Friday 13th November

NEWSLETTER



"We are a community of possibilities."

This Week at James Dixon







Congratulations to our PTA led by Ella and Justyna for organising a magical family fireworks night. With over 2500 people in attendance I think we can say it was a huge success! Thank you PTA ❤

Term Dates 2025

	HELLO AUTUMN	HELLO SPRING	HELLO SUMMER
Term Starts	Tuesday 1st September	Monday 4th January	Tuesday 13th April
Half Term	Monday 19th October to Friday 30th October	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
Term Finishes	Friday 18th December at 2:00pm	Thursday 25th March at 2:00pm	Thursday 22nd July

Next Week at James Dixon

Anti-Bullying Week



Look out for the details of the PTA poster competition with special prizes for the winners!

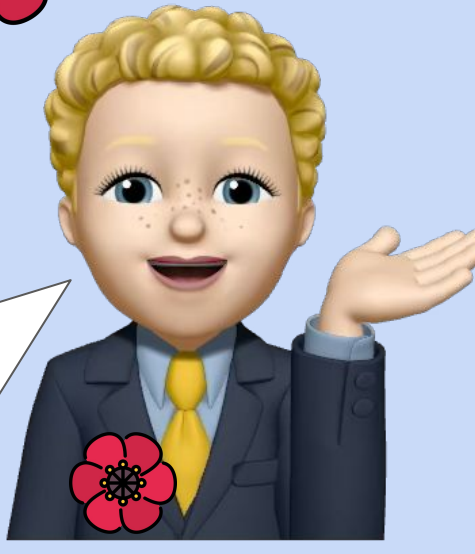
Pupil Leadership

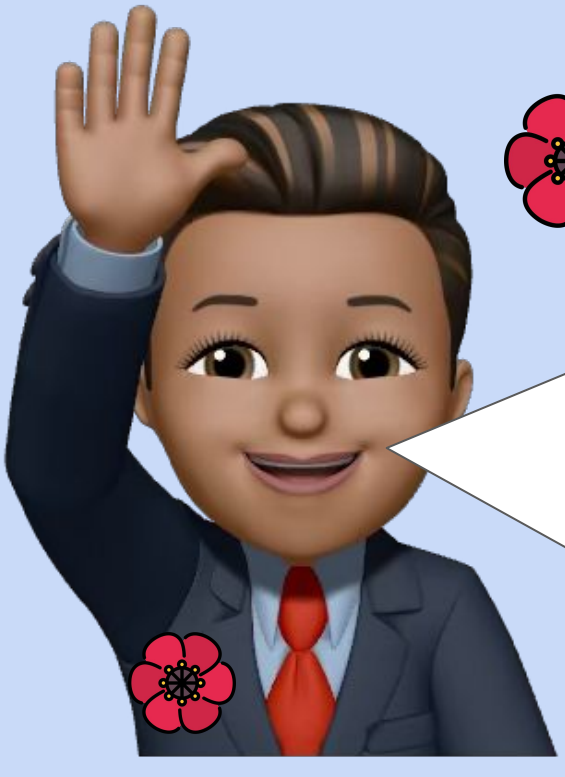
Hi JD, whether you were there or not I'd like everyone to take a moment to thank everyone that took part in the war and fought for our region. Yes that's right, it was **remembrance day** on Wednesday, thanks Mr Entwisle for that wonderful assembly.

Q: What's black and white and red all over?

A: a newspaper.

Did you get it!?





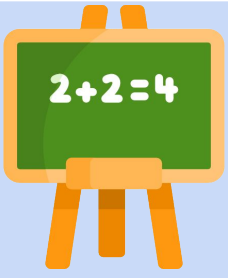
Hi JD, if you saw the fireworks, say yes out loud wherever you are, they were INSANE! The PTA was the BEST at organising!
On Wednesday, was REMEMBERANCE DAY and Mr Entwistle lead the remembrance assembly! This week, is not a bad week!

Fun Fact: Bananas are actually giant herbs, and their yellow fruit is basically classified as a berry.

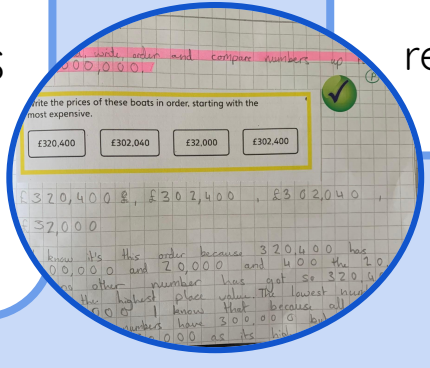
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Curriculum Focus - Maths

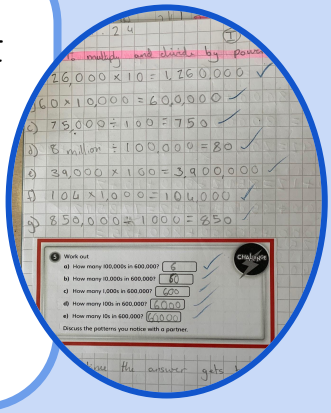
Maths



At James Dixon, teachers from Year 2 to Year 6 plan their maths lessons using a resource called Power Maths. Teachers in EYFS and Year 1 use NCETM Mastering Number.



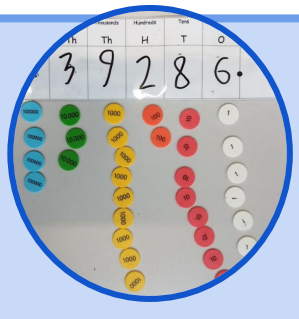
Throughout the week, the children are taught a range of different skills. This is done through fluency tasks, questioning and reasoning, as well as problem solving.





Every classroom has a Maths Working Wall which is updated daily to reflect the current learning. This is a great resource for the children to use throughout their Maths lessons.

The children have access to a range of manipulatives to support their learning.



Meet our Maths Pupil Leadership Team:



A
Year 5



D
Year 5



D
Year 5



I
Year 5



S
Year 6



D
Year 6



M
Year 6

Cyber Crimes Talk



Cybercrime is any illegal activity that uses a computer, digital device, or computer network as a primary tool, target, or means of facilitation.

On Tuesday, Year 5 and Year 6 had a visit from a serving police officer who works in the Cyber Crime Division.

The pupils were taught what makes a strong password, had discussion about the laws around cyber crime and the sorts of online activity that could get them in to trouble.

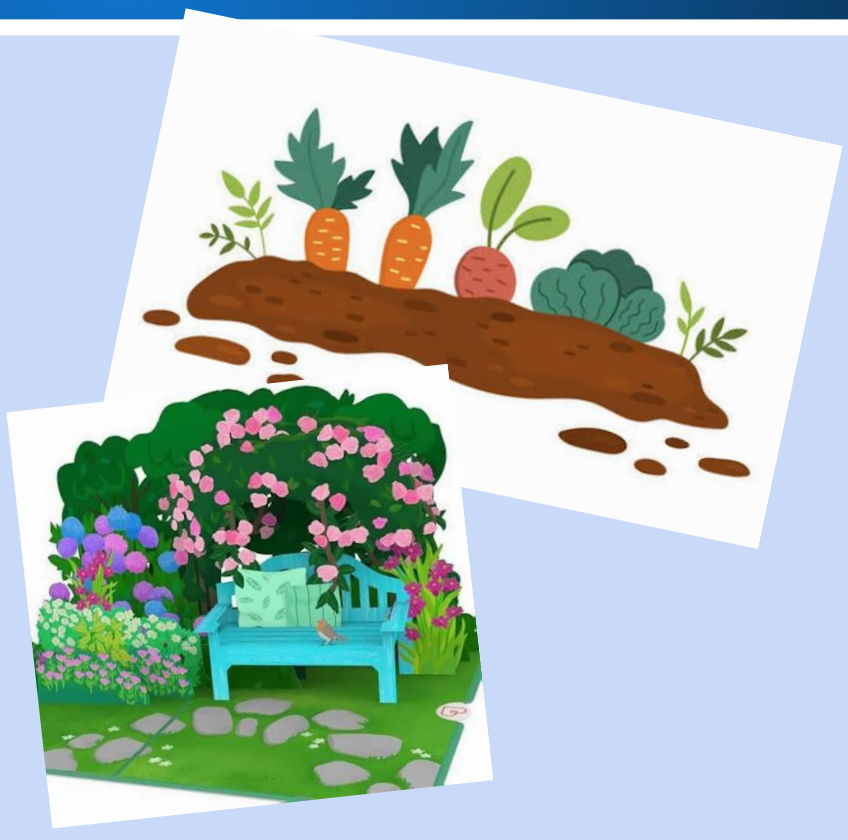
Both Year 5 and 6 were very engaged and found the session very informative.





Year 4 Crystal Palace Park





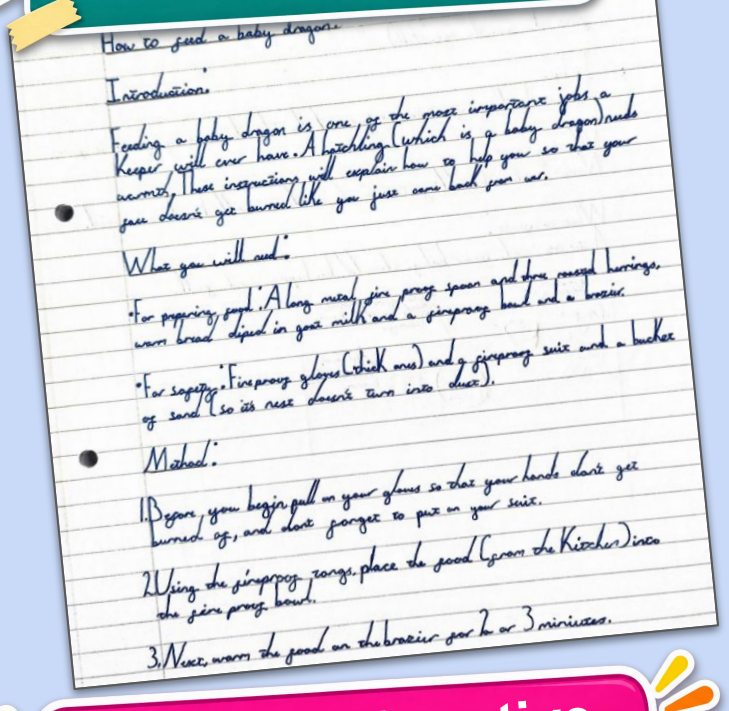
Year 4 visited Crystal Palace Park to explore the Secret Garden! We went on a hunt for clues to discover which wildlife creatures live there. We also learned about ways we can be more environmentally friendly, including collecting rainwater using a bag.



Exciting Writing!

Celebrating Brilliant Year 5 Writing!

Melissa - Instructions



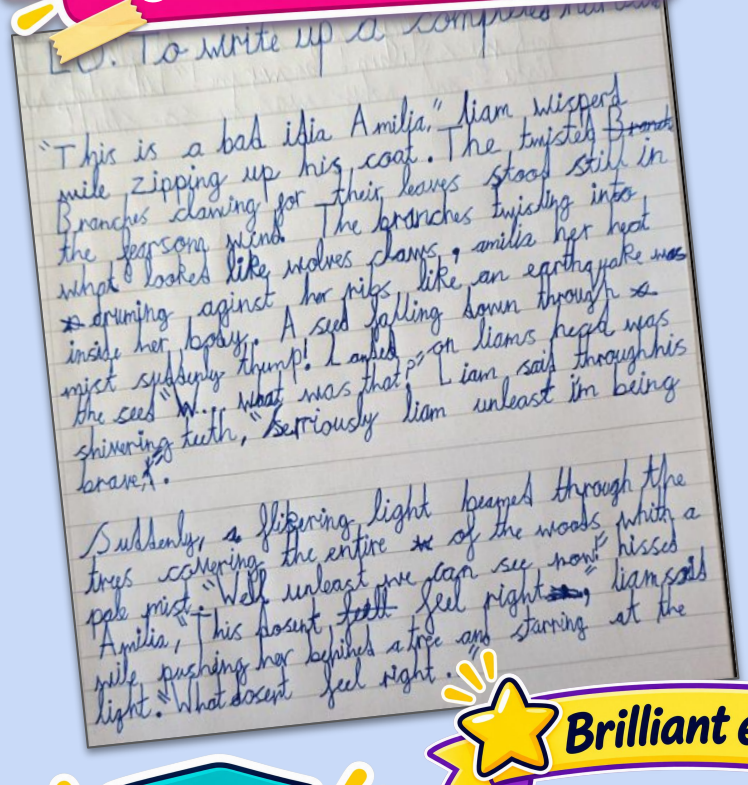
How to feed a baby dragon.

Introduction:

Feeding a baby dragon is one of the most important jobs a keeper will ever have. A hatchling (which is a baby dragon) needs warmth. These instructions will explain how to help you so that your face doesn't get burned like you just came back from war.

Fantastic writing!

Conrad - Narrative



"This is a bad idea Amelia," L... whispered while zipping up h... coat. The twisted branches clawing for their leaves stood still in the fearsome wind. Th... branches twirled into what looked like wolves claws. A... her heart drumming against ribs like an earthquake inside her body. A seed fell do...n through mist with a s...en thump. "W.... what w... Liam said, through h... teeth.

Great writing deserves the spotlight!



Brilliant effort!



Sustainability



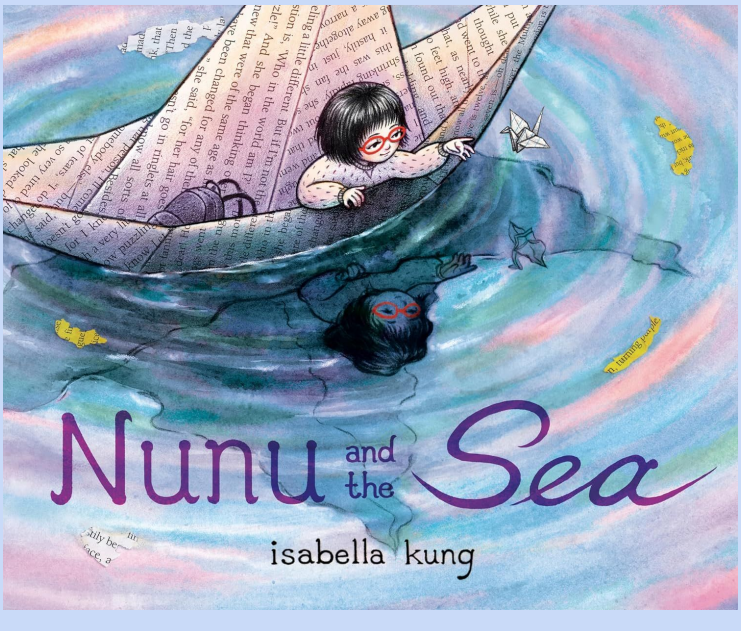
World Kindness Day & Planting

Kindness is more than being nice to your friends. Why not be kind to the planet this week?

November is the ideal time to plant spring bulbs or young native trees. The cool, damp soil lets roots settle quietly over winter so early bumblebees have vital pollen come spring. Show kindness to our planet this week by planting a bulb in a pot or garden border.

Book Recommendation

Nunu and the Sea is an powerful picture book exploring big emotions. When feelings overwhelm young Nunu, she crafts an origami boat and sails across a stormy, imagined sea. Guided by paper companions, she navigates turbulent waves to find calm waters again. Expressive artwork and rich visual storytelling offer a reassuring guide for children learning to ride out emotional storms.



Composition of the Week



Click here to listen

Gnarles Berkley ft Cee Lo Green - Crazy
Genre: Neo soul
Composed in: 2006
The song became a global phenomenon, famously becoming the first single to top the UK Singles Chart purely on digital download sales alone!
Cool fact: The vocals were recorded in just one take!
The melody and chord progression are heavily sampled from "Last Men Standing", a 1968 Spaghetti Western film score

Can you think of any other songs that use a sample from another song?

Online Safety

Managing Controls Online

Internet Matters asked online experts, Karl Hopwood and Richard Waite to share their advice on how to manage parental controls for different ages.

Find out more here:
https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/managing-parental-controls-for-different-ages/



Weekly Attendance

Every School Day Matters

96%

Class	Attendance %
Curious	95%
Imaginative	95%
Innovative	98%
Adventurous	96%
Confident	96%
Honest	95%
Respectful	96%
Energetic	96%
Expressive	93%
Reflective	96%
Resilient	95%
Kind	98%
Considerate	96%

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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 16th Nov.	Tuesday 17th Nov.	Wednesday 18th Nov	Thursday 19th Nov.	Friday 20th Nov.
Nature Makers Club 3.00 pm Drama Club Year 1-3 3.00 pm Football Club all years 3.00 pm Mini Athletics Rec-Year 2 3.00 pm Art Club Year 2-6 3.00 pm	**Year 6 Cinema Trip** **Year 4 Energetic Class trip to Stambourne Woods** **Year 2 Roman Day** Athletics Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm Drama Club Year 4-6 3.00 pm	**Year 4 Expressive Cinema Trip** **Year 5 DT Day** Cheerleading Club Year 2-6 7.45 am Gymnastics Club all years 3.00 pm Robotic Club Year 1-6 3.00 pm	**Year 5 Cinema Trip** **Year 2 Cinema Trip** Achievers Assembly 10.10 am (invited parents only) Creative Writing Club Year 3-6 3.00 pm Taekwondo club all years 3.00 pm Steel Pans Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm	Dance Club all years 7.50 am
Monday 23rd Nov.	**Tuesday 24th Nov.**	**Wednesday 25th Nov.**	**Thursday 26th Nov.**	**Friday 27th Nov.**
Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson **Pupil Principles to Houses of Parliament** **Year 1 Cinema Trip** Nature Makers Club 3.00 pm Drama Club Year 1-3 3.00 pm Football Club all years 3.00 pm Mini Athletics Rec-Year 2 3.00 pm Art Club Year 2-6 3.00 pm	**Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson** **Year 3 Cinema Trip** Athletics Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm Drama Club Year 4-6 3.00 pm	**Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson** **Year 4 Energetic Class Cinema Trip** Cheerleading Club Year 2-6 7.45 am Gymnastics Club all years 3.00 pm Robotic Club Year 1-6 3.00 pm	**Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson** Achievers Assembly 10.10 am (invited parents only) Creative Writing Club Year 3-6 3.00 pm Taekwondo club all years 3.00 pm Steel Pans Club Year 3-4 3.00 pm	**Year 4 Expressive Class Swimming Lesson** **Year 3 Trip to Chislehurst Caves** Dance Club all years 7.50 am

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PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

From all at the PTA...

A HUGE THANK YOU

to our amazing volunteers!

Our fireworks night was a spectacular success, and it couldn't have happened without YOU.

Your time, energy, and enthusiasm made the evening truly memorable for our children and families.

The funds raised will go directly towards supporting our students and enrichment activities for all year groups.

Want to know exactly how much we raised and how we're investing it?

Join us at our **AGM meeting** in 2027 for all the details!