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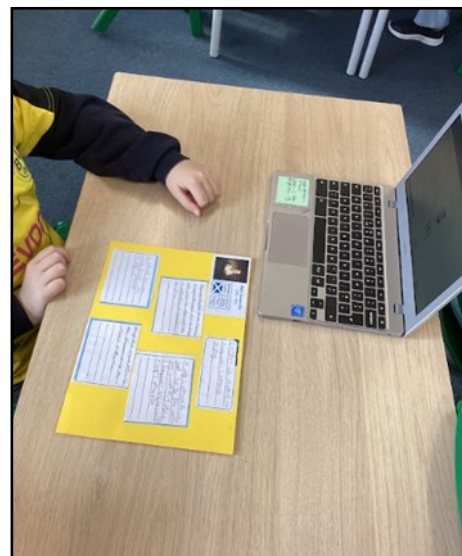
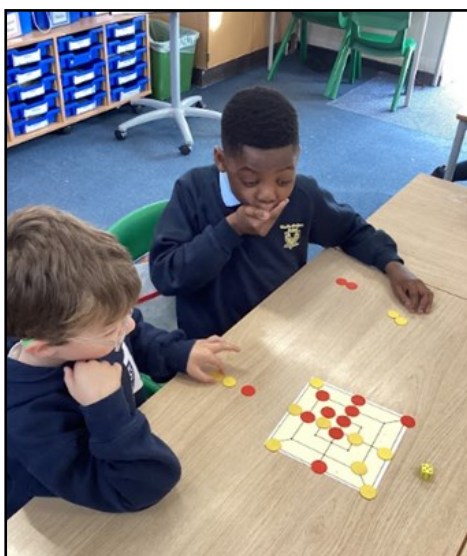
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Welcome to our latest Monks Orchard Primary School Newsletter 9 February 2024

Year 3

We have been doing lots of exciting maths activities. We used the computer to explore maths games and Mathematicians from around the World. We played some of the games (Morabaraba from Lesotho & South Africa) and competed in boy vs girl TTR challenges.



Congratulations to our special Certificate Winners this week

YR, Murphy Class

Kalani, for showing great resilience when you find learning difficult.

Y1, Donaldson Class:

Kayden, for being a fantastic learner! Kayden is always thinking about ways to improve his work. Well done, you are a great role model for our class.

Y2, McKee Class:

Angelo, for trying really hard with his writing this week. Keep it up!

Y3, Nichols Class:

Panda, for her continuous fantastic effort in developing her writing skills.

Haniya, for her great perseverance when learning the steel pans.

Y4, Zephaniah Class

Dania, for trying exceptionally hard in all areas of her learning this half term, and for making good progress.

Y5, Leonard Class:

Kallum, for always showing **respect** to others and for working collaboratively to support your peers.

Y6, Jackson Class:

Austinas, for his aspiration. You have worked hard to improve your maths and reading.

Breakfast and After School Club:

Malakai, for great resilience in coming to after school club, when he is tired after a long day at school. But he still comes with a smile on his face.



Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed exploring how Beebots work and programming them to move around a floor mat. We reviewed the vocabulary of direction (forward, back, turn, left and right) and then worked as a team to help each other program the instructions into our Beebots.



Reception

This week Reception have been celebrating the Lunar New Year. We created lucky red envelopes, made dancing dragons and bopped to the beat of the tambourine.

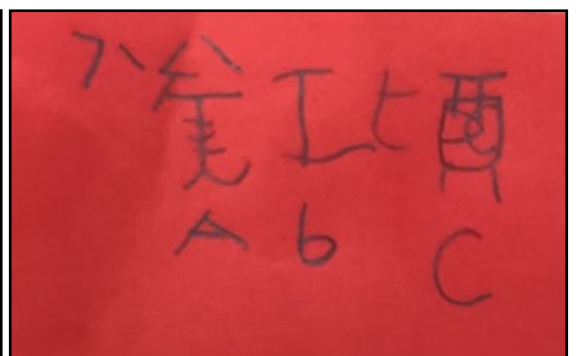
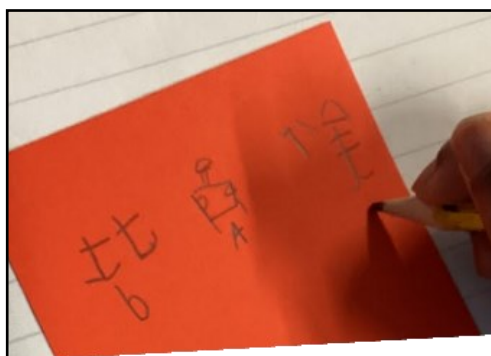
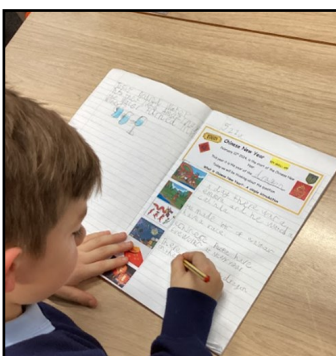
To extend our number knowledge the children had to select a number card with tweezers and then feed the hungry crocodile that amount of counters, being very careful not to overfeed him!

We have also been working on repeating patterns which has proved a little tricky but with perseverance we managed to complete our strings.



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about Lunar New Year. They have shown a good understanding of the celebration and wrote some facts about it. They then had a go at writing some of the Chinese alphabet! Great work Year 1!



Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about Asia this half term. This week we looked at the famous Japanese artist, Hokusai. We used watercolours to recreate his famous artwork, 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa.'



Breakfast and After School Club

This week has been so wet we had to entertain ourselves with indoor games. Bring on the sunshine and the field!

Places are still available at Breakfast and After School Club. To sign up, please see the information on our web-site:

[Fairchildes Academy Community Trust - Breakfast and After School Club \(factrust.org\)](https://www.fairchildesacademycommunitytrust.org.uk/after-school-club)

or talk to Mrs Bennett, in the school office, and she will be happy to help.

Please also see the separate letter about changes to breakfast and After School Club fees.

Contact Details

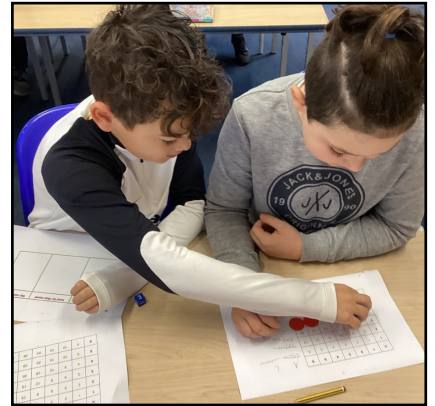
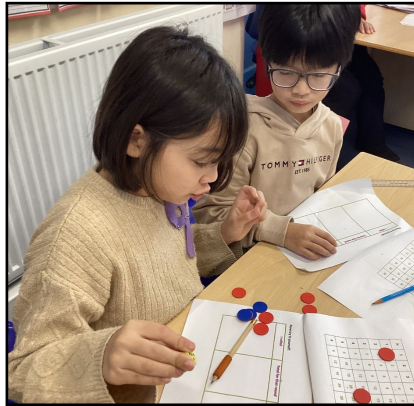
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If you know that there are times when the school will not be able to contact you, please make sure we have an alternative contact—just in case. Thank you.



Year 5

Year 5 have been researching Norse Gods and Goddesses, in preparation for writing reports about them. We also did lots of fun, practical maths activities as part of our NSPCC Number Day, linking them to our 'Wondermaths Challenge.'



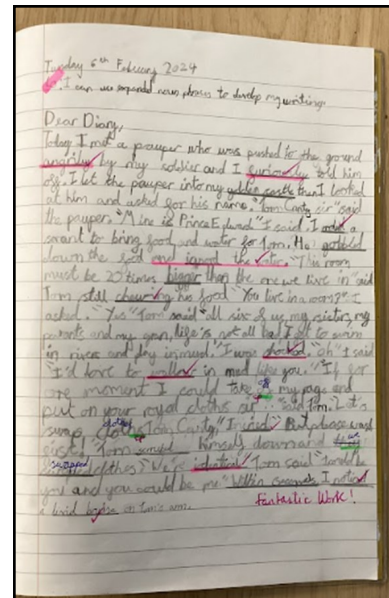
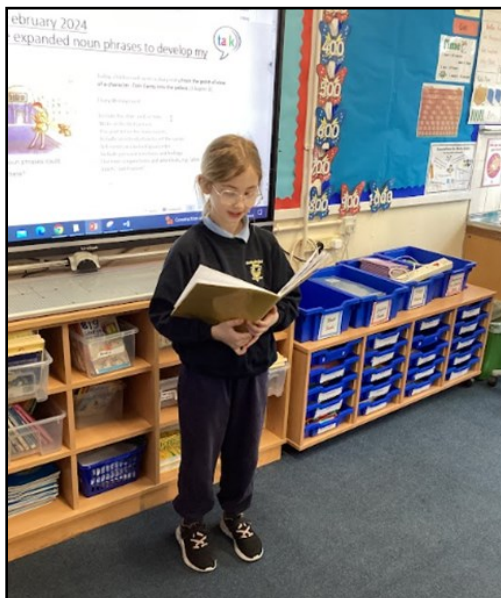
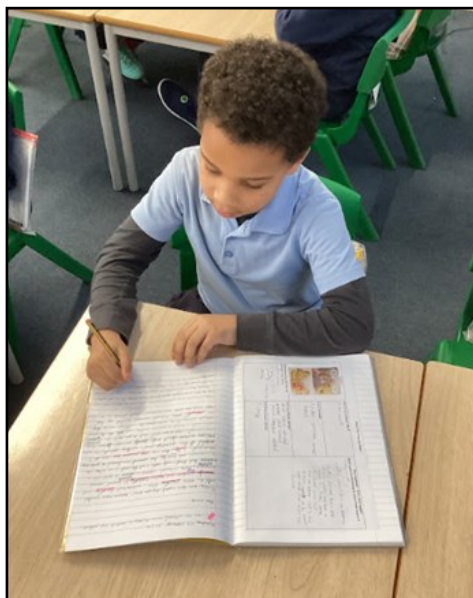
Nursery

In nursery this week we have been reading the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have built brick houses using foam bricks and shaving foam which was a bit messy, but the wolf couldn't blow them down. We continued to learn about the Lunar New Year celebrations. We made a dragon costume which we used to dance to Chinese traditional music and we tasted noodles, rice, prawn crackers and we all took a fortune cookie home.



Year 3

In English, Year 3 are celebrating their developing writing styles, using the many writing features we have discussed in class. We are reading the Prince and the Pauper, and many children were able to write a diary entry in the role of a character from the story. They have enjoyed reading their work to the class and now we are learning how to edit our spellings and sentence structure.



Half Term Break

Please remember that next week is half term, and the school will be closed for the week. The children return to school **Monday 19 February**.

Parent and Carer meetings

The spring term parent and carer meetings are scheduled for Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 March, after school. Details of how to book a time slot will be sent out after half term.

Dates for your diary:

9 Feb: last day of half term
10 to 18 Feb: Half term break
19 Feb: Children return to school
27 Feb: Reception height and weight measurement
w/b 4 Mar: Book fair in school
5 Mar: Infant (Y2/Y3) Choir Festival at Fairfield Halls
7 Mar: World Book Day
8 Mar: Y3 trip to Hampton Court Palace
20 and 21 Mar: Parent/Carer Meetings (*details to follow*)
21 Mar: Reception Class Assembly
28 Mar: Nursey Class Assembly
Thursday 28 March: Last day of term
29 Mar to 14 Apr: Easter Holiday
15 Apr: Children return to school

Attendance this week

Congratulations to Donaldson Class for the best attendance this week with 97.92%.

Class	% Attend	Lates
Y1, Donaldson	97.92	0
Y3, Nichols	97.78	3
Y2, McKee	96.97	5
Y5, Leonard	96.18	4
YR, Murphy	94.44	5
Y6, Jackson	94.29	3
Y4, Zephaniah	86.96	4

