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Dear parents and carers,

Happy International Women's Day! The children have been learning all about some famous female pioneers and have been discussing ways in which we can #InspireInclusion. Alison Lapper, Greta Thunberg and Mary Jackson were just some of the brilliant women we were learning about. Women who have inspired millions to persevere, take risks and aspire to achieve seemingly impossible goals. We hope the learning today has also inspired our children to challenge themselves to be the best version of themselves and to achieve their hopes and dreams.

We had such a wonderful World Book Day this week! It was so lovely to see everybody dressed up as their favourite characters and everybody loved the special assemblies and author visits. The entries for the egg competition were magnificent. Congratulations to the winners who will be choosing their prizes with Claudia next week.

Our fabulous dancers from Kickstart and Unity took to the stage at the Catford Broadway Theatre as part of Live Dance 2024. They truly did Torridon proud! Thank you to everyone who went along to support them and thank to Deme for arranging for the children to take part.

Next week is assessment week and we are looking forward to seeing how much progress the children have made. They have certainly been working extremely hard this term and we can't wait to show you their learning at our upcoming open evenings. Teachers will be in touch next week to arrange appointments with you.

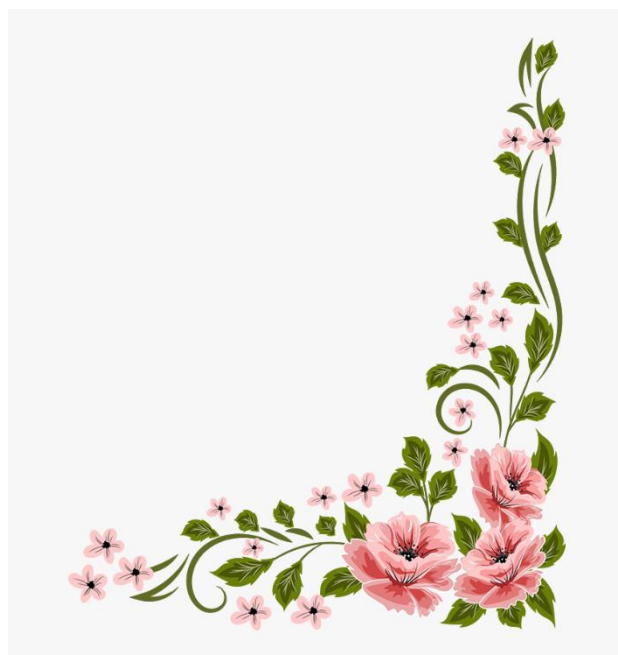
Don't forget Red Nose Day next Friday. We will be inviting children to wear something red and 'do something funny for money!' All donations received will go to Comic Relief to support the amazing work they do supporting local and national organisations.

For those of you celebrating Mothers' Day this weekend, I hope you have a lovely time.

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



Egg-cellent, Egg-stravaganza Winners

Thank you to everyone who took part in our egg-cellent, egg-stravaganza competition. We had some fantastic, entries, including Mr Twit, The Three Little Pigs and Alice in Wonderland. The entries were very creative with lots of bright coloured paint, glitter and beautiful scenery. Everyone who took part was presented with a special certificate during their celebration assemblies today.

Congratulations to our overall winners:

Izzy (6L) – First place

Canada (4S) – Second place

Joint third place – Ethan (5L) and Ilakkiya (1N)

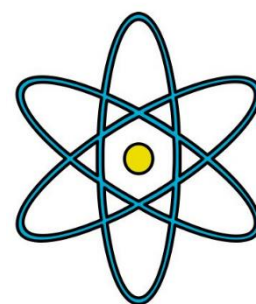
The winners will be invited to a special reading afternoon to celebrate their achievements and receive their prizes.

Well done everyone!



Calling All Scientists

Calling! Any parents or carers who work in the world of science or the environment! We are looking for people who may be interested in telling their child's year group a little bit about their job and then answering some questions about it as part of our Science Week, which is beginning on Monday 25th March. This can be done virtually or in person. Please contact admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk (FAO Lizzie) by Friday 15th March if you would like to take part.



Fundraising for Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 15th March, and we will be joining people across the nation to do something funny for money. However much you can spare, your donation will go to Comic Relief to help people facing poverty in our communities, here in the UK and around the world.

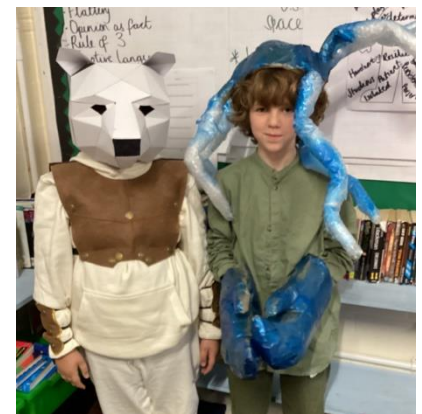
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From us and everyone at Comic Relief,

Thank you.



World Book Day





World Book Day and Author Visits

We've had a fantastic week of world book day workshops, reading activities and a special assembly.

I liked it when the man had a fossil. I liked it when they got the dinosaur balloons out. I liked it when he looked inside his bag but the table kept falling down! I liked the book. It was really funny. – Uma, Maya, Buddy, Cameron – Reception

I thought it was the best workshop I have seen! The fact that he stayed in character for all the questions was amazing! I was blown away by the magic tricks! - Yasir 5L.

It was really interesting. It even made me purchase one of the author's books in the book fair which had beautiful illustrations. Also, I am a person for magic so when I saw the tricks, they were really cool! - Callie-Rose 5L

During the workshop, we were ecstatic, as we met the author of four brilliant books about dragons. Then, we made our own dragon, using majestic magic. We even saw a shocking magic trick where blue and red cloth turned into different colours! We really enjoyed the workshop and I loved the story. – Nathaniel 6C

Thank you to everyone who attended our book fair over the last week. If you would like to purchase a signed book from Tamara who visited us earlier in the week, please follow the link below:

<https://www.talesonmoonlane.co.uk/s/shop>



Reception – The Three Little Pigs

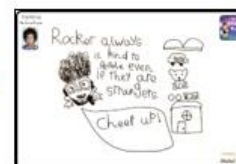
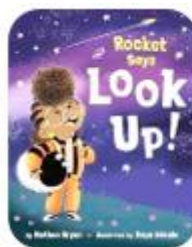


As part of our learning this week, Reception enjoyed a special visit to Mudchute farm - where we got to see some real-life pigs in their natural habitats! We have also loved acting out the story and getting into character, building houses and blowing them down!



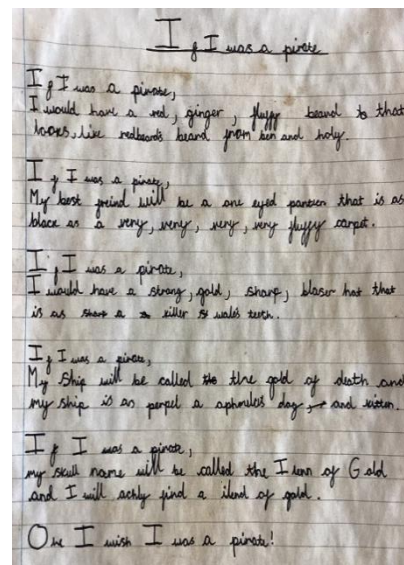
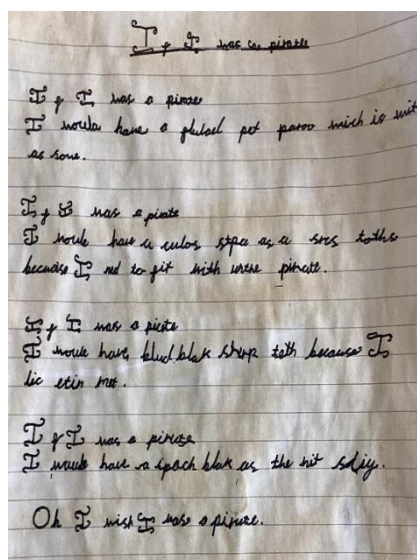
Year 1 – The Wonderful World Of Nathan Bryon

Today, we read books by the prize-winning author, Nathan Bryon. We noticed that all his stories have positive messages so we drew the character, 'Rocket' and placed her in our own positive story settings.



Year 2 – Pirate Poems

This week in year 2, we have been writing our very own pirate poems. They were about all the things that we would do if we were pirates. We made sure that they were very exciting by using lots of interesting vocabulary and we even wrote them on tea stained paper! Take a look...



Year 3 - Tennis

Year 3 have been very fortunate to have a tennis coach from South East London Coach visit Torrington to deliver our tennis lessons. We have been enjoying learning how to hold the racquet and serve the ball to our partner. We have also discovered that it is a fantastic sport and a great way to keep fit. Some of the children are even feeling inspired to play outside of school as well! Maybe you could find a tennis court to play in with your adults at the weekend? Some of our parks in Lewisham have excellent tennis courts that you can use for free.



Year 4 – Natural History Museum

On Monday, we visited the Natural History Museum to further our learning on our Earth Shattering Events theme. We visited the Volcanoes and Earthquakes gallery and learnt lots of different facts about these natural disasters. Much to our disappointment, the earthquake simulator was out of action but we all agreed that the ride on the circle and district line gave us a small taste of what an earthquake might feel like.

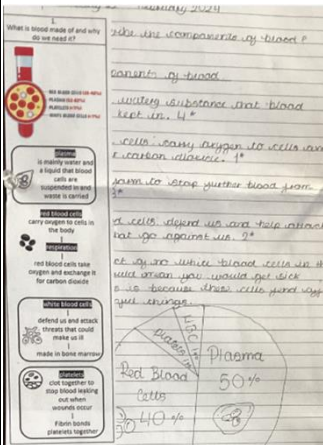


Year 5 – Science Museum

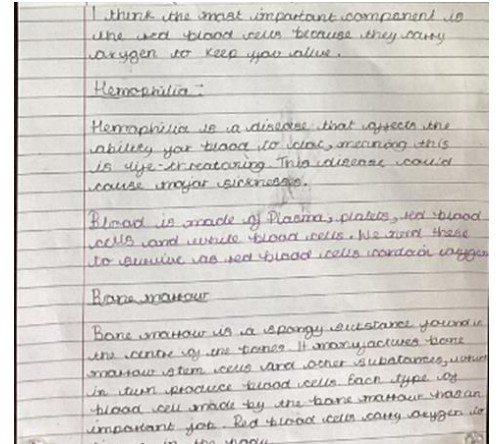
As part of Year 5's Earth and Space theme, we visited the Science Museum on Wednesday, 6th March. The children had a fantastic time there and have reported that their favourite parts of the trip were the science experiments and seeing the artefacts.



Year 6 - Science



Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system and the important role that it plays in our bodies. "Blood is made of plasma, platelets, red blood cells and white blood cells. We need them to survive – red blood cells carry oxygen." – Cayden 6L



Resource Base Learning

Green Pathway have been doing lots of learning this half term using the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. This week they made puppets and independently sequenced and retold all of the story. They particularly like the ending where the caterpillar turns into a butterfly!



We had some fantastic costumes for World Book Day in the resource base this year! The children all thoroughly enjoyed a day full of reading, character scavenger hunts, mask making and sharing their costumes with each other.



Forest School News



The children in Reception have been learning the story of the three little pigs so this week they were the big bad wolf at Forest school and lit their own mini fire to burn the house of straw down!



The Pesky Pirates visited Forest School leaving a treasure map in a bottle floating in our pond.

The Year 2 children hunted Forest School for wooden treasure discs and followed the map to find the real treasure hidden in a tree!



Allotment News



This week Allotment club were busy planting potatoes with their partners.



The greenhouse is starting to fill up too with seeds! We have planted tomatoes, a variety of herbs, marigolds, snapdragons and sweet peas so far!



Kickstart and Unity Live Dance 2024

Torridon's Dance companies "Kickstart" and "Unity" took to the stage at Live Dance 2024 this week. They performed over two evenings at The Catford Broadway Theatre in the annual showcase of dance.

It was both a vibrant and insightful display of the diversity and celebration of dance styles supported and performed by young people within our school. Year 6 performed a contemporary piece; Year 3 and 4 dancers performed a mix of dance through time including the Lindy Hop and Swing.

The children performed to packed auditoriums. Well done to our dancers who rehearsed, performed with confidence and accuracy and had an amazing time!



Steelpan Club YouTube Video



The Steelpan Club have been learning "Isn't She Lovely?" by Stevie Wonder.

Please enjoy watching their performance from last Tuesday in the club.

<https://youtu.be/tZwuSBbJmbw?si=Uobr5GEWXhWd9nLh>



Work Of The Week (WoW) – Creative Learning





STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Lakeivia	For being so enthusiastic when we read and retold 'The three billy goats' story this week. Well done, Lakeivia! 🌟
Nursery AM	Zainab	For being very helpful when it is tidy up time. Well done, Zainab! 🌟
Nursery PM	Kenan	For being independent when putting on his coat and zipping it up all by himself! Well done, Kenan! 🌟
Blue Class	Ibrahim	For his amazing acting this week in role as the Three Little Pigs. Well done, Ibrahim!
Red Class	Zakaria	For using his imagination and adapting his own ideas and consistently trying his best in all areas of his learning. Well done Zaki 🌟
Yellow Class	Uma	For her enthusiasm in her maths learning and explaining her answers using lots of fantastic maths language. Well done!
1M	Sana	For joining in more and beginning to share her ideas during class discussions. Keep it up, Sana! 🌟
1N	Kyran	On his very first day, Kyran has already demonstrated a fantastic attitude to learning. He has followed all the school rules and fitted into the class, seamlessly...it's as if he has been here all year. Keep up the great work! 🌟
1W	Nia	For being more independent taking care of her own things and getting herself organised and ready. We are very proud of you! 🌟
2S	Pasha	For his amazing independence in writing his pirate poem. Well done Pasha! 🌟
2SW	Aeirren	For all of his hard work with his reading and phonics. I have been very impressed with the amount of effort he has been putting in. Well done Aeirren! 🌟
2V	Hussein	For his amazing letter to the Dull-on-Sea council about those Pesky Pirates. 🌟
3A	Finlay	For being so enthusiastic in his Kickstart dance performance at Catford Broadway. Well done!
3G	Matthew	For demonstrating a positive attitude even when faced with a difficult situation. Well done Matthew, I'm really proud of you.
3S	Isaiah	For aspiring to improve his written work and developing his personal handwriting style. Well done Isaiah, keep up the good work.
4A	Bethany	For your fantastic determination in learning your times tables. Keep it up!
4L	Rhianni	For always showing compassion and kindness towards others. Well done Rhianni! 🌟
4S	Travis	For showing an incredible improvement in his attitude and effort towards his learning, particularly writing. Well done Travis!
5C	Najat	For writing a compelling letter to King Charles III, advocating for the inclusion of Katherine Johnson's name on the honours list. Well done!
5L	Enis	For showing excellent resilience in maths lessons this week and making good progress with fractions, percentages and decimals. Well done!
5S	Neriah	For her enthusiasm in maths and demonstrating perseverance and commitment to completing her learning. She consistently displays respect towards adults and peers, which serves as a positive influence on the class.
6A	Aatheesh	For his engagement during learning, and for consistently showing aspiration by completing all learning to the best of his ability. Keep it up!
6C	Akiz	For an excellent effort during your writing lessons. You have been listening very carefully and you have made great progress – well done!
6L	Schavar	For his continued focus and 100% effort in his reading learning. Well done
RB Blue	Dalrekay	Well done for being more focused on your learning this week.
RB Green	Gregory	Well done for being such a great independent learner in the resource base and year 1.

Corbett Chase – Sunday 24th March 2024



Calling all runners, walkers, volunteers, cake bakers and supporters for this year's [4th Annual Corbett Chase!](#)

SIGN UP TODAY to get involved – this event can't happen without your help! We need contributions to the cake sale at the Play Out, runners or walkers to take part in the 10k or half-marathon, volunteers to help out on the day, and families to come out, cheer and enjoy the community play out on Minard Road, outside Sandhurst School, where the event finishes.

We're fundraising this year to contribute to Torridon's goal to improve digital learning and get iPads in every classroom.

Any questions, email:
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Weekly Attendance

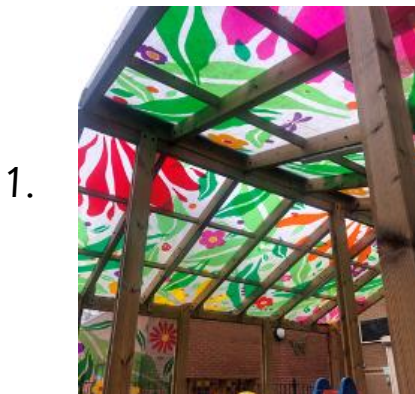
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1W	93%		3S	95.6%		5S	80%	
2S	98%		4A	93%		6A	99%	🏆
2SW	97%		4L	95.5%		6C	98%	
2V	98%		4S	95.7%		6L	96%	

It was a close call between the Year 3 and 4 classes this week! Well Done to the classes that had the highest attendance, keep up the good work!

Creative Corner News

We have been making progress with the Creative Corner Project!

The outdoor sinks with hot water have been plumbed in which is a fantastic start, and we have narrowed the choice down to two canopies to provide shelter for outdoor learning and performance.



Please come and visit the Creative Team during open evenings to find out more

Dates For Your Diary

Week beginning 11 th March	Whole school assessment week
Monday 11 th March	Nursery to Surrey Docks Farm
Tuesday 12 th March	SEN Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 5 and Year 6 boys' football tournament
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19 th and Thursday 21 st March	Open evenings for parents and carers
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 2 to the Cutty Sark
Sunday 24 th March	Corbett Chase & street play out
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term – 2pm finish
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 8 th – Thursday 11 th April	Year 6 Easter school
Monday 15 th April	First day of the summer term
Thursday 18 th April	Year 5 and 6 tag rugby tournament
Monday 22 nd April	Key stage 2 athletics tournament
Friday 26 th April	Year 5 and 6 Tri-Golf tournament



SEN Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers

Tuesday 12th March, we will be inviting parents for a coffee morning where we will talk about the Zones of Regulation between 9.00-10.00am. We will talk about what it is, how we use it in school and how you can use it at home.

This will help any family with children who may struggle to regulate their emotions, and parents will have the opportunity to create their own visuals for use at home.



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Moon Lane Books – World Book Day



We've already seen some fantastic costumes so far this World Book Day, and look forward to seeing more of you in your book inspired get ups as the day goes on. We have the full selection of World Book Day books available, or **you are welcome to use your vouchers to secure £1 off any other book that your child would like.**

Buy them directly from our website, or pop into the shop to browse in person. As always, we can offer personalised recommendations too, so do ask a member of staff if you would like some more ideas.

<https://www.moonlaneink.co.uk/>

Online Safety

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **TEKKEN 8**

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 16

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Thirty years after its debut on the original PlayStation, the Tekken franchise is back with its eighth mainstream instalment. A one-on-one fighting game series in the same vein as Street Fighter and Mortal Kombat, Tekken 8 can be commended for its relative lack of in-game purchases – but there's still plenty to consider in keeping young players safe from potential hazards.

FUTURE SPENDING?

Tekken 8 carries a PEGI 16 rating, with the assessors noting its violence, occasional profanity and in-game purchase options. The latter issue, however, is a little different to what you may expect from a modern game; unlike many high-profile releases, Tekken 8's content is all accessible without spending any extra money. The exceptions are new characters, which will become available to purchase separately in the future.

COPYCAT RISK

With characters flying across the screen using a mixture of authentic and fantastical fighting styles, younger children and impressionable teens may find themselves tempted to copy their favourite characters or act out their epic fights in real life. This could simply amount to harmless fun – but could also easily lead to accidents, injury and distress if young gamers start actually landing blows.

VIOLENT GAMEPLAY

As a fighting game, Tekken 8's gameplay is heavily based on punching, kicking and throwing opponents around – while some characters' attacks occasionally involve weapons. Most of the violence is comparatively cartoonish in its execution and lacking in gore, but the fact remains that the action still revolves entirely around intense combat and inflicting damage on an opponent.

FAMILY CONFLICT

Tekken 8's story mode, 'The Dark Awakens', focuses on two of the series' most important characters – Kazuya and Jin, a father and son who have been warring for years. The sight of two family members physically fighting each other may be hard to understand (and difficult to deal with) for some children – causing confusion and concern over why relatives would want to hurt one another.

RANKED ONLINE PLAY

Tekken 8 features an array of online modes – most notably its 'Ranked' section, where players battle to reach the top spot of a worldwide leaderboard. Many players will dedicate significant amounts of time to practising and – while the challenge can be fun – some of these matches can get extremely competitive. Children could become obsessed with climbing the rankings and dedicate an unhealthy amount of time to the game or grow angry if they wind up on a losing streak.

ONLINE CONTACT

Tekken 8 doesn't offer voice chat by default, but a player's platform ID is visible (such as their PlayStation Network ID, Steam account or Xbox gamertag). Rival players can, therefore, reach out via messages if they wish. Given the game's fiercely competitive nature, these communications can potentially put children at risk of online abuse if their opponent is a particularly sore loser.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TRY IT OUT YOURSELF

As with many popular games, we'd recommend checking it out for yourself in advance if you have any concerns. In the case of Tekken 8, there's a free demo version available (for all platforms) which lets you experience fights with a handful of the characters: a useful way of establishing first-hand whether some children might find the game's violence to be too intense.

MARTIAL ARTS MOTIVATION?

With characters utilising real-world fighting styles such as Judo, boxing and kickboxing, Tekken could represent an opportunity to channel a child's fondness for the game into a beneficial interest in real-world martial arts. Classes can help to build young people's confidence and physical fitness, as well as providing avenues for making new friends.

EXERCISE YOUR JUDGEMENT

While Tekken 8 features a sort of 'spray' impact effect when attacks land, it's not the kind of game that most observers would describe as gory (unlike, for instance, the Mortal Kombat franchise). Of course, any fighting game worthy of the name will include a significant degree of violence – but the level at which the battles in Tekken are pitched may not be an issue for some children.

CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS

If a child plays Tekken online with anyone apart from their friends, then parents and carers could consider restricting communications – such as shutting off the facility to be messaged by other players (although the child's profile name will still be displayed) – to reduce the chance of contact from strangers. This can be done via the console's account settings or through the child's Steam account (if playing on PC).

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GOResort, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including iDOL and TechRadar.



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