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Welcome to our latest Monks Orchard Primary School Newsletter 29 September 2023

Reception

This week in Reception the children have been using various resources to create images of themselves. Displaying an awareness of their features and those of their friends. We practised using scissors correctly before we went onto create our faces.

We are still building on our number knowledge and have been working in pairs to select a number, build an object using bricks then recording the number.

The children also worked together to work out how they would get the bags of sand from the pallet into their new sandpit. This was a little challenging, but the children worked really hard as a team and filled the sandpit!



Congratulations to our special Certificate Winners this week

Y1, Donaldson Class:	Arthur , for a great attitude towards his learning, Arthur has shown fantastic perseverance, especially in maths. Well done!
Y2, McKee Class:	Natalia , for absolutely blowing us away with your English this week. You are making fantastic progress.
Y3, Nichols Class:	Idris , for showing great resilience and determination in his writing and editing this week.
Y4, Zephaniah Class	Jessica , for having a great understanding of Roman numerals in maths this week.
Y5, Leonard Class:	Theo , for his kind, caring and helpful nature, towards his peers.
Y6, Jackson Class:	Rayan , for the incredible effort you put into all of your learning.





Year 4

Year 4 have taken their learning outdoors this week. In Science, we have been hunting for invertebrates. Those are animals without spines! Back in the classroom we used classification keys to identify the invertebrates.

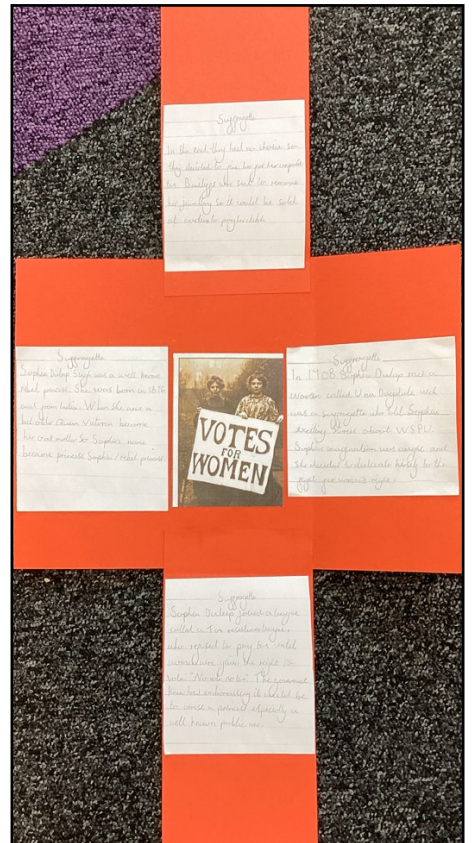


Nursery

In the nursery this week we have been practising our navigational skills, moving the scooters and cars around the garden trying not to bump in to each other. We have been exploring different materials, inside and outside, making mud pies and cornflour soup.



We explored, David Robert's amazingly researched and illustrated non-fiction book called, *Suffragettes, The Battle for Equality*. We looked at images to make connections and predictions about the book and its theme before delving into real, remarkable people, known as Suffragettes. We choose a Suffragette that interested us and skimmed for information to compile about her.



In art this week, we have been looking at the work of Louise Young, and using water colours to create our own observational paintings of plants.



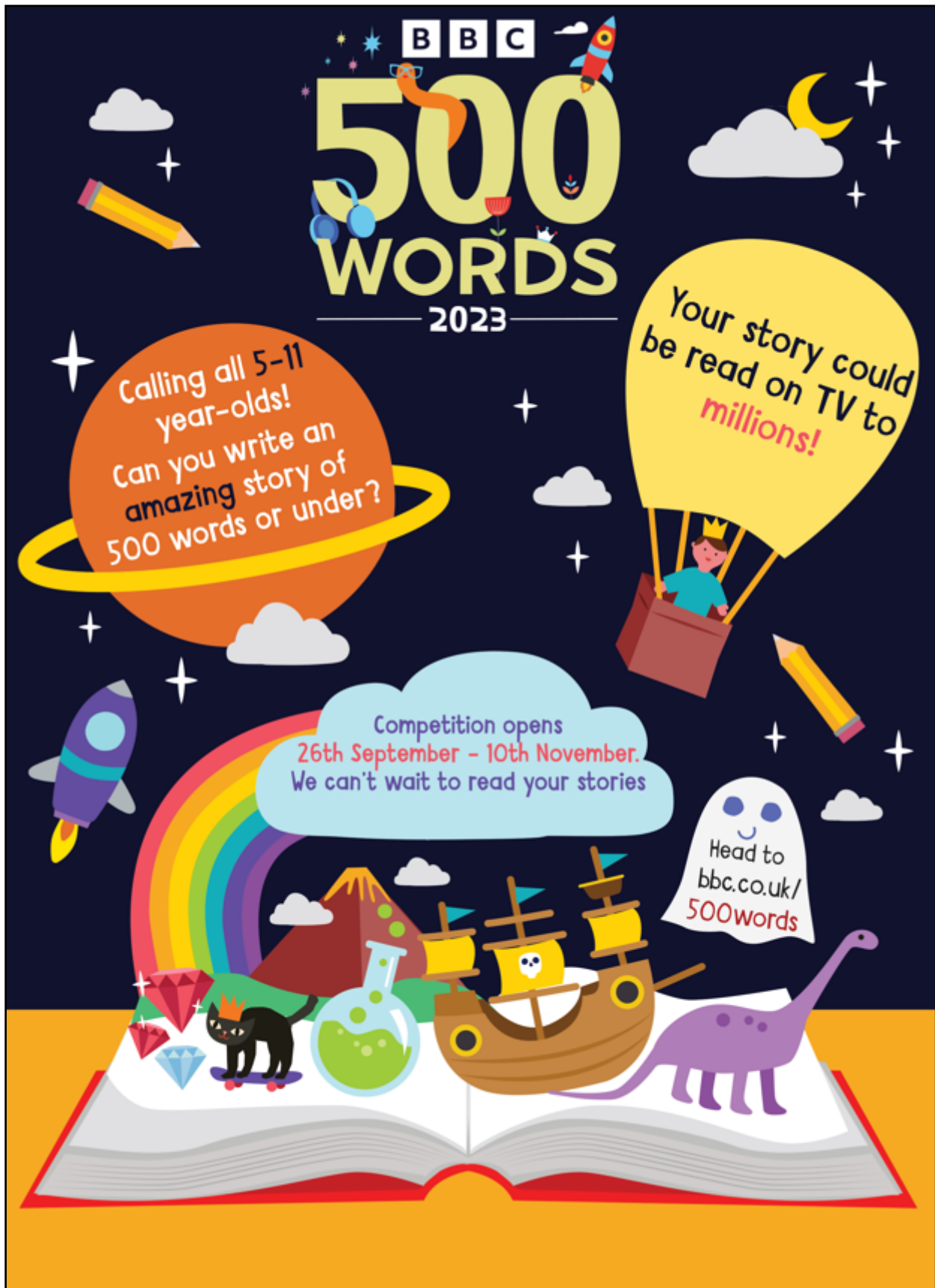
BBC 500 Words 2023

We have lots and lots of fantastic writers in our school and we would really like to show the world how great your children are.

The BBC have just launched their **500 Words 2023** competition; we watched the launch programme earlier this week, and we would love as many children as possible to enter.

Details about the competition are on the BBC 500 Words website, so do please take a look—we definitely could have this year's winner at Monks orchard!

[500 Words - BBC Teach](https://www.bbc.co.uk/500words)



Breakfast and After School Club

On Thursdays after school club have cooking class with Michelle and Rachel. Last week we made chocolate cornflake buns.



Some of the children love to chill in the mornings, before school, playing card games or playing with the dolls in their dollhouse.

On Tuesday the children built a den in the wild area at the edge of the field. We have been having fun in our 'Club house.'



Places are still available in Breakfast Club and After school Club.

Breakfast Club runs from 7:15am until the start of school, and costs just £4 per session.

After School Club starts straight after school and runs until 6pm. After School Club costs £9 per session. We also have a shorter After School Club session, finishing at 4:30pm, which costs just £5 per session.

For more details, see the Breakfast and After School Club page on our website:

[Fairchildes Academy Community Trust - Breakfast and After School Club \(factrust.org\)](http://factrust.org)

Or talk to Mrs Bennett, in the school office.

Year 1

We have been enjoying our music lessons. We have been learning about 'pulse' and have listened to different rap songs including 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'.



Free School Meals

Thank you to those parents and carers who have applied for free school meals. As well as being ready for when the Mayor's free school meals funding ends, every child in receipt of free school meals means more money in the school's budget, so it really makes a difference. We advise all parents to check if they are eligible. It is very easy to check. Just go to:

[Free School Meal Eligibility Checker \(lgfl.org.uk\)](https://lgfl.org.uk)

Or do come into the office to talk to us, we are more than happy to help.

Dates for your diary:

2 Oct: Travelling book fair arrives (for the week)

4 Oct: African dance and drumming workshops (Y1 to Y6)

6 Oct: Y6 trip to fire station

9 Oct: Y5 trip to Science Museum

11 Oct: School photographer (individual and family group photos)

13 Oct: last day of school

14 to 29 Oct: Half term break

30 Oct: Children return to school

31 Oct: Deadline for secondary school applications

31 Oct: Y5 trip to Frylands Scout Centre

6 Nov: Y6 trip to Imperial War museum

7 Nov: Parent/Carer meetings

8 Nov: Parent/Carer meetings

Attendance

Congratulations to McKee Class for this week's best attendance with 99.02%

Class	% Attend	Lates
Y2 McKee	99.02%	0
Y5 Leonard	98.29%	3
YR Murphy	96.67%	1
Y1 Donaldson	95.83%	0
Y6 Jackson	94.83%	0
Y3 Nichols	94.12%	1
Y4 Zephaniah	93.04%	2



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