

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely week. Despite the rather soggy weather we've had, it certainly hasn't *dampened* the wonderful learning happening across the school. Our pupils have continued to work hard, proving that even the rain can't wash away their enthusiasm for learning.

### **Attendance**

Please see below the class-by-class attendance break down for the week 12.01.26 to 16.01.26 (last week). Highlighted are all of the classes that have achieved 95% or more during that week. Well done 4-Lewis for 100%!

Nursery	81.3%
R Carle	93.6%
R Donaldson	92.4%
1 Grey	93.7%
1 Murphy	95.3%
2 Blake	97.9%
2 Rosen	93.9%
3 Cowell	95.4%
3 Rowling	89.7%
4 Lewis	100.0%
4 Morpurgo	90.0%
5 Dahl	97.4%
5 Strong	97.0%
5 Walliams	93.3%
6 Blackman	93.7%
6 Ibbotson	91.7%

### **House Cross Country Event**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January, we will be having a cross-country event. Children will sign up to participate in this and will bring home a sign-up slip if they choose to join in.

### **Nursery**

The nursery children have been learning about transport this half term. As part of this, they got to see a motorbike up close this week. Thanks so much to Maisie-Ruth's mum for bringing this in and showing the children.

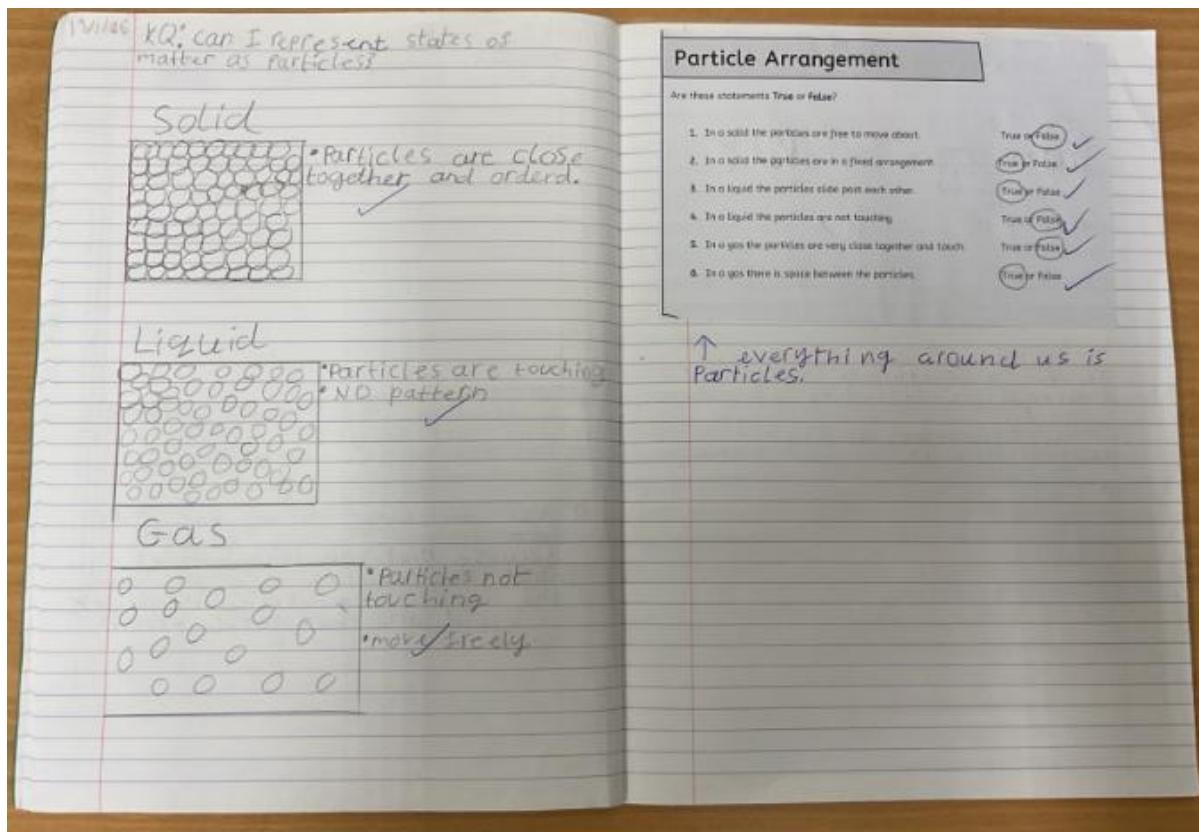


### Work Spotlight – Year 4 and Reception

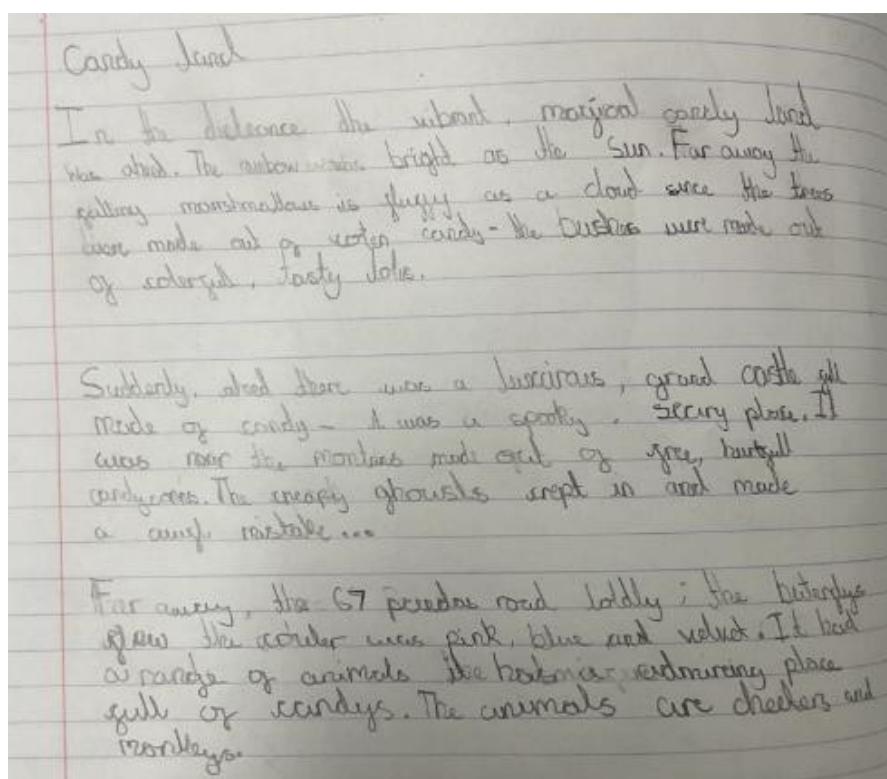
Year 4s have been learning about different types of linkages in Design Tech, in connection with their topic of Pulleys, Linkages, and Cams.



In science, year 4 have been learning about the states of matter and processes causing each change of state.



In writing, year 4 have been uplevelling their sentences with a range of punctuation and conjunctions.



In Reception, long periods of our day are spent engaging in uninterrupted play. This allows the children to practise the skills being taught to them, come up with their own ideas and show off their imagination and creativity. This week we spotted lots of lovely examples of writing, drawing and painting happening during this time.

1. Rumaysa drew a picture of her family. "I draw my Mum, my dad, me, my sisters and my brothers."
2. Isla-Mae created her own wanted poster to help us to catch the Evil Pea. She sounded out the word 'wanted' to write at the top.
3. Aira drew a picture and wrote her first, middle and last name. "This a big happy face. Here are 2 hearts. I was in my mummy's tummy."
4. Liyana spent over 20 minutes working on her picture. "This is a unicorn and it even has Zoe. She is holding a love heart balloon."
5. Paulina chose to use paints to infill a picture of a Super Vegetable. She worked hard to stay within the lines and used a range of colours that she mixed herself.



## Key Dates Coming Up:

Date	Event
Thursday 29th January	14.50: Year 4 class assembly
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	House Cross Country event
Friday 6th February	Reception 'Royal Banquet' Day
Tuesday 10th February	09.00: Year 1 Phonics Parent Talk 14.15: Safer Internet Day Parent Cafe
Thursday 12th February	Reception Chinese New Year Parade 14.50: Year 2 class assembly
Friday 13th February	Last day of the half term (finish at 14.30 as usual).
Monday 23rd February	Children return to school from the half term break

## Reminders:

### Parent Evenings

The dates for the next parent evenings this term have been confirmed and will take place on **Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March** between **3.40pm and 6.30pm**. More information will come soon, but I wanted to ensure you had the dates in good time.

### Spring Term Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will begin again soon. Please see the timetable below for the Spring Term. They start at 2.50pm and finish at 3.15pm on the designated day (always a Thursday). If you can make it, please come along.

Thursday 29th January	Year 4 (both classes)
Thursday 12th February	Year 2 (both classes)
Thursday 5th March	Year 5 (5 Walliams & 5 Strong)
Thursday 26th March	Year 3 (both classes)

### Safer Internet Day – Parent Workshop

This term we are excited to hold a parent workshop linked to the importance of online safety. We will explore how parents can protect children online, the different parental settings on devices and give tips and tricks. This will be held on **Tuesday 10th February between 2:15pm and 3:15pm**. Please fill in the form to register your place: [Safer internet day - Parent Cafe](#)

## **Year 1 Phonics – Parent Workshop**

We would like to invite you to a Year 1 parent workshop to share information with you about phonics and early reading. Please join us to find out how you can support your child at home and prepare them for the Phonics Screening Check which is coming up in June 2026 for all Year 1 children. This will take place on **Tuesday 10th February at 9am** in the large hall (go through the carpark to the gates on the right-hand side). In the session, we will give you more information about the Phonics Screening Check as well as modelling how we teach phonics in Year 1 live. No need to register, please turn up on the day.

## **Parent Shout Outs**

If your child's teacher or another member of staff has gone above and beyond, I would love to hear from you. Please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/6r5w1yxP8F>

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr J Parkhouse  
Headteacher