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## This Month's Focus Value: Curiosity

A note from Mrs Harrison:

What a wonderful week! I love being part of the Knaphill Community. Everyone has worked so hard to provide an environment full of reading experiences; from the launch of Book Week, talks from authors, shared reading between our older and younger children, dressing as a book character, to the culmination of the official opening of our school library today by Cllr Saj Hussain who supported our school PTA with a grant to create our new library. All these experiences support our day to day practices to embed a love of reading for children.

Read on to find our more.

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

### Value of the month: Curiosity

Definition: Curiosity means: The desire to learn and know.

#### What does curiosity look like:

To really listen, so that we find out, ask lots questions, are willing to be wrong, and we are not afraid to say, "I don't know."

### House Points Weekly Winner

In what has been a really exciting and busy week, the house point results are:

1st - Windsor

2nd - Rowling

3rd - Farah

4th - Attenborough

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## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Year 3- Keira, Yumo, Iqra

Year 4- Kit, Naiel and Ava

Year 5- Yusuf and Elliot

Year 6- Ariyanna, Jay and Henry

## Attendance Cup

The winners of the attendance cup this week are Cherry Class.

Well done Cherry Class - Such commitment to learning.

A special mention goes to Scarlett and Lillie from Year 6, for giving up their time to sort fancy dress costumes. This selfless act of kindness made such a difference to those pupils who were without a book week costume.

We're so proud of you.

## TTRS- What A Win!

The results are in and we have a phenomenal win in our whole school TTRS tournament. Congratulations to the mighty Oak Class for scoring over a thousands points and becoming the times tabling champion class of Knaphill School! Enjoy your additional playtime.

Starting today, our new TTRS competitions are between Years 3 and 4, and Years 5 and 6. Which year group will win that additional break-time?

1	3 - Oak	1,018
2	4 - Cedar	609
3	6 - Hazel	530
4	6 - Elder	169
5	3 - Maple	161
6	5 - Ash	113
7	3 - Elm	92
8	4 - Birch	81
9	6 - Cherry	55
10	4 - Sycamore	42
11	5 - Willow	27



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## BOOK WEEK 2024!



It has been a brilliant Book Week at Knaphill. The children looked amazing in their costumes. Each year group embraced a different novel from the fantasy genre. Events such as this are tremendous fun, but also add so much to the curriculum. We strive to create a love of reading across the school and the focus books were selected to do just that. Time spent reading high quality texts with the children extends vocabulary and helps children to develop their own writing style. You may like to encourage your child to read another book by their year group's focus author.



### Year 3

The Boy Who Grew Dragons - Andy Shepherd

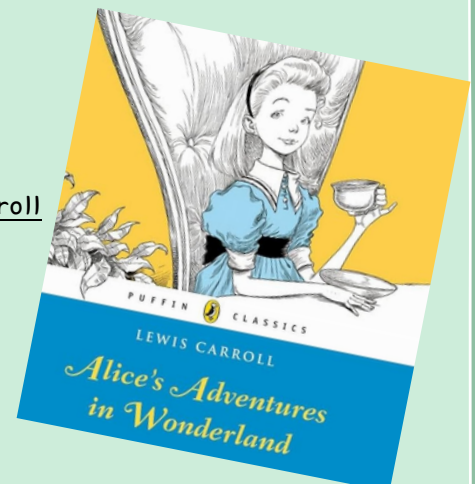
Also in the series:

- The Boy Who Lived With Dragons
- The Boy Who Flew With Dragons
- The Boy Who Dreamed Of Dragons
- The Boy Who Sang with Dragons
- The Ultimate Guide to Growing Dragons

### Year 4

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - Lewis Carroll

Alice Through the Looking Glass



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## Year 5

### Malamander - Thomas Taylor

Also in the series:

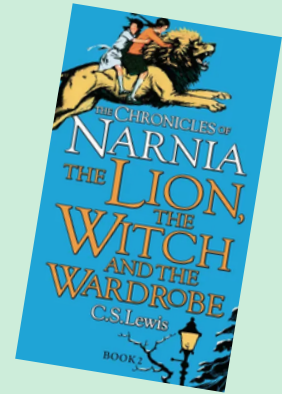
Gargantis  
Shadowghast  
Festergrimm  
Mermedusa

## Year 6

### The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Also in the Narnia Chronicles:

The Magician's Nephew  
The Horse and his Boy  
Prince Caspian  
The Voyage of the Dawn Treader  
The Silver Chair  
The Last Battle



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## Library- Grand Opening!

We are working hard to improve reading across the school. Book Week is just one part of that commitment. Already this year we have developed our class reading areas and Book Week seemed the perfect opportunity to officially open our new library.

Our library has been relocated to a larger space behind the school hall. Children were involved in the designing of the space and we now have a delightful, calm and special space where children can be inspired by our wide selection of non-fiction and fiction books.

We are extremely grateful to the PTA who have worked so hard to get funding for the refurbishment of the space. Today some of Reading Ambassadors met with Councillor Saj Hussain and shared the work they are doing to support reading across the school, while thanking him for the generous grant he helped secure from Surrey County Council. You can see from the photos how this unloved space has been transformed for the benefit of our all children by an amazing group of volunteers - Thank you so much!

We have plans to develop this library space further, with the introduction of a computerised library system.



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## Sayers Croft 2024!

We take great pride in the exceptional performance exhibited by the Year 4 students during their recent residential trip. Their demonstration of courage, positivity and is truly commendable.



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### Ramadan

As we enter into the holy month of Ramadan, which commences on 10th March this year, you will have received an email with our updated fasting policy attached.

For your information, the aim of this policy is:

- To provide a safe environment for children who wish to fast during part or all of the month of Ramadan.
- To ensure that the proper care of children is maintained and to keep parents informed if their child is unwell.
- To further develop understanding and respect of the different faiths represented in our school community.

Please note - All parents must inform the school in writing (by email is acceptable) if they wish their child to fast during part or all of the month of Ramadan.

We understand that fasting is not compulsory in Islam before the age of puberty, we understand that some children are often encouraged to fast, or indeed wish to fast, in order to prepare them for adulthood.

### Things To Look Out For:

Don't forget your Spring Parents' Evening appointment.

Please check your emails for details on how to book.

We always welcome your feedback and our Spring Survey for Parents and Guardians has been sent out this week.

Here is the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/h0n2kxc92J>

Thank you.



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## Promoting Good Attendance

Good attendance is a high priority with the Leadership Team at Knaphill Federation of Schools.

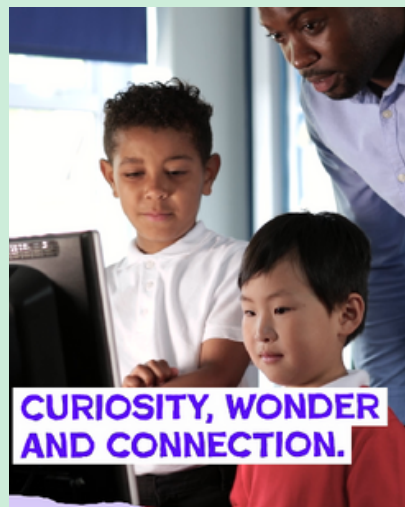
We believe it is essential that children attend school regularly if they are to achieve their potential. Absence not only affect a child's attainment but also their personal and social skills. We will do all we can to encourage parents/ guardians to ensure that the children in their care achieve maximum possible attendance and that any problems that prevent this are identified and acted on promptly. Leave of absence can only be granted in exceptional circumstances and a request form must be completed.

Safeguarding is at the heart of our school and is incorporated in all we do as a school and children's attendance is something that we monitor closely as part of this. We have thorough procedures that we follow when pupils transfer between schools and if a pupil moved to another school without warning or went 'missing from education'.

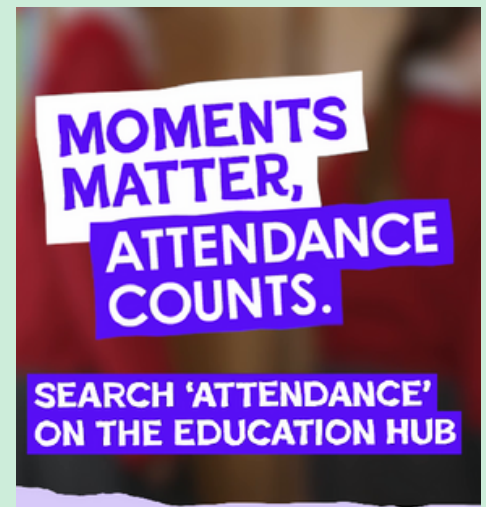
In order for the school's Attendance Policy to be successful, every member of staff will make attendance a high priority and convey this to the pupils at all times. We ask parents/guardians to support these views in the home to ensure that children are receiving consistent messages about the value of education.



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### Recommended Reads

As next week is British Science Week, we have a science theme to our 'Recommended Reads' list today.



#### Year 3

##### The Mellons Build a House - Robin Jacobs

The Mellons need to build a forever home that is lean, clean and green!

The Mellon family have outgrown their flat. It's time to move, but none of the houses they look at are quite right, so they decide to build their own house. Masha is an architect. She designs a house that accommodates the Mellons' needs, their budget, and most importantly, the environment. It is an eco-house.

The Mellons Build a House is a hugely enjoyable picture book that takes the reader step-by-step through house design and build. Heat pumps, solar panels, insulation and rainwater harvesting are all clearly explained and brought to life in Nik Neves's warm, inclusive illustrations. A timely and essential read for aspiring young architects and construction-enthusiasts. Year 3

#### Year 4 - Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor - Patricia Valdez



Back in the days of long skirts and afternoon teas, young Joan Procter entertained the most unusual party guests: slithery and scaly ones, who turned over teacups and crawled past the crumpets... While other girls played with dolls, Joan preferred the company of reptiles. She carried her favourite lizard with her everywhere - she even brought a crocodile to school! When Joan grew older, she became the Curator of Reptiles at the Natural History Museum. She went on to design the Reptile House at the London Zoo, including a home for the rumoured-to-be-vicious komodo dragons. There, just like when she was a little girl, Joan hosted children's tea parties - with her komodo dragon as the guest of honour. With a lively text and vibrant illustrations, scientist and writer Patricia Valdez and illustrator Felicita Sala bring to life Joan Procter's inspiring story of passion and determination.

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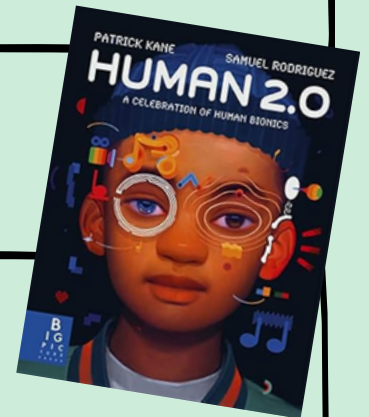


## Year 5

### Bones – Jules Howard

What's so special about animal skeletons? Find out in **BONES**, an inside look at the animal kingdom.

How are animals able to bite, run, jump and fly? What special adaptations have they developed over time? **Bones** takes the reader on a fascinating journey through the biological history of the animal kingdom, with sections focusing on different animal abilities – biting, flying, jaws, tails, and more – explaining how their amazing bodies allow them to do so many different things.



## Year 6

### Human 2.0 – Patrick Kane and Samuel Rodriguez

Imagine being able to hear for the first time, or see in full-colour, or take your first steps on Earth. This incredible book celebrates the remarkable achievements made in medical engineering, and offers a glimpse of what the future might hold for humanity. Pioneering technological breakthroughs have truly changed lives. For some people, particularly those with disabilities, recent advances have crossed the realms of the purely imaginable, and reached a place of possibility. People with paraplegia can walk again, those who are hearing impaired can listen to even the faintest sounds, and some people with missing limbs can create beautiful works of art. This phenomenal book is a celebration of all that has been achieved so far, and a look at what might be possible in the near future. Is it inevitable that technology will surpass biology? From cochlear implants and pacemakers, to bionic arms and legs, this empowering book also features spotlights on pioneers including Paralympians Richard Whitehead and Blake Leeper, and the world's first 'cyborg' Neil Harbisson

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

Date	Event	Year Group
Sunday 10th March	Mother's Day	
Monday 11th - Friday 15th March	Science Week	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