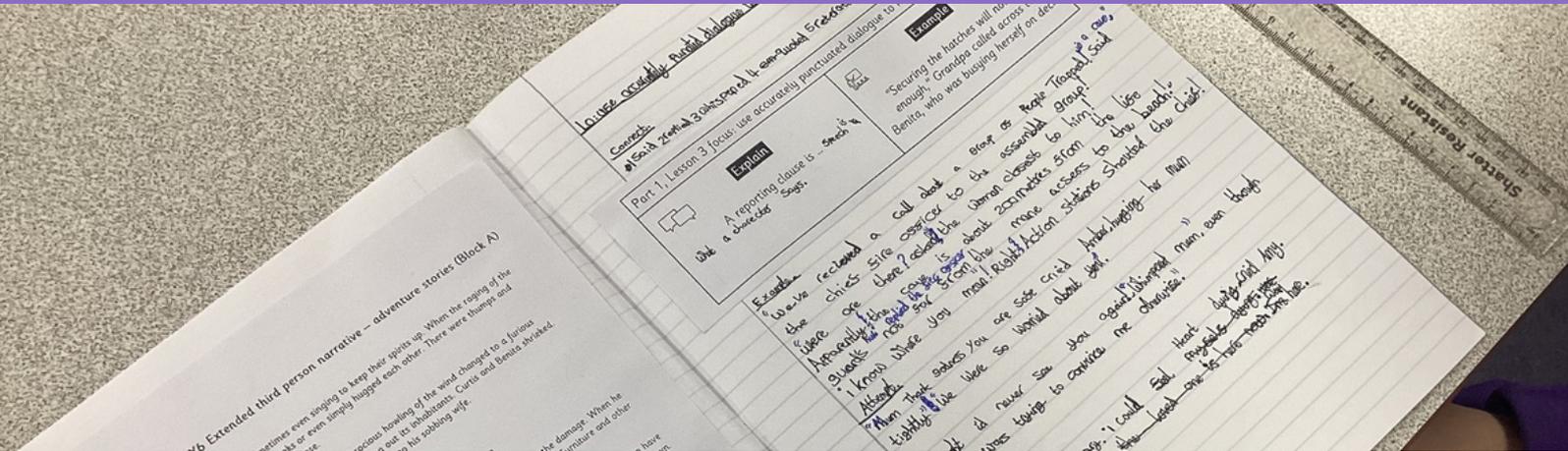
## *This week our subject spotlight is on DT*

*The children have made a great start to their DT units this term showing incredible creativity, problem-solving and evaluation skills. In Reception the children were tasked with constructing a raft for the gingerbread man to safely cross the river. Another project involved the children creating a water proof basket for Baby Bunting demonstrating their ability to blend design with functionality. Their critical thinking and evaluation skills were definitely put to the test!*

*In Year 5 the children delved into the cultural aspect of food technology creating smørrebrød (a traditional Danish open sandwich made from rye bread). This project highlighted their culinary skills but also incorporated elements of design as they arranged ingredients in visually appealing ways. Next week the children will make mezze bowls.*



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## Attendance



### This week's Year Group Attendance

Reception: 94.19%    Year 1 - 94.33%    Year 2 - 98.93%

Year 3 - 98.67%    Year 4 - 95.67%    Year 5 - 85.19%

Year 6 - 98.52%

Whole School Attendance - 95.07%



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## House Points

*This Week's House Points Winner is :*

*Palace House - 2845*

*Tattersalls House - 1910*

*Severals House - 2050*

*Hyperion House - 2105*



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## Diary Dates

*Wednesday 31st January - Bags2School Collection*

*Friday 2nd February - Vision Screening for Reception - am*

*Tuesday 6th February - Year 5/6 Swimming Gala - pm*

*Friday 9th February - pm - PTFA Popcorn Night*

*Tuesday 13th February - Year 3 trip to Wandlebury Country Park*

*Thursday 15th February - Invitation into School - Zones of Regulation - 2.50 pm*

*Thursday 15th February - Last day of Term*

*Friday 16th February - PD Day*



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## PTFA NEWS

*Thank you to all those that joined us for Bingo Night; it was a fun night and we had plenty of winners. We hope to see you at the next one.*

*It is Bags2School next week. Please bring in your donations and leave out the front of school on Wednesday 31st January.*

*Our next event is Popcorn Night on 9th February. Look out for further details coming soon.*