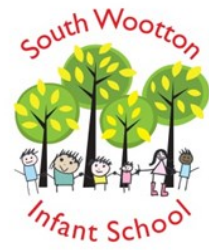


South Wootton Infant School Newsletter



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Curriculum Updates

Children across the school have been enjoying a variety of learning this term and have made some very pleasing progress.

In Reception, the children have been learning about cold places such as the Arctic and Antarctic. They have been looking after penguins and polar bears!

In Year 1, the children have blasted off into Space and are learning about our Solar System.

In Year 2, the children have been learning about the local area, considering whether they would rather live in the countryside, a town or a city!

The week after half term, we will be holding Parent Consultations via video. These will be on either Monday 21st February or Thursday 24th February. Further information and the link to make appointments will be sent out next week.

Reading continues to be a focus following our Ofsted report. We have purchased a range of new reading books to support this. You can help by ensuring that your child reads regularly at home.

COVID

We continue to have some Covid cases in school although as yet we have not been as badly hit as other local schools. It remains important that we are all vigilant and maintain high levels of hand hygiene and ventilation.

If you have Covid in your household or have been in contact with someone who contracts it, testing is important. The Government has now said that children aged five and above should take a daily lateral flow test if they are in this situation. Given that symptoms seem to be more varied with the Omicron strain of the virus, we would suggest also testing your child if they seem unwell with cold-like symptoms. If your child has a negative test result, they should attend school as normal. Please contact us if you need any help or support with this.

Parking

Neighbours of the school have mentioned that there continue to be problems with parking at the beginning and end of the school day. Please make sure that when you park on the road to drop your child off or pick them up that you are not obstructing driveways. People that live on the roads surrounding school need to be able to get in and out of their homes without obstructions.

Where possible, we suggest using the village hall car park to alleviate pressures on the roads especially directly outside school.

Holidays in Term Time

As restrictions around travel continue to be lifted, we would respectfully remind parents that holidays should not be taken in term time and may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice. The children have already missed time at school during the pandemic and should be attending school every day.

To allow booking of holidays outside of term time here is a reminder of the remaining school holidays this year:

- 14th - 18th February
- 4th - 19th April
- 2nd May
- 30th May - 3rd June

The school year finishes on 22nd July.

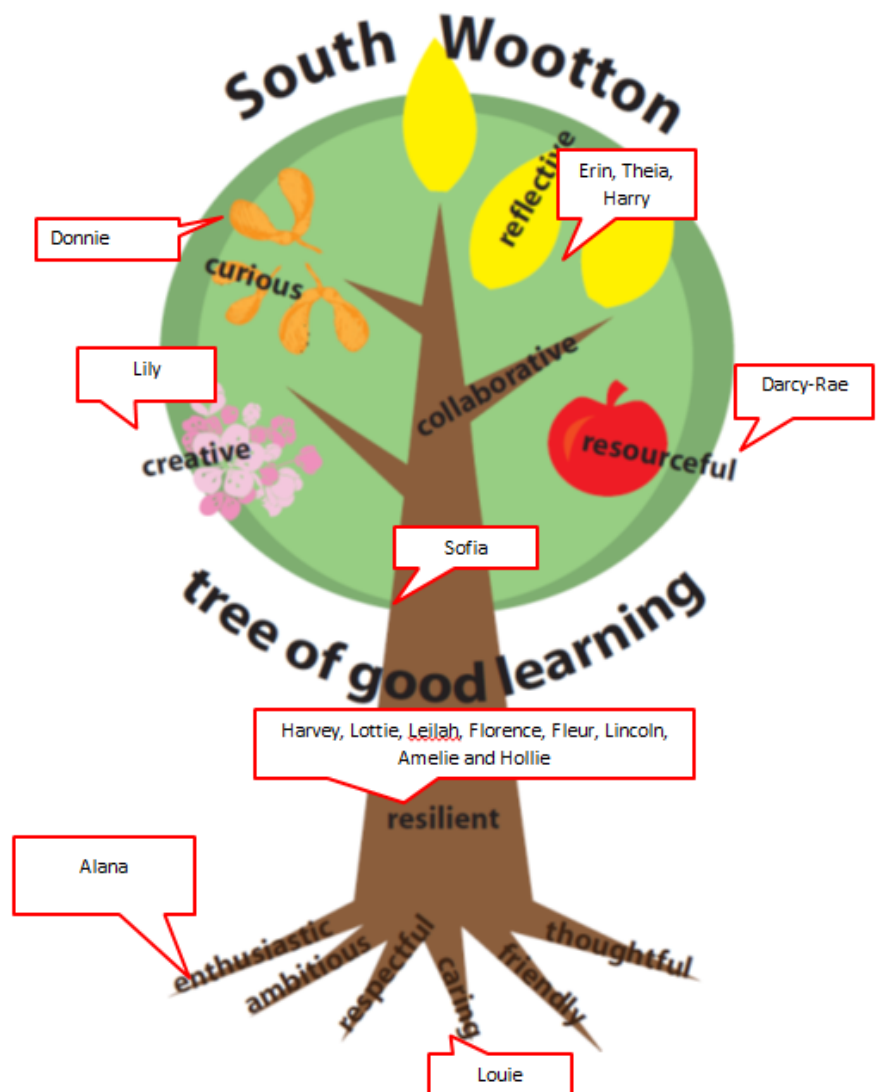
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Smile! Work! Inspire! Succeed!

Golden Learners for January



Birthdays

The children who have celebrated their birthday in January are:

Orla, Noah, Harriet, Henry and Emme **who are now 5 years old.**

Joseph and Alex **who are now 6 years old.**

Poppy, Amelia, Edward, Isaac, Charlie, Hollie, Mabel and Lily **who are now 7**

CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who celebrates their birthday in JANUARY

Attendance

For the month of January the class with the best attendance were **RABBITS**

with an attendance total of 95.9%

CONGRATULATIONS to them.

Our overall attendance is now 95.3%

Our target for the year is 96% which is ambitious given the current situation!