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Dear Families,

Message from the Head of School:

Welcome back everyone, it has been lovely to see everyone back in school. Even though it has been a rather short week, it has been a busy one as it has included one of the most popular days of the year – World Book Day. I had to make a confession to the children this morning, I did forget and Mrs. Millington told me off!!! I was glad that the rest of the staff and the children didn't but the reality is that nobody wants/needs to see me in a onesie. World Book Day Assembly was wonderful on Thursday, and I visited classes to look at what the children were up to. Lots of colour, lots of fun and most importantly there was a real love of books and sharing stories.

My assembly this week was a follow-up to my new year's resolution assembly but also links to other assemblies such as resilience. I made a commitment to the children about getting fitter and walking up the Wrekin. Sadly, I didn't make it up the Wrekin but I walked a couple of Fells in the Lake District and wanted to share my achievement with the children. I didn't give up, showed resilience, and was proud of myself for my achievements, sadly the weather meant that didn't reach the top. I am hoping that this has inspired the children to do the same, whether it is with the sports that they play, the instruments they learn and of course their academic progress. We all have the potential to move on to do great things but we must have a positive and growth mindset to do it, in other words, don't give up which I think is a good message for all of us.

In other news:

As a parent myself, I know how important the online environment is to our children. I remember the days when I wanted to communicate with a friend, I had to ask my mum if I could use the phone (the only one in the house) or I had to go and knock on my friend's house door. When I tell this story to the children, they look at me as if I have gone mad! The reality is there are so many apps out there, I find it hard to keep up with the changes and what do we do when things go wrong? This is what teachers have experienced this week where an online fallout has continued into school the next day. The sad part of this is that it stopped some of those children from learning because they were upset. We will always support the children and look for a resolution to the problem as we would if it happened in the playground and also encourage them to talk to you at home. Regular conversations with our children are important but also to check devices to see if the conversations and apps that they are using are appropriate. If you do find something that you are unhappy with, the important thing is to engage in a conversation and talk about behaving online should be the same as our behaviour in the real world. Don't forget if it is a group problem, let us know and we can help and advise as well.





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Buildwas Rocks:

This week **Willow Class** have started their Topic on 'Down in the Jungle'. They have looked at how animals can look different between adults and their young, and the different types of animals we might see in the jungle. In Maths, Reception have been looking at the numbers 9 and 10, ordering, recognising, and sorting them. Preschool have looked at the numeral 6 and have found lots of different types of 6. We have been focusing on our counting skills. During World Book day we had a great time investigating several different stories, making biscuits and designing our own bookmarks. This week we have learnt the Makaton sign for Happy.

In **Beech Class** they have been very busy this week! They have started to focus on writing diaries in English, writing about what fantastic half term holidays they had and enjoyed sharing ideas with everybody in the class. They've also enjoyed finishing off their fire engines and evaluating them – it was very tricky evaluating them because they all looked so fantastic! On Thursday we all loved World Book Day. Beech class were so cosy in their pyjamas, and really enjoyed writing book reviews of their favourite books! We listened to Miss Lockley read us lots of stories during the day and we even had the treat of Mrs Hayes reading us a story at the end of the day!

Oak Class have enjoyed starting their new story in English 'The Last Bear' and we are all intrigued to read on. We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday, the children enjoyed participating in a variety of different activities throughout the day. We are so impressed with the work and the environment in Oak Class this week- keep up the good work!

Holly Class have had a wonderful start to this half term! We have had a wonderful week, especially World Book Day. We enjoyed immersing ourselves in literature and exploring a wealth of genres! Everyone especially enjoyed getting creative with biscuits, making Harry Potter owls!





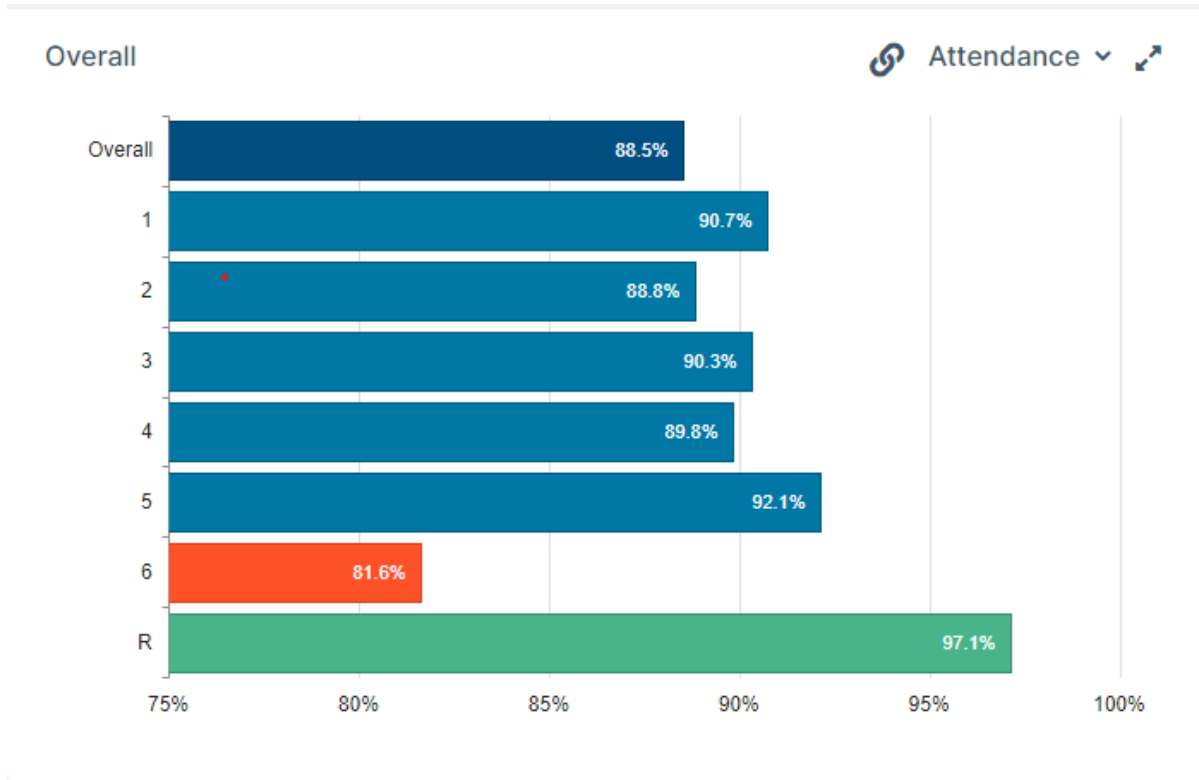
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The attendance for this week is as follows:



Please check this week's class diary sheets as there are some changes to PE days.

Remember don't give up!

Take care,

Mr Millington

