

FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025

# NEWSLETTER



*“Education is the passport to the future. Attendance is the stamp that gets you there.”*

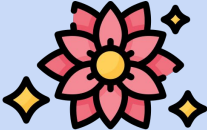




# This Week at James Dixon



Research shows that regular attendance not only contributes to a sense of belonging and community within the school but also encourages positive relationships between pupils, teachers, and parents.

## Term Dates 2025

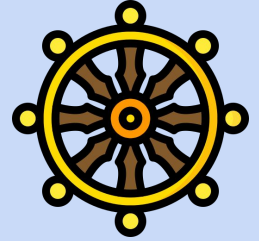
	 HELLO SPRING	 HELLO SUMMER	 HELLO AUTUMN
<b>Term Starts</b>	Monday 6th January 2025	Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Monday 1st September 2025
<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	Monday 20th October - Friday 31st October
<b>Term Finishes</b>	Friday 4th April 2025 @ 2pm	Tuesday 22nd July 2025 @ 2pm	Friday 19th December @ 2pm

# RE DAY

During RE Day this week, we learnt about



## Buddhism



Buddhists try to live a good life by following the Buddha's teachings, helping them to avoid suffering and bad feelings.

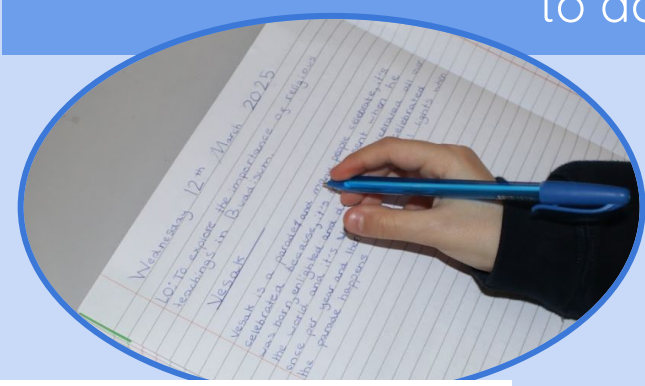
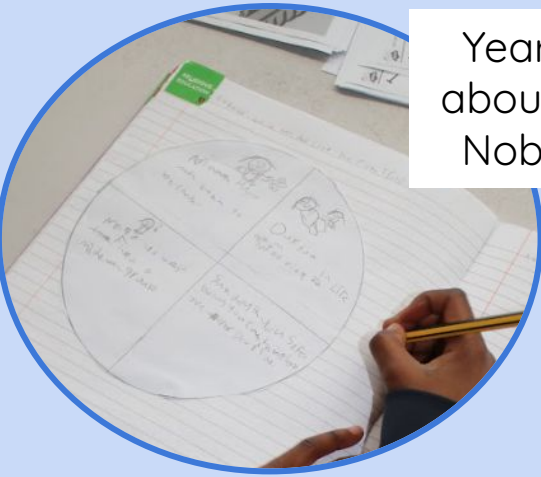
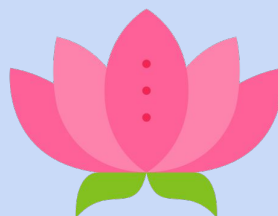
Year 3 learnt about the Four Noble Truths

Year 4 learnt about special pilgrimages that Buddhists take.

Buddha's teachings are called the Four Noble Truths. The first is that life is made up of pain and suffering. The second is that all suffering is caused by want and desire. The third is that one can be free from this want and desire, called Nirvana. The fourth truth is the Eightfold path, which explains the eight ways to achieve Nirvana.

Year 2 learnt how and why Buddhists meditate.

Year 5 learnt about the Buddhist holiday Vesak.



# Curriculum Focus - Computing

**KS1**

Key Stage 1  
Lesson Plans

**KS2**

Key Stage 2  
Lesson Plans

**Just2easy**

Create · Share · Learn

**Pictogram**

Pictorial charting  
for KS1

**Chart**

Simple charting  
for KS1 - KS2

**Branch**

Branching database  
for KS1 - KS2

**Database**

Easy databases  
for KS1 - KS3

**J2vote**

The Just2easy voting  
app

**j2launch**

Content Management System

**Explore**  
Examples



**My Data**  
My Data  
portfolio



**Shared  
Data**  
Data shared  
with you



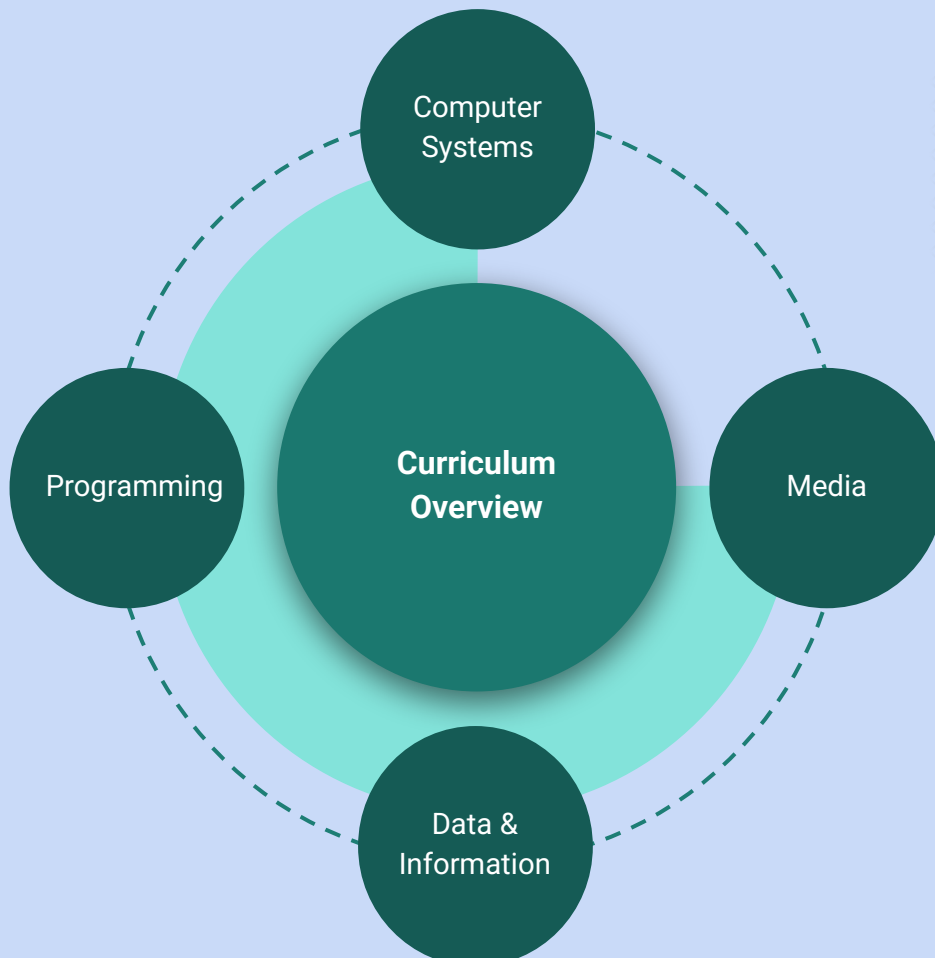
**Resources**  
Further learning



**Getting Started  
Videos**



The Just2Easy suite of Apps offers a basic introduction to: branching, charts, pictograms and databases. [Click to explore](#)



# Pupil Leadership



Hey James Dixon, last Friday the whole of Year 6 went to the National Army Museum in Central London. On the way in we saw a massive tank and next to our room we saw huge helicopter. My group did the workshop first where each little group had to do a presentation about a different person in WW1. Then we did a trail before heading back to school.

Hi JD, last week we had an amazing World Book Day. Me and my friends were Alvin and the Chipmunks. I was Alvin, Yasmin was Simon and Tiannah was Theodore. This was the best World Book Day ever. Also our last World Book Day. Siana



Hello JD,  
Last week Thursday was World Book Day and you all looked amazing. Also me and my friends were Alvin and the Chipmunks. I was Simon, Siana was Alvin & Tiannah was Theodore. Bye JD .



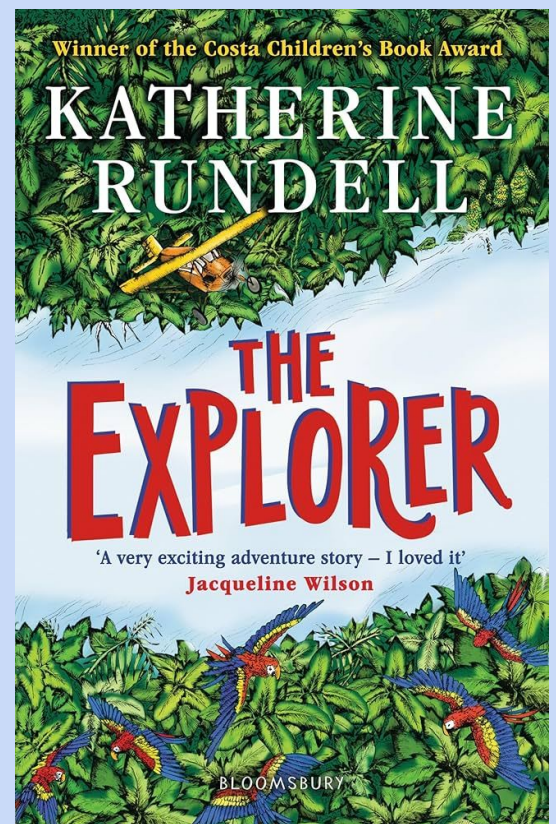
# Sustainability

At the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership.



## Book Recommendation

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell is a thrilling adventure that plunges readers into the heart of the Amazon rainforest. The story follows four children—Fred, Con, Lila, and Max—who find themselves stranded after their plane crashes deep within the Amazon. They must learn to adapt and survive in the challenging and unfamiliar jungle environment, facing dangers and uncertainties. Overall this is a captivating tale of survival, adventure, and discovery.



# Composition of the Week



Click here to listen  
[Ain't No Stopping Us  
Now](#)

## Ain't No Stopping Us Now - McFadden & Whitehead

Genre: Disco

Composed in 1978

Composed by McFadden & Whitehead their keyboard player

It was a One Hit Wonder which is a group or a singer with only one hit record, even if they did release other songs and albums, only one was popular and successful.

*Can you think of any other one hit wonders?*

# Online Safety



## SMARTPHONES ARE FUELLING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

**3x**

Teens with problematic smartphone-use are twice as likely to have anxiety and three times as likely to have depression

Kings College London, 2024

**1 in 5**

UK 16 to 18 years olds say that their social media has made them feel that 'life is not worth living'

Parentkind Poll, 2024

**53%**

The number of children referred to emergency mental healthcare in England has soared by 53% in three years

Royal College of Psychiatrists, 2024

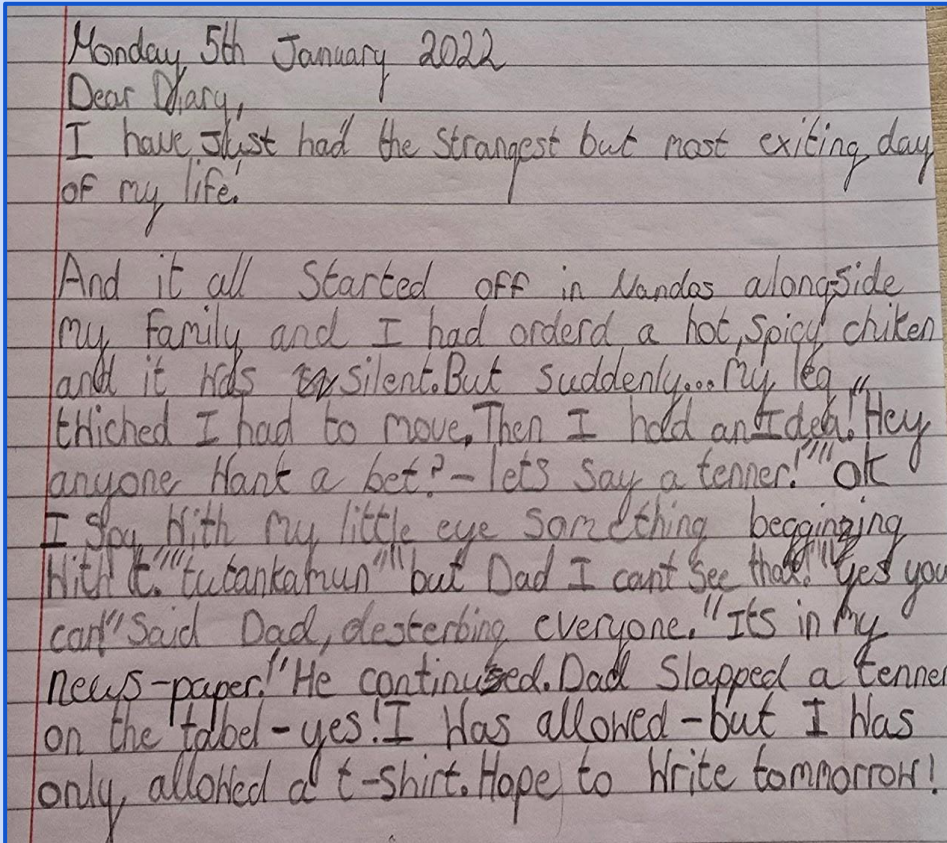
In addition to tech companies pushing dangerous and harmful content into children's news feed, children are also facing issues with excessive screen time, sleep problems, short attention spans, grooming, chronic social comparison, explicit and inappropriate content and bullying.



**SMARTPHONE  
FREE CHILDHOOD**

# Exciting Writing!

Year 3 have been writing Diary Entries in the role of Jake Atlas from the book they have been reading.



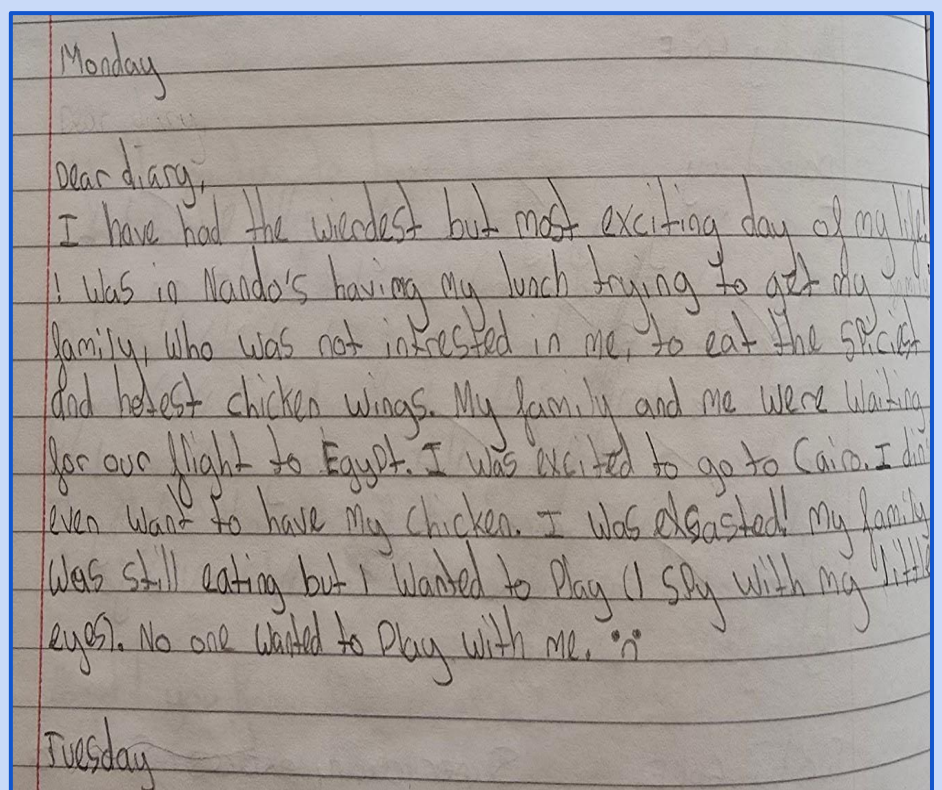
Monday 5th January 2022  
Dear Diary,  
I have just had the strangest but most exciting day of my life.  
And it all started off in Nandos alongside my family and I had ordered a hot, spicy chicken and it was silent. But suddenly... my leg "thicked" I had to move. Then I had an idea! "Hey anyone want a bet? - let's say a tenner." "OK I spy with my little eye something beginning with 't'." "tutankamun" but Dad I can't see that! "yes you can" said Dad, disturbing everyone. "It's in my news-paper." He continued. Dad Slapped a tenner on the table - yes! I was allowed - but I was only allowed a t-shirt. Hope to write tomorrow!

This fantastic diary entry is courtesy of **Amber** from Resilient Class.

I love how she's taken the story and made it into a first-person diary entry!

This is another brilliant piece of writing, this time from **Samara**, also in Resilient Class.

I love her use of informal language to make it seem real!



Monday  
Dear diary,  
I have had the weirdest but most exciting day of my life! I was in Nandos having my lunch trying to get my family, who was not interested in me, to eat the spiciest and hottest chicken wings. My family and me were waiting for our flight to Egypt. I was excited to go to Cairo. I did even want to have my chicken. I was elbasted! My family was still eating but I wanted to play (I spy with my little eyes). No one wanted to play with me. :'  
Tuesday

# School Photographs



On Tuesday, the photographers were in school to take the annual whole class pictures. The order forms will be with you very soon.



# Weekly Attendance

*Be here every day, all day!*

95%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	95%
Honest	98%
Respectful	98%
Energetic	92%
Expressive	95%
Reflective	97%
Resilient	91%
Considerate	96%
Kind	98%
Capable	99%
Cooperative	95%
Caring	95%
Successful	91%

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# Next week's achievers

## Music

<b>Energetic Class</b>	<b>Sarah</b>
<b>Expressive Class</b>	<b>Frankie</b>
<b>Reflective Class</b>	<b>Malia</b>
<b>Resilient Class</b>	<b>Nora</b>
<b>Kind Class</b>	<b>Adam</b>
<b>Considerate Class</b>	<b>Dominic</b>
<b>Capable Class</b>	<b>Aron</b>
<b>Cooperative Class</b>	<b>James</b>
<b>Caring Class</b>	<b>Joshua</b>
<b>Successful Class</b>	<b>Alfie</b>

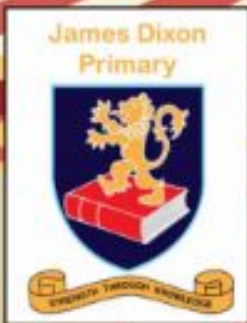
# Dates for your diary

<p><u>Mon. 17th March</u></p> <p><b>Family Fun Maths</b> Yr 1 1.10 pm Yr 2 9.00 am</p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 18th March</u></p> <p><b>Family Fun Maths</b> Yr 5 1.10 pm</p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 19th March</u></p> <p><b>Family Fun Maths</b> Yr 4 1.10 pm</p> <p>Cheerleading Club 7.45 am</p> <p>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Singing Club Yr 2-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 20th March</u></p> <p><b>Family Fun Maths</b> Yr 3 1.10 pm</p> <p><u>Yr 2 to the Horniman Museum Gardens</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Friday 21st March</u></p> <p><b>Family Fun Maths</b> Yr 6 1.10 pm</p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p> <p><b><u>PTA Bake Sale</u></b></p>
<p><u>Mon. 24th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 1 Trip to the Horniman Museum</u></p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 25th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 3 Trip to British Museum</u></p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Wed. 26th March</u></p> <p><u>Circus Skills</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club 7.45 am</p> <p>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Singing Club Yr 2-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Gymnastics Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 27th March</u></p> <p><u>Yr 2 visit to Christ Church</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Friday 28th March</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>
<p><u>Mon. 31st March</u></p> <p>Drumming Club 12.40 am</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 1st April</u></p> <p><u>Yr 3 &amp; 4 Performance to Parents (Considerate &amp; Reflective) 1.30 pm</u></p> <p>Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Drama Club Performance to Parents 3.45 pm</p>	<p><u>Wednesday 2nd April</u></p> <p>Cheerleading Club 7.45 am</p> <p>Achievers Assembly 10.15 am</p> <p>Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Singing Club Yr 2-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Singing Club Performance to Parents 3.45 pm</p>	<p><u>Thursday 3rd April</u></p> <p><u>Yr 3 &amp; 4 Performance to Parents (Kind &amp; Resilient) 1.30 pm</u></p> <p>Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm</p> <p>Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm</p> <p>Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>Friday 4th April</u></p> <p>Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am</p>

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# PTA Event



**JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

## Because of YOU, The Circus ? is coming to School

During the School day on:  
Wednesday 26th March



Thanks to the awesome success of our **PTA Quiz**, we've raised enough money to bring the circus to school – and **every class is invited!**



# PTA Event



## Bake Sale

Friday 21st March  
Starting at 3:10pm



All items are 50p or £1.00  
We take cash or card

Feel free to decorate for Spring

Please label your bakes if  
Gluten Free, Dairy Free, Halal or Vegan

Please bring your NUT FREE bakes  
to the school office in the morning

We need lots of  
baked donations please

If you have a cake box it must be named  
and you can collect it from the office next week

# James Dixon Preschool

Morning and Afternoon session availability

Mornings: 8.30-11.30am      Afternoons: 12.15-3.15pm

What we do:

We focus on learning through play, providing enriching play opportunities and learning experiences.



We also have learning sessions, including:

- Phonics
- Maths
- History/science/geography

We also have weekly Forest school and PE lessons.



Please scan QR code to visit our website and complete an application form.

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COURTESY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE