

## KS2 News

February saw Key Stage Two continue with their work on architecture. Each class looked at different aspects of architecture and famous architects. To round off the topic, a construction challenge was held. Throughout the morning, the children moved around the classes and worked together on a range of challenges. They had to collaborate and work as a team for each task. Some of the challenges included building the tallest structure, creating a bridge and strengthening and joining materials in a variety of ways. This challenge also rounded off a successful Maths Week.

Year 5 and 6 performed an assembly for parents and carers all about their learning from the Amazing Architecture topic.

## Staff

We welcome new staff this month. Mrs Ayres is our new Year 5 teacher and has settled in well and we also welcome a new teaching assistant, Miss Daly, to the reception class. Please can I remind you of other staff in school who are here to help. Mrs Whittam is our school attendance officer and is available every morning. Mrs Warren is our pupil and family support worker and also works in school every morning.

## KS1 News

The children in KS1 had a fantastic time during 'Maths Week', linking much of their learning throughout the week to maths. The children completed lots of activities and investigations and presented their learning to the rest of the school in a celebratory maths assembly on the Friday to conclude 'Maths Week'.

The children invited their parents/carers into a special judo demonstration. The children were able to celebrate their success through a demonstration of skills and techniques learned during their six-week judo course. Thank you to the parents/carers who were able to come a support the children – we know that everyone was amazed and so proud of the children.



## EYFS News



February began with a whole school 'Maths Week' during which our reception children enjoyed practical maths activities exploring number bonds to 10, 'heavy and light' and investigations to explore the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes. The children built some fantastic 3D models and learned the names of the shapes they had used in their model.

The children have also been learning about Chinese New Year. The children watched videos to learn about the customs, stories and traditions of this celebration. They enjoyed learning about the story of the twelve animals who swam across the river and this was a super opportunity to explore ordinal numbers. On Safer Internet Day, we shared the story of Smartie the Penguin. Why not have a look and talk about this important message with your child?

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

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## February Newsletter 2018



February is such a short month, and it is such a short term. Only just over five more weeks and we break up for Easter! Thank you again for the continued support, it is always appreciated. Please remember that our Book fair starts next week and you can use your World Book Day token.

As always, I ask you to check the school website and all class and school Twitter pages regularly for updates, photos and news.

<https://www.gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/>

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## Spring Term Diary Dates

5<sup>th</sup> March-11<sup>th</sup> March-Book Fair in hall

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March-World Book Day

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March-Parents' Evening

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April-Y3 and Y4 Spring production @ 6:30pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April-Finish for Easter @ 3:10

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April-School starts again

