

# Capel-Le-Ferne Primary School

NEWSLETTER: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

*'Learning today for life tomorrow'*



RESPECT

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CREATIVITY

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a busy but fun week in school, with lots of learning and great effort from the children. Thank you for your continued support, and we're really looking forward to hopefully seeing some of you at our quiz this evening, it should be a lovely way to end the week!

A reminder we have our informal **Safer Internet Coffee Morning, this Tuesday 10th February at 8:45am** in the school library. This will be a relaxed opportunity to chat about online safety (including AI), as well as the challenges and opportunities the internet brings. There won't be a presentation, just open discussion and shared ideas about how we can support pupils and families in navigating the online world. This event will take place on **Safer Internet Day**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Anthony Richards,  
Headteacher

### Reception: Honeybees

**Thea**- For a fantastic story map of The Billy Goats Gruff.

**Tobyn**- For a brilliant retelling of The Billy Goats Gruff and challenging himself in his writing.

### Year 1: Turtles

**Austin**- For super work in reading and phonics.

**Isla**- For fantastic oracy skills in maths.

### Year 2: Parrots

**Harley** – for his fantastic efforts improving his handwriting this week.

**Jaxon** – for his brilliant reading this week.

### Year 3: Dolphins

**Frankie**- for her amazing confidence in measuring in Maths this week.

**Sophie**- for her super historical investigations of artefacts.

### Year 4: Leopards

**Tobiah** – An excellent understanding of circuits and how they work.

**Esmee** – Amazing determination when multiplying 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers.

### Year 5: Rhinos

**Elsie** for good engagement in performance poetry.

**Ethan** great effort and determination working with fractions.

### NATIONAL STORYTELLING WEEK

As part of 'National Storytelling Week', Years 1 and 2 enjoyed a classroom storytelling project with author and musician **Annemarie Anang!**



'National Storytelling Week' celebrates the power of stories through oral storytelling, reading and writing for pleasure. Through an interactive workshop led by Annemarie Anang, we explored her picture book **'I Am Nefertiti'** and took part in a range of musical, interactive activities to develop our storytelling and creative writing skills in our classroom.

It was LOTS of fun and we can't wait to use what we have learned in future writing topics! 😊



### HOME READING BOOKS TO RETURN

Do you have any of our home reading books at home?

We have found that lots of home reading books are not being returned for other children to enjoy. If you do have any at home (they will be stamped inside with Capel le Ferne Primary School), we would be so grateful if they could be returned to school asap.

Thank you in advance for your help,  
Mrs Howard 😊

### **WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 5TH MARCH 2026.**

We are proud to say that we will once again be taking part in World Book Day! Here at Capel-le-Ferne Primary School we understand and value the importance of reading and all that it has to offer. World Book Day is a chance for us to enjoy reading, try story-telling and embrace our imaginations with fun activities based around fantastic stories and books from all kinds of genres.

**All children are invited to dress up for the day as their favourite story book character.** Please do not feel that you need to spend lots of money on this e.g. a simple dress and hair bow will portray Roald Dahl's 'Matilda' just fine. We look forward to seeing your costumes and hearing about your favourite stories!

We are raising money to further improve our library in school, so **we are kindly asking for a donation of £1** to take part in our day of reading fun.

We are very excited to say that the children will also experience a visit from a real author - **Paul Robinson!!**

Paul shares that he '*worked as an educational adviser for children with special needs for many years, before beginning to write books for children. His first character was a differently abled girl called Charlotte Holmes, the first profoundly deaf teenage detective (great-great granddaughter of the great Sherlock). She solves crimes, and constantly puts her autistic friend - Joanne Watson - into terrible danger as a result! After five books, the girls are still together and still catching crooks!*'



Paul will be meeting with Years 3 and 4 and will tell the pupils a bit about himself and his books, take any questions, followed by readings from the books and a book sale at the end of the day (as parents/carers collect). He will also be available to sign the books purchased! How exciting! Every child will also receive a National Book Token. This can be exchanged for a £1 book from a wide selection including; 'Peppa Pig - One Big Family', 'The Big Bang!', 'Factopia!', 'Bear Rescue' and 'Chaos at the Chocolate Factory'.

We are very much looking forward to a day full of reading fun!

Mrs Howard

Please note; Due to a planned class trip, **Honeybees Class** children are invited to dress up and celebrate reading on **Wednesday 4th March** instead.

Thank you.

Mrs Howard 😊

### **WILDLIFE POND**

Do you, or someone you know, have experience with small wildlife ponds and a little spare time to support our school? We have recently installed new class benches in our pond area so that children can enjoy even more outdoor learning opportunities. To make the most of this space, our pond now needs a bit of attention to get it back to its best and to encourage more wildlife into the area. We would be incredibly grateful for any advice, practical help, or volunteer time from anyone with pond or wildlife experience who would be willing to support us. If you're able to help or would like more information, please do get in touch. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Mrs Kearns



### **Year 6: Tigers**

**Olivia B** – for writing an excellent, high quality paragraph for her Non-Chronological Report.

**Mia** – writing an excellent report on World War Two.



### ORACY AT HOME

To encourage oracy at home and in school we have launched an 'oracy at home' feature which includes a topic for discussion at home and at school with some ideas for questioning and discussion. This week's topic is-

**If you could be any animal what would it be and why?**

#### **Things to talk about at home**

- What would be the benefits of being that animal? What would be the disadvantages? Ask others at home what animal they would like to be and why.
- What would you hope to achieve with your superpower? What impact would it have on others? What do others at home think?

Happy chatting!

Mrs Mclatchie ☺



### OUTDOOR LEARNING

This week the Rhinos have been outdoor learning with their buddies. They supported each other to develop their drawing skills, learning to show accuracy and care when sketching what they observe. They followed these steps:

1. Look carefully at your object.
2. Talk about what you notice with your buddy.
3. Practise drawing in the air using your finger to plan the shape and key lines.
4. Now draw! Take your time and add detail.



It was lovely to see children supporting one another, sharing ideas and growing in confidence as they created their drawings outdoors.

### WELLBEING WEEK



We are pleased to let parents know that, following the success of Wellbeing Week in recent years in the May half term, we will now be introducing wellbeing sessions during the last week of each term, usually on the Friday. These sessions will support children and may include activities such as mindfulness and calming exercises, gentle movement and yoga, and opportunities to talk about feelings and friendships. Our wellbeing sessions aim to support children's emotional health, build confidence and resilience, and help them develop positive relationships. Focusing on wellbeing is an important part of helping our children feel happy, secure, and ready to learn.



### **TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS: Online Safety – Let's Talk About It!**

This week we are recapping scams. Online scammers sometimes try to trick children into sharing personal information. Teach your child to spot suspicious messages, emails, or pop-ups asking for personal details. Explain that if something feels strange or too good to be true, they should stop and tell a trusted adult. Encourage your child to never click on unknown links or download files from unverified sources, as these can compromise their privacy and security.



**MFL-LANGUAGE OF THE WEEK.**

As a school we are looking to increase language opportunities for the children in our school. To encourage this we will be having a ‘language of the week’ that all classes will be taught on a Monday. At this stage, the children will be taught ‘Hello’ or ‘Good Morning’ and ‘please’ in the week’s chosen language so they are able to use this to answer the register and in assemblies. Each week we will let you know what language we have covered so you can talk about this with your children at home and hopefully prompt them to recall the new vocabulary. This week’s language is **German** so children have been taught ‘**Guten Tag**’ (Good Day) and ‘**bitte**’ (please).

We hope you enjoy exploring the languages of the world with us.

Mrs Mclatchie ☺

**TIME TO CELEBRATE A SUPER ACHIEVEMENT!**

We are really proud to share with you that William was shortlisted in the BBC’s 500 Words Challenge!

Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves in 500 words or less. The stories are then judged on characterisation, plot, originality, language, and enjoyment.

There were tens of thousands of entries and only 5,000 got to go through to round two – William was one of those!

William’s entry was a beautifully written piece entitled ‘Dragon Warren and the Battle of Varanidae’.

Well done William – we are so proud of your achievement and we can’t wait to read future published works. Remember to send us a signed copy of your first novel! ☺



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY-**

- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February- PFA Quiz Night
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February- Parents’ Evening
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February- Year 4 Parents’ Evening
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March- World Book Day (Honeybees Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March)
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April- Last Day of Term
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April- First Day of Term 4

**Honours List: Celebrating children who have shown our school values this week**

Honeybees	Turtles	Parrots	Dolphins	Leopards	Rhinos	Tigers
Ronnie	Percy	Gabriel	Mia	Oliver	Lily	Nancy
Ron	Henry	Axl	Grace	Florence	William	Iris

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