



PALACE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Courage, Curiosity, Challenge, Compassion

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children back in school after their Christmas holiday. Although, this has been a short week they have settled back into their learning very well. Considering the national and local situation, with regards to the Omicron variant, our attendance, this week, has been very good with most children in school.

This week, we have introduced the second of our 4 new school values—curiosity. Over the next two weeks we will learn why being curious is so important to our learning and why asking lots of questions; discovering new things ourselves and having a strong desire to learn gives us a huge sense of achievement and helps us understand things better.



On a completely different note, I am aware that lots of children, particularly in the upper year groups, were given smart watches for Christmas. This is a lovely gift to have received and I can see why children are excited to bring them into school. However, I would prefer that they are not worn in school. They are a very expensive device and can be easily damaged when children are playing at breaktimes and lunchtimes. They can also disturb learning if they vibrate or alarm during lessons. Should you wish your child to wear their watch in school then they must be set to 'Schooltime' during the school day. This means that they behave as a watch only during the school day, and cannot be used to access other Apps. To find out how to set this as an option google 'get started with schooltime'. Many thanks for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cairns



Children who have been curious learners this week



Elephants	Lyla
Penguins	Klhoe
Bears	Hugo
Giraffes	Jessica
Zebras	Sonny
Pandas	Teddy
Monkeys	Benjamin C
Crocodiles	Jarvis
Leopards	Bella
Panthers	Rory
Lions	Efe
Tigers	William
Hippos	Ethan
Rhinos	Shiv





SUPERSTAR CORNER



Tommy is very proud to have gained his 10 metre swimming certificate and badge. He has been trying very hard and has made great progress. The smile says it all!



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Happy New Year to you all.

The children have come back into school with great confidence and enthusiasm.

This is wonderful to see.

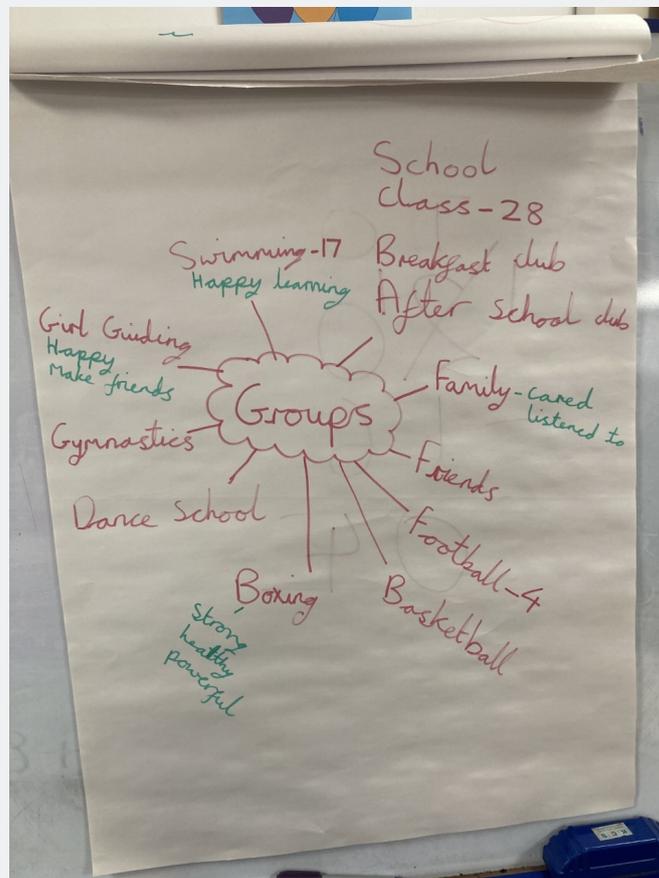
This week, although short, the children have already packed in lots of new learning. they have been super busy talking about our new topic focus of 'Toys'. We have also begun to explore our new text ' I Love You Blue Kangaroo'.

We were very lucky to have a visit from Jack Frost this week and we took the opportunity to investigate what he had been up to on the school field. we made the leaves sparkle like diamonds in the sun and made frost angels in the grass.

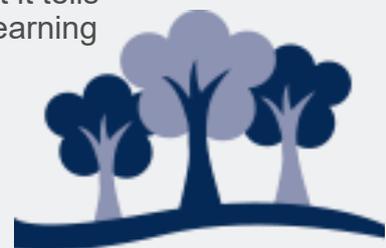
What a wonderful start to the new year!



YEAR 2



. In year two this week we started exploring this term's big RE question 'What does it mean to belong to a faith community?' We have already discovered that we share some of the same groups like being part of a family group and friendship group. But we also belong to different groups than others too like Castle Colts Football Club or Flair School of Dance. We discussed how it made us feel to belong to these groups and what it tells us about ourselves. We are looking forward to linking this to our learning about faith groups.



YEAR 3



This week we have been looking at our 8 times tables in our maths. In English we finished our text 'True story's of the three little pigs'. We gathered our ideas today and created a word map for the different lenses which will help us when we come to rewrite our story next week. For History this term we are learning about the Shang Dynasty. We discussed what a dynasty is and discussed what a source is and how they help us to learn about the period. In RE we discussed what prayer is and how it is different and similar in different religions. For Music this term we are going to be looking at traditional Chinese music with the idea of creating our own dragon dance music. We listened to some interesting instruments!



YEAR 4



This week in Year 4 we have enjoyed learning about different states of matter. We investigated if different materials were either a solid or liquid and how we could classify them. We concluded that solids keep their shape and feel hard whereas liquids feel wet and do not keep their shape!



This week's always children:

Penguins	Harry	Crocodiles	Leah
Elephants	Meyram	Panthers	Alice
Giraffes	Jessica	Leopards	Erin
Bears	Sebastian	Tigers	Esmee
Zebras	Remy	Lions	Mable
Pandas	Jesse	Hippos	Kai
Monkeys	Keelan	Rhinos	Nancy



At Palace Wood we:

- G**ive it our best
- R**espect one another
- O**vercome obstacles
- W**ork together

This weeks attendance is

93.21%

