

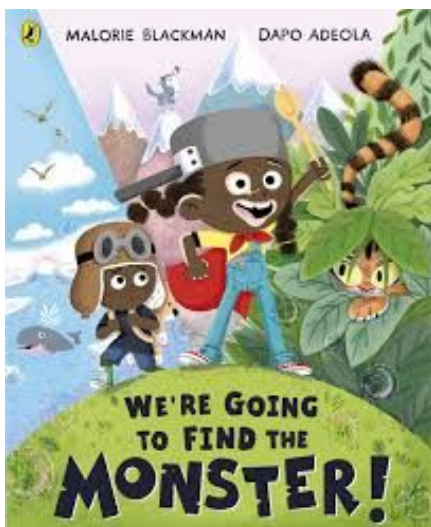
Peek at the Week



Malorie Blackman and Fireworks

This week the whole school has been learning about Malorie Blackman. She is a children's author who was inspired to write from a young age after spending time at her local library. She wanted to ensure that a diverse range of people were represented in children's books, which is something we strive for at Dorchester all the time. We read the book 'We're off to Find a Monster' and learnt some challenging vocabulary which is represented in the book, such as, shimmering, crept, huge, fearsome and bubbly. This book will feature as one of our 3-a-day books later in the year, when we will study it further.

We also talked about how to be safe when around fireworks and bonfires and the children were able to offer good ways to keep safe. We learnt the history of Fireworks night and why we celebrate it.



Phonics Workshop

Thank you to the parents who came to the phonics workshop. We hope you found it useful. We will send the slides home shortly so that everyone can see them.

Meanwhile, you can access the parents pages of Little Wandle (our phonics scheme), at:

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

There you will find how to pronounce the sounds we are learning, the order of the sounds we are learning and the rhymes we recite as the children write their sounds. Please do have a look.



Forest School



The children will have Forest School sessions on a Thursday morning v
Riad. The classes will go every other week. We are looking for parents who would be available to support us with these sessions either weekly or on a rota basis. If you think you can help please contact your class teacher (see email addresses below).

Forest School timetable:

November

13th - Bronze

20th - Silver

27th - Bronze

December

4th - Silver

11th - Bronze

18th - Silver

Thank you to all the parents who have helped at Forest School. The children are loving having parents come to help. We can always take more!

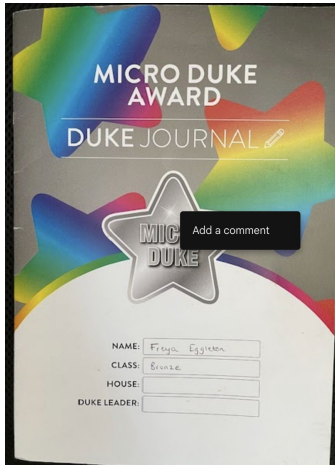


Next week, we will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week and learning some new and singing some familiar Nursery Rhymes. On Friday 14th November, the children are invited to come to school, dressed as any Nursery Rhyme Character.

Dip and Do

Please make sure your child knows which character they are dressed as and can sing or say the rhyme





If you signed up your child for Micro Duke, then your child will have brought home their Micro Duke booklets this week. The information about how to complete the tasks is in the booklet. We hope you enjoy doing the tasks with your child.

Children in previous years have found the tasks to be fulfilling, helping to build independence and resilience. When the children complete the tasks, their class teacher will sign them off, and the children can talk to their class about what they did to complete the task.

If Micro Duke interests you but you did not sign up with the school, it is not too late. You can still sign up on the website: <https://juniorduke.com/pages/getting-started>

And click on:

I AM A PARENT, CARER OR HOME SCHOOL

If you are Independent Learner, a parent or carer of a child in the UK, who is not at a school taking part in the Junior Duke Award, or you have missed your school's order deadline - this is the option for you to click



The Main website for the awards is:

<https://juniorduke.com/>

Reception Parent/Carer Events 2025-26



September

Welcome to Reception
Tuesday 25th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class to
Bronze Class)

October

Early Birds: Fine Motor
Activities
Tuesday 1st
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms.

November

Phonics Workshop
Thursday 6th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

December

EYFS Nativity
Tuesday 16th
9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 17th
2:15-3:15pm
Main Hall

January

Maths Workshop
Thursday 22nd
January
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

February

Live Maths Meeting
Thursday 12th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms.

March

Early Birds: Maths
Wednesday 18th
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

April

Live Phonics
Wednesday 22nd
8:45-9:30am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

May

Family Reading
Celebration
Friday 8th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

June

Bronze Class
Assembly
Friday 19th
9:00-9:30am
Main Hall

July

Silver Class Assembly
Friday 3rd
9:00-9:30am
Main Hall

Early Bird: Summer Holiday
Activities
Friday 10th
8:30-9:15am

August

SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

The Christmas Nativity

It's that time of year again! We are sorting out the parts for our Christmas Nativity. Please see 'Important Dates', below, to see when it is.

On Monday we will send home a letter which will tell you what part your child has and give you any lines that they may need to learn. Please help them to learn their lines so they feel confident.

We will also tell you what costume they will need, We keep costumes simple, so please do not feel you need to spend a lot of money on buying something new. We are getting excited now!



Important dates

Individual photos - Tues 11th and Wed 12th November

Nursery Rhyme Dress Up Day - Friday 14th November

FODS Christmas Fair - Saturday 29th November -

Donkey Visit - Friday 12th December

EYFS Nativity (In the Main Hall)-

Tuesday 16th December- 9:30am

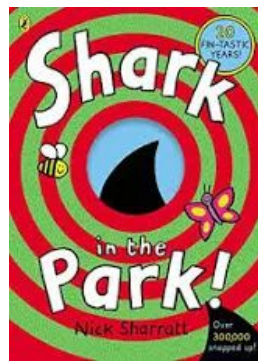
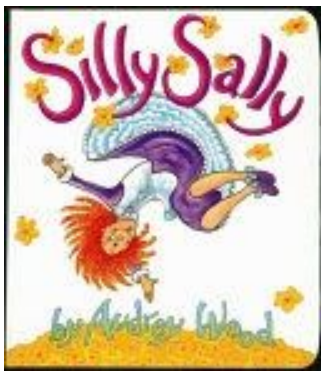
Wednesday 17th December- 2:15pm

Last Day Autumn 2 - Friday 19th December

3-a-day Stories

Every half term we focus on three stories which the children learn to recite with us at key points. The stories introduce various story elements such as, repetition and rhyme as well as helping them to learn to tell a story in the correct order.

Next half term we are reading : Silly Sally by Audrey Wood, Shark in the Park by Rod Campbell and We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen.



School Dinner Menu

The school dinner menu can be found on the school website at:

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=School+Lunch&pid=114>

Contact emails

If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

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Mrs Tammy Rich- Bronze Class trich18@suttonmail.org

Please share these photos with your child as a prompt to talk about this week's activities.



One of the mathematical concepts we have been learning is *subitising*. Subitising is the ability to recognise how many items are in a small group without having to count them. Children are becoming more confident at recognising patterns and identifying quantities instantly.

What can you see?
How do you see it?



We had so much fun doing leaf printing and seeing the different shapes and sizes of the leaves.





As we were learning all about Bonfire Night, we had a lot of fun printing using toilet roll tubes, and with scissors we made snips to create the shape of a firework – it did get messy!







Using pots and pans, we transferred soil into troughs so we can start growing vegetables soon. This activity also helped us to strengthen our gross motor skills.

