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Dear Parents,

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Thank you all for your patience whilst on the Key Stage 1 playground this week, it all seems to be running as smoothly as possible and some of you will have seen that the groundwork is well and truly underway. We hope to return to the normal start and end of day arrangements as quickly as possible and we will keep you updated with regards to this. We look forward to throwing open our doors to you all next week for the Spring Term Parents' Evenings and please keep a look out for Mrs Foster and Mrs Ellerton who will be asking for your thoughts with regards to future communication methods. As always, I will be available throughout both evenings and do feel free to pop in should you have any concerns. Mrs Waldron, our Special Educational Needs lead, will also be on hand should you have any concerns about your child's attainment and progress.

### ***Super Science!***

**Year 1** have been writing about the Princess and Pea so this week we decided to carry out an investigation to find out which material is most suitable for the Princess's mattress (so she could not feel the pea!) We tested sponge, felt and bubble wrap. We concluded that the sponge was the most suitable!

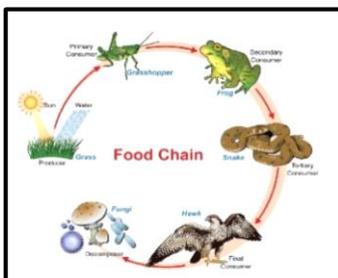
### ***Year 2***



Year 2 have been experimenting this week so that Mr Cruise can make his important phone calls! First we used cups and string to create our telephones and then we decided on many different ways to improve our design. We changed the cup size, string size and string type! Lots of scientific reasoning from our budding scientists!



### ***Year 3***



This week in year 3, the children have had a fantastic time in Science. We have been learning about food chains and the Water Cycle. The children have used drama as well as dance to recreate the Water Cycle.

## Year 4



Year Four have been learning all about the digestive system this week. We started off the lesson with an activity which required the children to place certain body parts in the correct place. This provided a vast amount of discussion as the children enjoyed trying to solve this tricky concept.



We then moved on to our experiment which involved recreating the digestive processes. The children learnt how food enters and leaves your body. Let's just say it was an extremely messy concept which the children thoroughly enjoyed even though many of them felt rather ill afterwards.



**Year 5** - have been learning all about magnets in science this week. To begin with, we discussed the characteristics of magnets and their everyday uses. We then investigated the strength of different types of magnets (wand magnets, bar magnets and horseshoe magnets) by seeing how many paperclips each one could hold. The pupils made sure it was a fair test by only changing one variable. Most found the horseshoe magnet to be the strongest. Furthermore, we made and tested predictions based on whether materials were magnetic or non-magnetic before creating our own informative posters based on magnetism.

**Year 6** - have been learning about evolution and inheritance, discovering how their cells, chromosomes, DNA and genes make them who they are! They have also enjoyed looking at the "Theory of Evolution", both from Charles Darwin's perspective and from Homer Simpson's! I think they preferred the latter!

### ***Nursery Phonics Meeting***

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, parents of Nursery children were invited to attend a Phonics Workshop. Parents were given the opportunity to fully understand how phonics is taught in Nursery as well as the various activities the children take part in to support their learning. Strategies were shared to enable parents to continue high quality phonics learning at home. Thank you to all of those who attended.

### ***Key Stage 2 Swimming Gala – Abbots Bromley School***

Year 5 and 6 took part in the East Staffs Swimming Gala at Abbots Bromley School on Tuesday, up against 16 different teams. 8 students were in the team and took part in a number of races including front crawl, breast stroke, back stroke and cannon relay races. The team did brilliantly, picking up a number of 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place points! Well done to all who were involved and thank you to parents for your continued support.

## Books

A massive 'thank you' to all of our parent helpers who have been covering books for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 provision. We have received hundreds of new books from our local supplier, Spalding Books in Barton-under-Needwood and our new library facility is beginning to look amazing! Thank you so much to all of our helpers, we cannot express our gratitude enough! Some of you have spent hours and hours covering the books (40-50 at a time) to ensure that the children of Shobnall Primary School can continue to enjoy them for many years to come. Without your help, our readiness for this provision would not be possible, so a HUGE thank you once again!

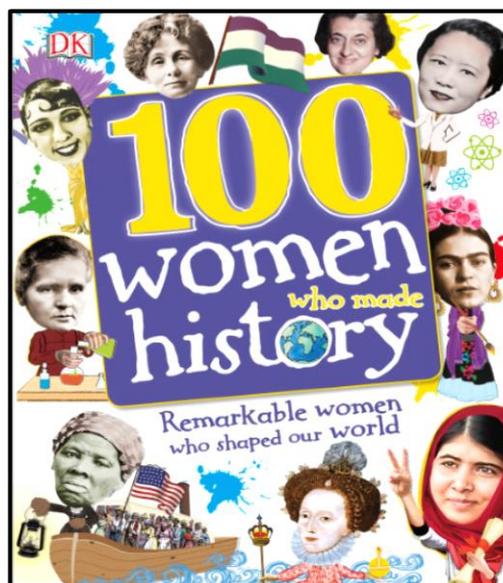
## Reading Corner

This week's recommended read is for children aged 10 - 11...

### **100 Women Who Made History**

Dorling Kindersley

Featuring a diverse selection of women from history and across many cultures and disciplines, this is an excellent (and empowering) guide for children. As well as the more oft-quoted personalities, it's fascinating to learn about the less-known women who have helped shape the world as we experience it today. What better way to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when women won the right to vote?



## Head Teacher Assembly Awards

Reception	Mohammed A	Beatrix MB
Year 1	Luke W	Keeva D
Year 2	Jessica H	Freya P
Year 3	Sienna S	Isobel L
Year 4	Noah J	Dylan P
Year 5	Aadam A	Ben M
Year 6	Kaydee B	Martina K

## Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Henry McC
Year 1	Zara I
Year 2	Abdullah M
Year 3	Matthew S
Year 4	Max M
Year 5	Daniel BS
Year 6	Kaydee B



### Team Points

Spring Term 2018	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points for w/e 2.2.18	275	266	207	362
	3	2	1	4
Accumulated Score Whole Year	52	50	35	65

### Spring Term 2018 – Dates for your diary

Event	Date and Time
Saltmine Theatre Group Visit for KS2 – Online safety focus	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 9.30am
Parents Evening Spring Term	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 4 – 7 pm
Internet Safety Day	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Year 5 Swimming Meadowside Leisure Centre	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
3.30 pm Phat Magic Club	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Parents Evening Spring Term	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 4 – 7 pm
Year 1 and 2 Visit to Tamworth Castle	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Early Years “Pirates Day” – Children in Reception and Nursery may come dressed as their favourite pirate!	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
Closing date for anti-bullying posters	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 1 Class Assembly	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – 9.15 am
Break up for Half Term	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 3.30 pm
<b>School Closed – Staff Training Day</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February
School opens to pupils	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February – 8.45am
Year 4 will commence swimming lessons at the Meadowside Centre	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February
World Book Day – Non Uniform Day – Dress up as your favourite book character!	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018
PFA Book swop sale – Donations will be taken from Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018
<b>Mother’s Day Lunches 11.50 am</b>	<b>Week Commencing 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
Reception	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Year 1	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Year 2	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Year 3	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Year 4	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
Year 5/Year 6	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2018