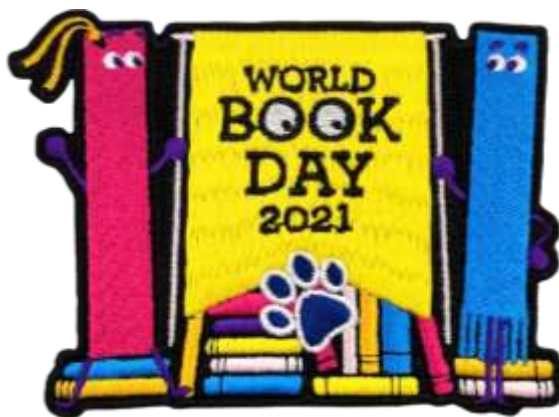




25 February 2021

Dear Parents,

We are rejoicing that everyone will be back in school on 8 March. Thank you all for your tremendous remote learning efforts. I wonder if some of you are now considering a career change? The teaching profession is always looking for eager recruits! Our wonderful staff team has worked tirelessly to provide exciting, engaging remote learning, but we are delighted that we will be having face to face interactions in person, from 8 March.



**World Book Day - Thursday 4 March**

Although we cannot mark this occasion with our usual Dolphin Book Sale and other special 'in person' events, there are a few things we can enjoy as part of World Book Day!

- **Dress up** as your favourite book character - there will be an opportunity to share your costume and character with your teacher and classmates virtually.
- **LIVE Events** - Go to <https://www.worldbookday.com/events/> and choose from:
  1. Wednesday 3 March, 10.30am – **Books that Make you LOL!**  
Starring: Humza Arshad, Alex Bellos & Ben Lyttleton (Football School), Jonny Duddle and Zanib Mian  
Hosted by Kenny Baraka, motivational speaker

2. Thursday 4 March, 10.30am – **World Book Day special – Bringing Reading to Life**

Starring: Joseph Coelho & Fiona Lumbers, Tom Fletcher and Lydia Monks and special guest Rob Biddulph

Hosted by Nigel Clarke, TV presenter

3. Friday 5 March, 10.30am – **Books and the Real World**

Starring: Sita Brahmachari, Jess French and Katherine Rundell

Hosted by Jessie Cave, actor and podcaster

*\*All of the above events are roughly 30 minutes long and can be watched after the live event on the World Book Day YouTube Channel.*

- Visit the World Book Day **Author and Illustrator Academy** <https://www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/> (your teachers might be using some of these fabulous resources in your lessons that day).
- Redeem your **£1 Book Token** up until Sunday 28 March. Please find a printable copy attached.

### **Information for Spring Term Clubs**

Please find attached information regarding the Spring Term clubs. You will find all the details you will need to book directly with the individual clubs for the last 3 weeks of the Spring Term.

### **Safeguarding**

For information, please note that as a school we are part of Wandsworth's Encompass initiative. This means that we are contacted by the police if there are reports of domestic violence concerning any of our families.

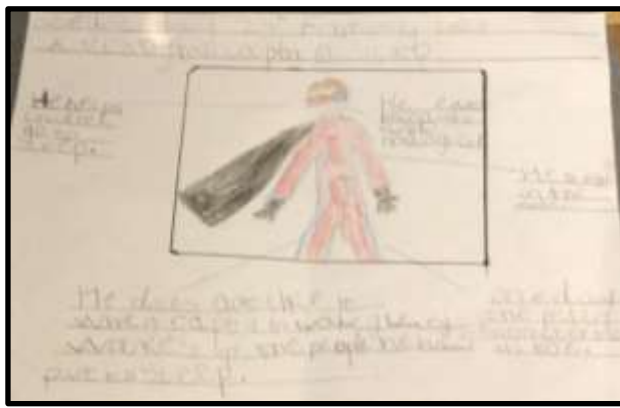
We always work supportively with outside agencies such as Social Services and the police, to help any of our children or families in need, if such circumstances arise.

## Reception Diamonds - A Visit from Captain Sleep

We were very honoured to have the famous superhero, Captain Sleep, visit us on a Live Meet on Wednesday. We were able to find out lots about his superhero lifestyle (including his favourite ice cream flavour - sherbert and bubble gum). Without giving too much away, we also discovered that he has a sleep whistle and sleep string and that his arch enemy, Captain Wakey-Wakey (whom he is trying to get along with) keeps waking up the people he sends to sleep!

After honing our questioning skills, we turned to our drawing and writing superpowers and drew labelled diagrams of Captain Sleep. Thank you Captain Sleep for visiting us!





### Year 3 Rubies

The year 3 Rubies thrilled me with their spectacular rhyming moon poetry this week. The children have been carefully considering their rhyming schemes and I am sure you will agree, they have done a very impressive job with this. Here is a selection of our wonderful poems, which are bound to have you appreciating the beauty of the moon in the night sky. Sit back and enjoy!

The Moon  
 The moon shines to the ground  
 lighting up everything around.  
 The moon is so far away,  
 I wish it was here to stay.  
 The moon gets round and round the  
 earth,  
 every morning it gives a new  
 birth.  
 The moon wakes and goes so soon  
 I wish I could visit the moon.

The Moon  
 Oh beautiful moon shining so bright  
 Piercing the darkness with your beautiful light  
 Hanging there, oh so high  
 Punching through the inky black sky  
 You get your glare from the mighty sun  
 But you the only one  
 You are not the only moon  
 Cause theres more than you could by moon

Shiny Moon  
 Oh Moon you are so bright  
 You shine like the light  
 Oh beautiful moon  
 You shine like a spoon.  
 Bright shiny moon  
 I can see you from my room  
 You follow me day and night  
 You always shine so bright

The Moon  
 As I go staking through the night  
 The moon throws out a lustrous light  
 Not sharp but bending gently  
 Not the same as in the day  
 Then I hear a rustling sound  
 Not loud but quite close to the ground  
 I go there, scared what might become  
 But it's Walnut, he's my doggy chum!



## My Moon poem

Once I looked up at the glittering moon,  
It shined through my window in my room.  
It seemed like a pearl in the deep ocean blue,  
Looked so close, but far away from you.

The stars were blistering in the darkest night,  
But not as warm as the morning light.  
Everything dark, everything grey,  
Except the brightness of the moonlight's ray.

## The Moon

Oh beautiful moon  
Shiny as a spoon  
Oh you are so bright  
The moon is so light

If you were mine  
I'd write a sign  
The sign I'd write  
In the slow night

"You smell like socks  
But in a box  
From time to time  
You smell like lime"

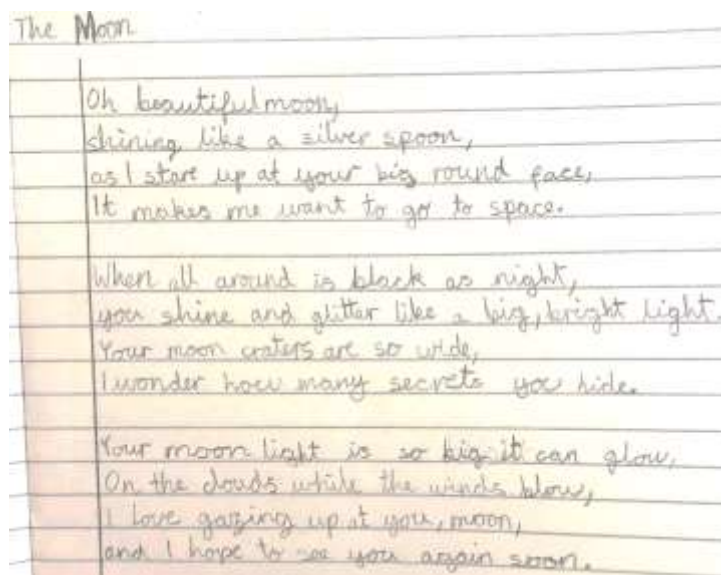
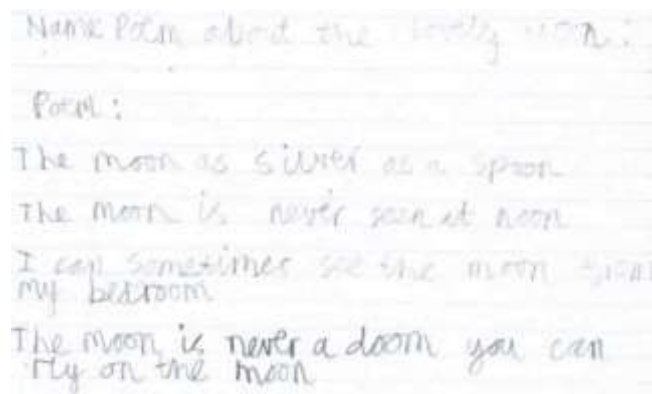
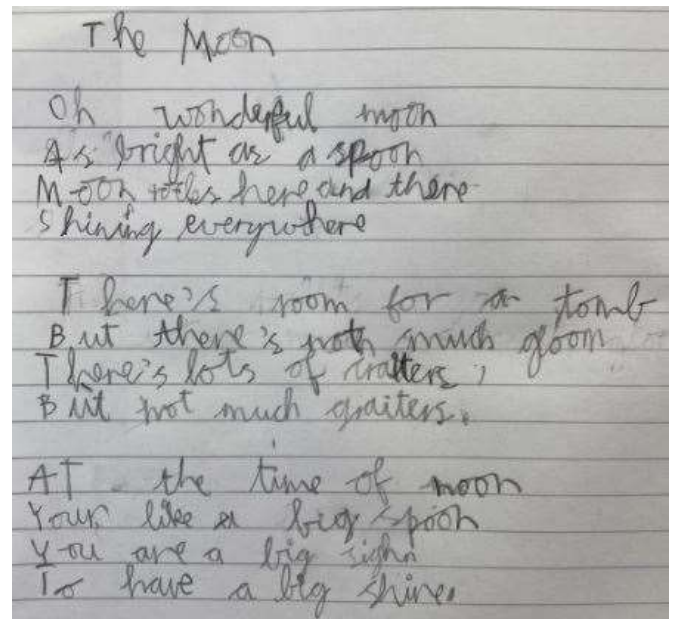
Let church bells chime  
To prevent crime  
And keep the moon  
Away from noon

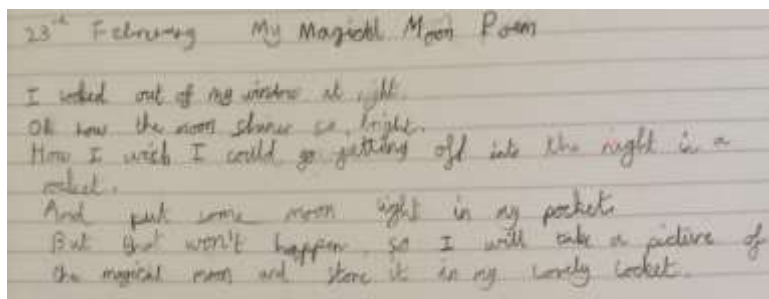
## A moon sight

I hopped out of bed,  
And stared at the sky,  
But what I saw there,  
Made me feel shy,

Why staring at me,  
Was a shiny moon sight,  
So, so wondrous,  
I could stand there all night

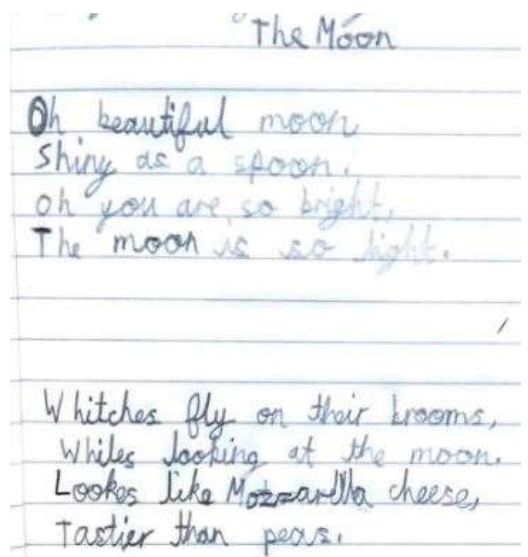
Why, in such plain sight,  
Stood a masterpiece,  
Of silvery light.





### My Moon Poem

Oh beautiful moon,  
Floating in the sky,  
Like a gloomy tomb  
For the man that can't fly.



### Aquamarines World War I Day

On Monday 22 February Year 6 embarked upon WWI Day to consolidate their History topic and learning this term. Here is the day in their own words and pictures.

#### **A synopsis of the day...**

- ❖ Yesterday I was a different person. I could not believe that the people who had risked their lives for the war effort had to survive with a few biscuits and SPAM!
- ❖ The essence of World War 1 Day still lingers and the thoughts of poppies swaying on the battlefields stay with me.
- ❖ World War 1 day really brought what we were learning to life. As I sat and remembered those who lost their lives so that we could live in peace, I wondered what life would be like now if soldiers hadn't stood up to the enemy.
- ❖ World War 1 day was a fun and informative day with plenty of activities to do.

#### **World War I dinner....**



- ❖ From the looks of the spam, I thought it would taste disgusting, but when it was cooked it actually tasted amazing (in my opinion).
- ❖ In my opinion I would have totally hated having to eat that every day, but if it was all we had, then I would have had to just live with it.
- ❖ When I made the World War 1 lunch, I realised how little the soldiers had to eat and yet they had to fight every day. I also thought how horrible SPAM was.



## ***Bivouac making:***



- ❖ The building of the shelter was fun to do: being creative and figuring out what goes where. Mine was very comfortable because I added blankets and pillows but in an army trench it would not have been that way. I don't think I would have been able to put up with it.
- ❖ I enjoyed lying under the tarpaulin but only because we lay on a picnic rug .If I had been a soldier it would be much colder and muddy. I wouldn't have liked to sleep in the bivouac because it was very draughty.

## ***Marching:***



- ❖ I don't at all think that I could march like that with a straight back, in line, and in time for fifteen miles a day, as I would get really tired and want to fidget about, not doing these walks again and again.
- ❖ When I went outside to march around the garden I pictured myself in a vast and muddy field, drenched in water and with a surprise enemy attack, bullets scattering down on me like a deadly shower of rain.
- ❖ Striding up and down hills and flats made me feel like I was necessary in important events. Marching is harder than walking normally, it strengthens concentration but tires me out much faster.
- ❖ When I was marching I felt more important, but I only went a few laps of my garden and I could not have gone for 15 miles a day.

### ***Dressing up***



- ❖ It was really fun pretending to be a land girl but I know they would've had to work really hard for ages.

### ***Remembrance***







- ❖ I now have a different view of WW1 than I did before because I learnt so much from it. So many men were persuaded to join the army and then boom their life was taken away. A lot of families lost a member. I have experienced this and know it is awful.
- ❖ Another thing that I enjoyed was recreating Flanders Field. I did this by making a poppy and 'planting' it in my garden. I felt like this was more effective than just doing a two minutes silence because you could really have the peace and time to think about the consequences of war and the people that sacrificed their lives for us.
- ❖ Making the poppy made me feel emotional because it made me feel sorry for all the soldiers who risked their lives for their country.

### ***Going over the top***



- ❖ The most memorable experience from WW1 day was getting together with my friends to go 'over the top'. I enjoyed the variety of different activities but this stood out to me because it reminded me of how young some of the soldiers that fought were and that friendships and bonds played a massive part in WW1.
- ❖ It was a very nerve wracking experience as the whistle blew and we were required to charge over the steep hill into No Man's land. It would have been even more worrying if it could have been our last time doing it and that *our own* officers might shoot us in the back. The soldiers must have been petrified.
- ❖ The trepidation must have been immense for the soldiers on their ladders waiting for the whistle to blow, because I even felt anticipation going through me as I waited for my mum to blow the plastic pink whistle I had found at the bottom of my cupboard.

Not long now, until we are all back in school!

With best wishes for your continued good health and good spirits.

Yours sincerely

*N. S. Baldwin*

**Mrs N S Baldwin**  
**Principal**