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This Month's Focus Value: COURAGE

A note from Mrs Harrison:

I cannot believe that it is Friday again. The week has flown by! Our week has been safety-themed, with Monday morning seeing a visit by one of our governors (Craig Fleming) carrying out a safeguarding audit of the school. Craig looked at our policies and procedures and also spoke with some of our children to find out if they felt safe and what they would do if they had a worry. Children are encouraged to tell a member of staff if they have a concern about anything that has upset them; including a fallout at playtime or something that has gone 'wrong.' As a school, if we know about what a child is struggling with, we can investigate, support them with sorting it out and then have a restorative conversation.

Yesterday, Year 4 had a planned visit from the police, with a Youth Engagement Officer also in attendance. The children heard about the police's role in our community and how they help us to stay safe. The visit ended with the children having a question and answer session, which they found really interesting.

Have a great weekend. See you on the gate on Monday.



Value of the month:
COURAGE

Definition: Courage is having the strength to overcome challenge

What does courage look like:

The ability to face fear, pain, danger and uncertainty with strength, bravery and determination.

House Points
Weekly Winner

Moving from 4th place to 1st this week, Attenborough are our weekly winners.

- 1st Attenborough
- 2nd Farrah
- 3rd Windsor
- 4th Rowling



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Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Year 3- Freddie, Gabriella and Samyra

Year 4- Tim, Laurell and Mujtaba

Year 5- Grace and Olivia

Year 6- Jane, Rafe and Rudi

Attendance Cup

Congratulations to Sycamore class with impressive attendance of 97.8%, just in front of Birch class by the smallest of margins.

TTRS- Update!

With a week still to go in the latest TTRS tournaments, there are two classes who really stand out as our current leaders. In one match we have Hazel, Cherry, Maple, Sycamore, Willow and Oak Classes competing. At the moment, Oak Class are way ahead with 296 points compared with second place Willow Class who have 201 points.

In our other tournament, we have Elder, Cedar, Elm, Birch and Ash Classes competing. The class currently significantly ahead is Ash Class. With until next Thursday to go, the final winners could still be anyone. Get practising your times tables and it could be your class going out for an additional break-time!

1	3 - Oak	296
2	5 - Willow	201
3	4 - Sycamore	28
4	3 - Maple	25
5	6 - Cherry	6
6	6 - Hazel	0

1	5 - Ash	139
2	4 - Birch	18
3	3 - Elm	7
4	4 - Cedar	4
5	6 - Elder	2

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Keeping Children Safe

Smart watches are becoming increasingly popular with young people. Companies have now started producing affordable, simplified versions aimed at primary age children. These have features such as step counters, which are great for encouraging children to remain active. You can even set the display so it shows an analogue clock face - great for teaching children to tell the time. However they leave your child vulnerable to unwanted phone calls, cyber-stalking and distraction while crossing the road.

Some of these watches can be connected to internet, take photos and receive messages. For the same reasons we don't allow children to keep mobile phones with them during the day, we would like to remind parents that smart watches are not permitted in school.

Please take a few moments to read the poster below, which highlights pros and cons of children's smart watches.

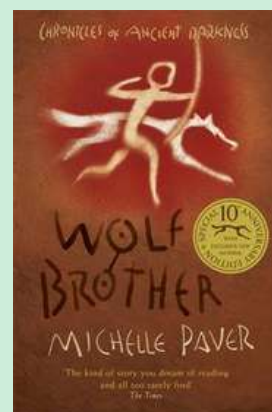


Teacher Book Recommendation

Mr Spranger had the whole school enthralled in our reading assembly this week. He read the opening chapter of *Wolf Brother* by Michelle Paver.

It is considered to be one of THE top children's books of the last decade. It is the first in a brilliant series called The Chronicles of Ancient Darkness. *Wolf Brother* tells how orphaned Torak must set out on a terrible mission. Tricked, trapped and betrayed at almost every turn, it's a lonely quest but Torak finds comfort in the support of a wolf cub. Relying on their quick wits, the two journey through danger until Torak must make the final sacrifice.

We would recommend this book for readers in upper Key Stage 2. (9+)



10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police: location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *BBC Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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Reminder - look out for our new book marks!

We hope you have found the colour book band bookmarks helpful. They have a list of questions you can ask your child to move their reading on.

For children reading higher than lime level, we are providing bookmarks based on the questions we pose during Destination Reader (shared whole class reading) sessions.

These will show parents the reading skills we are covering in class. In addition, they will provide you with a list of sentence stems that you can encourage your child to use when talking about their reading and when adding a comment to their reading diary.

Reading Bookmark - Sentence Stems	
Predicting <ul style="list-style-type: none">I wonder if...I predict...I think that...I bet that...I imagine...I think ___ will happenI think I will learn...I think it will be set out...The next part will be about......because... 	Inferring <ul style="list-style-type: none">The word ___ tells me...The part ___ tells me...This makes me think that...I think this character...I think the setting is...I think the mood is...I think the writer's viewpoint is...I think this character's viewpoint is......because... 
Asking Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Who...?What ...? When ...? Where ...? I wonder...?Why...?How...?What if...?Why do you think...?How do you think...?How do we know...? 	Evaluating Language <ul style="list-style-type: none">The word/phrase ___ works well because...I like the way the author uses ___ it makes me think about...I think it would have read better if...It's very clever the way the author uses ___ because...The sentence ___ has high impact because... Organisation <ul style="list-style-type: none">The text is organised well because...The presentation helps the reader because...The structure could be improved by... 

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Recommended Reading Books

Year 3

Charlie Changes into a Chicken - Sam Copeland and Sarah Horne

Chapter book

Charlie McGuffin has an incredible secret . . . He can change into animals. All sorts of animals: a flea, a pigeon, even a rhino. Trouble is, he can't decide when - it only happens when he gets worried. And right now, Charlie has quite a lot to worry about: * His brother (who is in hospital) * His parents (who are panicking about it) * And the school bully (who has Charlie in his sights) And even though every kid wants a superhero power, Charlie isn't keen on changing into a chicken in the middle of the school play. So with the help of his three best friends, Charlie needs to find a way of dealing with his crazy new power - and fast!



Year 4

Rainbow Grey - Laura Ellen Anderson

Chapter book

Rainbow Grey is a funny, smart and creative tale, sprinkled with weather-related characters and places. The characters are not human, but still remain highly relatable; the main characters had friendship issues to deal with, like any children their age, and it's important for children to be able to recognise things that they might be going through in their own lives in a book. Likewise, the nod to dyslexia when Ray describes letters as being jumbled on the page and later on, when reading from coloured paper was referred to, would resonate with a lot of children...



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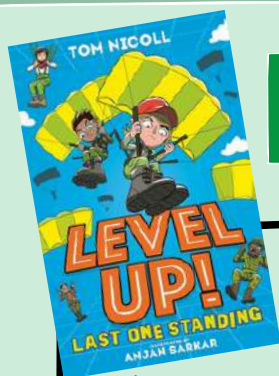


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Recommended Reading Books

Year 5

Level Up! Last One Standing - Tom Nicoll & Anjan Sarkar

Chapter book

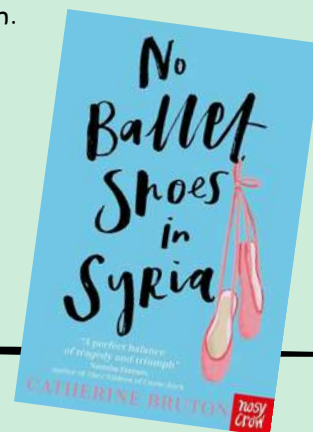
Videogame-obsessed Flo and her best friend, Max, get more than they bargained for when they find themselves INSIDE their favourite games! Crammed on a plane flying over the dramatic landscape of Last to Leave, Flo and Max get a shock as they are suddenly parachuted out. The game has begun! As they navigate challenging terrain and highly skilled players, they come face to face with an old enemy. With time running out, the friends have to decide who they can trust if they're going to make it to the end. Can they complete the game and get back home? From the award-winning author of BOYBAND OF THE APOCALYPSE comes a laugh-out-loud adventure with a technological twist, perfect for fans of I SWAPPED MY BROTHER ON THE INTERNET, David Baddiel, Pokemon and Fortnite.

Year 6

No Ballet Shoes in Syria - Catherine Bruton

Chapter book

A superb read. This is a gripping and thought-provoking story exploring the experience of an eleven-year-old girl fleeing conflict in Syria. Aya's tale is told with such compassion that takes the reader on a real empathy journey. No Ballet Shoes in Syria is an important story that is beautifully told with warmth and compassion.





HALF TERM MULTI SPORTS

Beaufort School

Ages 5-12

9am-3pm*

*Individual drop off and pick up times will be confirmed when places are booked.

MONDAY 12TH - THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY

About the Multi Sports course

The courses will be based on enjoyment, encouraging physical and mental health and well-being. Up-to-date guidelines will be followed to ensure a safe working environment.

Courses will include a wide variety of fun games, challenges, individual and team activities and a certificate presentation on the final day! Sports covered will include football, hockey, dodgeball, basketball, tennis, cricket and lots more!

Cost

£20 per day
£70 for all 4 days

Sibling discount is available - please contact Steve for more details.

What you will need:

- Appropriate clothing and footwear, weather permitting sessions will take place outside as much as possible.
- Packed lunch
- Plenty of non-fizzy drink

Keeping your child safe

Steve Orriss FC recognises and accepts it's responsibility as provider of the services and will provide a safe and healthy work place for staff and children.

A detailed risk assessment is available upon request.

By booking a place you understand and accept that whilst all reasonable care will be taken neither Steve Orriss or any other person authorised by him will be held responsible for any illness, injury, loss or damage to any items.

How to book & payment

Email or message Steve on steveorrissfc@yahoo.co.uk or 07759 440366 stating:

- Your name
- Child's name and age
- Chosen day's
- Contact phone number and emergency contact
- Child's medical conditions

On receipt of this information bank details will be sent to you to pay by bank transfer to complete the booking.

All places must be booked in advance, there will be no on the day places available.

Places are limited and are on a first come first served basis.

Fresh FACE



Available to book now!

Approved CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

Thursdays 9:30 -12:30 £58

CPD accredited with certificate

Monday
5th Feb

19:00 -20:00

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Raising Self-Esteem

Supporting healthy self-worth

Thursday
1st Feb

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging stereotypes, explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

Monday
6th Feb

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Decreasing Depression

Straight forward steps you can take to reduce the symptoms of depression

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All dates are kept up-to-date on the school website: kfos.co.uk/news/calendar/

Date	Event	Year Group
Monday 5th - Friday 9th February	Year 4 Bikeability	Year 4
Monday 5th - Sunday 11th February	Children's Mental Health Week	All
Thursday 8th February	Theatre Trip	Year 6
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day	All
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	Half Term	All
Monday 19th February	INSET	All
Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th February	Residential Trip	Year 4
Monday 4th March	Book Week Event	All
Monday 4th March-Friday 8th March	Book Week (Thursday 7th March - World Book day)	All
Sunday 10th March	Mother's Day	
Monday 11th - Friday 15th March	Science Week	All
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day	All

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Date	Event	Year Group
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd March	Opportunity for Parents and Guardians to View children's books - 3:30pm Day for each year group TBC	All
Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd March	Residential	Year 6
Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March	Parents' Evening	All
Wednesday 27th March	SEND Passports sent home	
Thursday 28th March	Book Swap - Spring Term	All
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Spring Term - Finish at 1:15pm	All