



Friday 7th March, 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Book week at Grove

This week we were privileged to welcome Hiba Noor Khan to Grove. Hiba is a scientist and author who joined the children in assemblies and at story time. In class pupils have been sharing the books she has written:

Reception, Years 1 and 2 read 'The Little War Cat'

Years 3 and 4 read 'How to Spaghettify Your Dog'

Years 5 and 6 read 'Safiyah's War'

Hiba talked to the children about: her love for writing stories which began when she was 8 years old; how she creates her stories; and how the children can use a monocle to create stories based on ordinary, daily events. Hiba worked with the children to create their own characters and has inspired many children to begin writing their own stories.

Today the children enjoyed dressing as a character from a book and all made head bands to reveal their favourite book cover or character from a book.

Learning to read is a skill for life. Thank you to parents who read at home and encourage our children to develop a love of reading.

Science week at Grove

Next week is science week. The theme for the week is Change and Adapt. Mrs Hunt Stewart has prepared a science homework challenge for pupils. This will be sent out on Friday 14th March. The winning entry from each class will win a Grove coin to spend in the Grove Bank at the end of term.

We look forward to welcoming parents to science workshops next week to see science in action in the classrooms. These are the days and times for the workshops. Please arrive promptly:

Year Group	Date and time of parent workshop	Summary of workshop content
Nursery	Wednesday 12 th March 11:00-11:30am 2:45-3:15pm	Join us to explore how things change and adapt through hands-on activities.
Reception	Tuesday 11 th March 9am-9:30am	Join us as we investigate how things change and adapt. Help us with exciting experiments.
Year 1	Thursday 13 th March 9am – 9:30am	Join us to investigate our senses as we explore how our hearing works.



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Year 2	Thursday 13th March 9:00 – 9:30am	Join us to investigate the properties of healthy and unhealthy plants.
Year 3	Tuesday 11 th March 11:45am-12:30pm	Join us to make model hands to investigate how our muscles help us move.
Year 4	Thursday 13 th March 9:00-9:30am	Join us to investigate the water cycle and how rain is produced through evaporation and condensation
Year 5	Wednesday 12 th March 9:00-9:45am	Come along and create a model heart as part of our human biology topic
Year 6	6 Green & 6 Red Tuesday 11 th March 2:15pm - 3pm 6 Yellow Wednesday 12 th March 2.15-3pm	Join us in solving a range of reflection challenges using mirrors.

Ramadan

Today in assemblies we reflected on what Ramadan means for Muslim people. We watched this video:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zwkfp4j>

Some of our older children are fasting. They are managing to do this with the support of staff while they are in school.

Comic Relief

Friday 14th March is Comic Relief. We will be making each other laugh and invite the children to wear red on this day. We know many of you will want to donate the Comic Relief. We will have collection buckets available at the start and end of the school day. We would also like each child to bring a coin to school (of any value). In the afternoon each child will place their coin in a line in the playground. Let's see how long we can make our coin snake!

Yours sincerely,

Ms J Baker
Head Teacher