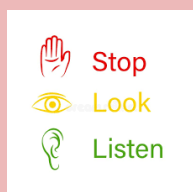


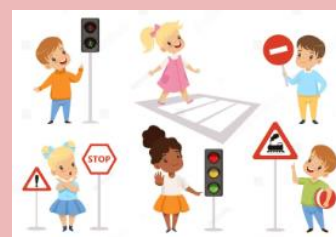


On Monday, we had the pleasure of chatting to Farmer Donya again. This time she talked about her role in looking after nature. The farm has a very special meadow full of green winged orchids - a very rare plant. If you picked one of these flowers, you would receive a fine of £3000! Farmer Donya does her best to protect the flowers and sow more. Farmer Donya also shared her worries about the recent lack of rain. We could see the pond was much smaller than usual and the ground was cracked and dry. She would like us to do a rain dance so the crops get the watering they so sorely need.

On Tuesday, we welcomed Lynn into school to talk to the children about road safety and how to stay safe when out and about near roads. The children were fantastic—they listened attentively, answered questions thoughtfully, and confidently shared their own knowledge about keeping themselves safe. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and awareness in action! We also learnt a lovely song with actions to remind us about how to cross a road safely (sang to the tune 'Ten Green Bottles'):



Stop, look, listen and think before you cross the road,  
Stop, look, listen and think before you cross the road,  
Use your eyes, use your ears before you use your toes,  
Stop, look, and listen before you cross the road.



We've had a fantastic time outdoors this week exploring floating and sinking! The children made predictions, explained their ideas, and tested their theories with enthusiasm. The children were absolutely brilliant, sharing their knowledge and thinking with such confidence—what a wonderful way to learn through discovery!

**Home Challenge:** Does an orange float? What happens if you peel it—will it still stay afloat? Think about why it behaves that way. Share your discoveries with us next week—we can't wait to hear about your findings.



As part of our PSED 'Relationships' topic we gave the children a task to sort friendly and unfriendly behaviours, helping them think about how their actions affect others. We also encouraged them to consider how they can make good choices in friendships—recognising when it's best to step away from situations that don't feel positive. This activity helped them build social awareness and confidence in navigating interactions with others.

### Tricky Words

Throughout the year in phonics, we've been introducing tricky words to help children recognise and write them with growing confidence. As they prepare for Year 1, it's important that they can read and spell key high-frequency

words: *a, I, the, no, so, go, to, do, he, be, me, she, we.*

These foundational words will support their reading and writing fluency. To support practice at home, try fun and engaging activities like Tricky Word Bingo, password words on doors, and tricky word hunts—giving children plenty of playful and interactive opportunities to build confidence with tricky words

Thank you again for your ongoing support in reading with your children—we're so proud of their progress and the joy they now find in books! Please continue encouraging them to read their school phonics books regularly to develop fluency, stamina, and expression. Chatting about the story and asking questions will also help strengthen their understanding.

## Important diary dates and information

19.5.25	Gymnastics after school club with Gail (last of 4 sessions)
14.5.25	Sporty Games Club (Last of 4 sessions)
23.5.25	Teacher Training Day - school is closed.
26.5.25 - 30.5.25	Half term
2.6.25	Return to school and share Weekend Journals.
17.6.25	Sports Day 2pm
27.6.25	New to Year 1 meeting 9am
1.7.25	Year 1 'open classroom' visit 3.30-5.30pm
4.7.25	Summer Fair 3.30pm

## Reminders

- Children are not permitted to ride scooters or bikes on the playground. Please ensure your child dismounts their bike/ scooter once through the school gates and push the bike/ scooter to the bike hut.
- Please remember to leave your child's reading folder in their bookbag each day. Monday and Fridays are book changing days, but we do read with your children through the week.

**Have a wonderful weekend.**



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