

Learning to read is one of the most important things your child will do as part of their early education. It is **vital that reading is taught consistently** and that the **same approach** is used in **all year groups**. The DfE have also said that all schools must use a **fully systematic synthetics** phonics programme approved by them. This is why we have moved to **Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS)** as our phonics programme across the school.

Parents often report that they are not sure how to pronounce sounds correctly, often because they were taught very differently. However, ELS have made two videos which you can watch at your leisure and will guide you through how we say the sounds. They can be found with these two links:

<https://vimeo.com/642342878/641445921>
<https://vimeo.com/642342878/59d233684c>

I will share more details about ELS next week. In the meantime I wanted you to know that we are also changing over our home reading books to ensure they match the phonics your child has learnt (a DfE requirement) which will replace our current book band scheme. However our new books have not arrived yet. We are hoping to be able to swap them over to the new books as soon as they arrive! Mrs McConnell

Who's who?

Katherine Playworker at Explorers



Hello, I am Katherine and I have been at Explorers after school club on a Wednesday for 4 years. Before then, I worked at the school club when it was called Cocos. I love seeing the children each week and we have great fun doing lots of different activities. I currently work in a Nursery in Cranleigh and I find that working with children is something I do really well. My hobbies are going out with family and friends. I also enjoy baking cakes, shopping and I really enjoy doing different types of craft. My family rescued a dog called Maggie a few years ago, which I walk every day.

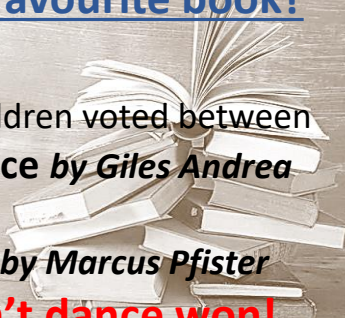
What's your favourite book?

The Winner is

This week the children voted between
Giraffes Can't Dance by *Giles Andrea*
and

The Rainbow Fish by *Marcus Pfister*

Giraffes Can't dance won!



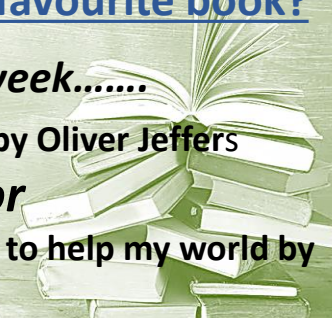
What's your favourite book?

Coming next week.....

What we'll build by *Oliver Jeffers*

or

10 things I can do to help my world by
Melanie Walsh



Spring Term 2022**February**

Tues 1 st	Cherry Class Ewhurst History Walk
Thurs 3 rd	Cherry class at Sayers Croft
Mon 7 th	Safer Internet Day
Mon 7 th	Holly and Cherry class drop ins
Thurs 10 th	Holly class Forest Schools
Fri 11 th	Apple class drop ins
Mon 14 th	HALF TERM
Mon 21 st	Everyone back to school
Thurs 24 th	Cherry class at Sayers Croft
Fri 25 th	Drop ins all classes
Mon 28 th	Start of Book week

March

Thurs 3 rd	Holly class Forest Schools
Mon 7 th	Holly and Cherry class drop ins
Tues 8 th	Apple class Parent consultation
Tues 8 th	Cherry class Parent consultation
Tues 8 th	Holly class Parent consultation
Wed 9 th	Apple class Parent consultation
Thurs 10 th	Holly class Parent consultation
Thurs 10 th	Cherry class Parent consultation
Wed 9 th	Holly class trip to Haslemere Museum
Thurs 10 th	Cherry class at Sayers Croft
Fri 11 th	Apple class drop ins
Wed 16 th	Apple class trip to Amberley museum
Thurs 17 th	Holly class Forest Schools
Fri 18 th	Red nose day – Mufti day
Fri 25 th	Drop ins all classes
Fri 25 th	Apple class Mothers day afternoon tea assembly @2.30pm

April

Fri 1 st	End of term finish at 1.30pm
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Summer Term 2022**April**

Tues 19 th	Everyone back to school
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May

Fri 27 th	End of half term, finish at 3pm
Mon 29 th	HALF TERM

June

Mon 6 th	INSET DAY
Tues 7 th	Children back to school

Parent Help

A huge thank you to those parents who helped with our science day, without you this could not have happened! Thank you also to all those who have either applied for DBS or are in the process of applying to help with the upcoming trips.

Awards – 28/1/2022 Thinking scientifically**Star of the Week**

Apple	Holly	Cherry
Joss	Jasper	Ted

Headteacher's Award

Apple	Holly	Cherry
Kiera	Flora	Florence
Jack	Henry	Orlaith
Ralph	Alice	Amy

Lollipop

Unfortunately, we have had no responses from further volunteers. For the safety of our children and parents could you please you have another think about it! Thank you.

Parent consultations

Tues 8 th	Apple class 3.30 – 6.00 in person
Tues 8 th	Holly class 3.30 – 6.00 in person
Wed 9 th	Apple class 3.30 – 5.30 in person
Tues 8 th	Cherry class 3.15 – 5.15 in person
Thurs 10 th	Holly class 2.00 – 4.30 on Teams
Thurs 10 th	Cherry class 3.15 – 5.15 in person

The sign up sheets will be available in the library from Monday 10th February. Thank you

Walking along the road to school

We recommend parents walk with their children from the car park over the church yard to school and back. It is a lovely little walk and is a lot safer than walking along the road where cars and vans pass quite close and fast. Thank you.

Do you have a costume your child has outgrown and you would like to donate?

Please leave it in the library for the PTA SECOND HAND COSTUME SALE! It will come in handy for World Book Day. Thank you

Chinese New Year 1st February

Apple class will help prepare a Chinese themed lunch for the whole school to celebrate Chinese New Year!

