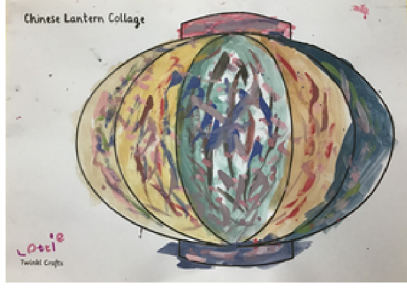




Work around school

EYFS

Mulberry have been finding out about Chinese New Year. They made and painted some lovely lanterns and after reading a fact book, completed their own writing about it.



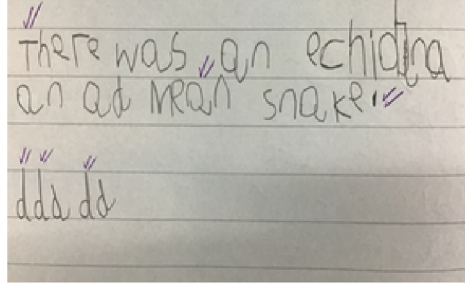
Years 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 have been finding out about animals living in African countries. They wrote their own non-fiction reports about them and created some poetry, which has also been beautifully illustrated.



Years 1 and 2

KS1 have recounted the Australian indigenous folk tale of The Tiddalik. They wrote their own versions of the story, after sequencing the pictures.



Years 5 and 6

Year 5 and 6 have started investigating the reproductive cycle of plants. They drew some very careful and detailed diagrams of all the parts.



SCS Clubs

As many of you will be aware, Gymnastics club delivered by SCS is oversubscribed. We are aware that some children have been able to book on for two consecutive terms while others have not been able to book on at all.

Unfortunately, this is not something the school arrange. However, having spoken with SCS, they have suggested that from next term they will open the bookings a few days earlier to everyone who is on the waiting list. This will then give them early access to secure their space. After the a couple of days they will then open it up to the whole school.

RSPB Big School Birdwatch

On Friday 26th January Dr Gardner's Science Club took part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch. Two groups went to Forest School and quietly watched for birds each for 30 minutes. In our hour we counted a wide range of birds including blackbirds, sparrow, blue tits, woodpigeons, seagulls and starlings. The most common bird we saw was the blackbird (42) and a total of 174 birds were counted during the hour. We sent off our results and had much higher bird counts than most gardens.

Dr Gardner

FOSP Update

Thanks to everyone who brought their textiles recycling , we raised over £250 from Bag2School!

Our popular Mother's Day stall will be back in March on the 1st, 7th and 8th. We need at least 5 volunteers to help with each date - this involves helping the children to pick their gifts and wrapping them. The cut off date to pay for gifts will be online on Thursday 7th March at 5pm. You can also fill in a slip and send money in with your child before then. Please note that every time we run this stall, we do have parents ask after if they can pay the cut off date. This can sometimes mean the children don't get to visit the stall. We would ask everyone to try and pay as soon as possible to avoid any children missing out! If you'd like to sign up to volunteer, please visit this link: <https://volunteersignup.org/JTJYC>

Our spring disco is taking place on 1st March and we still have a number of gaps to fill on our volunteering list. The November disco was fantastic and we raised slightly more than usual and this was partly down to having more volunteers to sell tuck! If you can spare an hour for either of the discos, please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/79E7W>

With all volunteering opportunities you can earn credits that you can swap for perks in the future such as first pick of seats at performances or queue jumping at sports day. We know not everyone has the time to help volunteer at events but there will be chances to help in the preparation for these or with other activities and we will be publicising these as and when they're available. This means if you work or have small children at home, you can still help out and earn some volunteering credits!

Chair of FOSP - Kerrie Brinkley-Whittington

School dates

newly added items are highlighted in yellow

February

13th - 3.30-5.30pm 14th - 4.00-7.00pm	Parent Consultation evening
16th - 2.45pm	Pine class assembly
19th-23rd	HALF TERM
26th	Return to school
28th	Science Day

March

1st	FOSP School Disco
7th	World Book Day
8th - 2.45pm	Cherry class assembly
13th	History Day - linked to Internation Women's Day - 8th March
15th	World Sleep Day
19th	iRock Concert - children who attend iRocks will be invited directly by the iRock team
22nd	Maths Day
25th	National Skipping Day
26th/27th	Y3/4 Production
29th	BANK HOLIDAY

April

1st - 12th	EASTER HOLIDAY
15th	Non-Pupil Day
16th	Return to school