

# Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023



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STRENGTH THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

# Pupil Principals

Hi everyone, if you have noticed, this week it has been frosty, we even had snow today!

Today, Year 6 went to Forest School, we had a fire and made smores, they were good but could have been sweeter.

I enjoyed leading Achievement Assembly this week because there was a quiz about Artists and it was really fun hearing you guys answer the questions.

Since Year 5 went on a trip on Thursday, the steel panners got to have a double lesson. We learnt and played 'Most Wonderful Time,' it made me feel very Christmassy.

I hope you've all got your advent calendars as today is the start of December. Have a great weekend!

*Hi, Celeste  
here!*



# Preschool in Outer Space

On Monday, Awesome Class had their very own 'Space Day!' The children came in dressed as astronauts, aliens, stars and there was even a rocket!

The children acted out the story, 'Whatever Next' and blasted off in their box rockets to have a picnic on the moon - it was out of this world! There was also a dark tent in the learning area so the children could see just how dark it must be in space. Everyone had a great day and learned a lot too!



# Time Traveller in Year 2



Year 2 were very excited to welcome Samuel Pepys, through the magic of time travel, for an afternoon of questioning about the Great Fire of London. Before he arrived they had to think about what punctuation was needed for a question and write three questions to ask Samuel Pepys that could further their knowledge.

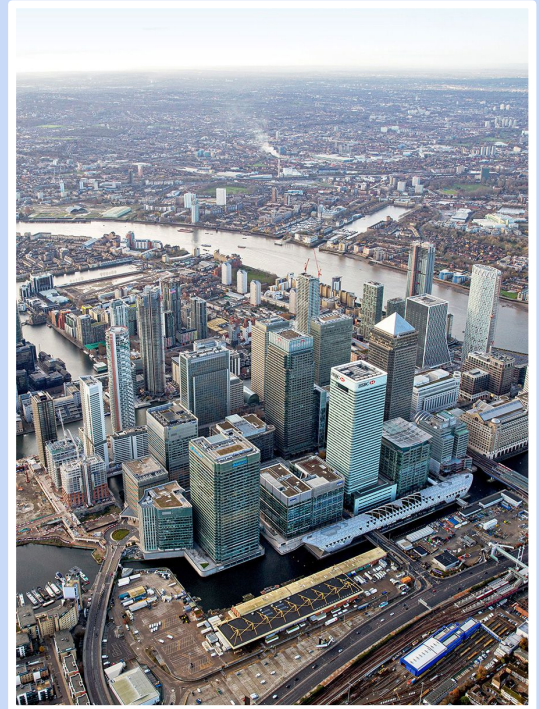




# Year 5 to Victorian Docks

On Thursday, Year 5 headed out on their first trip of the year to the Museum of London Docklands.

Before they even reached the museum, most were impressed by the tall buildings of Canary Wharf!



In the museum, the children were able to travel back through the years to the Victorian era when the docks were a hub of activity for the capital. They even got to walk round a very festive re-creation of a Victorian street!





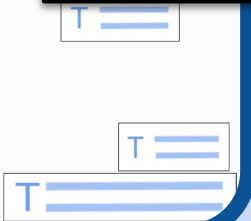
# Curriculum focus - Computing



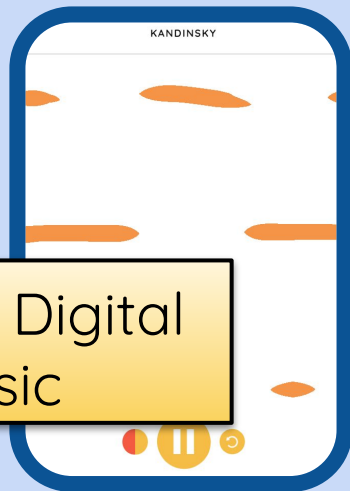
Here at JD, computing can look very different depending on what year you're in - however, one thing's for sure - it's always fun!



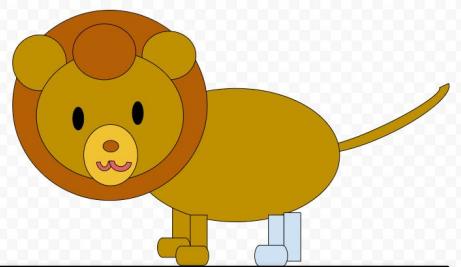
## Year 3 - Digital Publishing



## Year 2 - Digital Music



It might be Vector Drawing in Year 5, analyzing websites in Year 6 or even making digital music in Year 2!

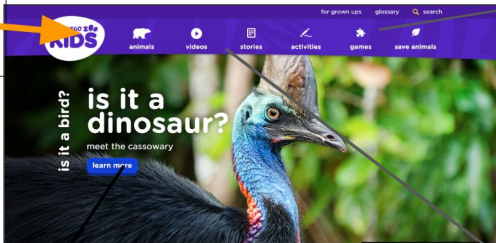


## Year 5 - Vector Drawing

### What makes a good website?

Annotate the screenshot(s) to highlight examples of different types of media and different ways that you can explore the website:

Button to press to return to homepage



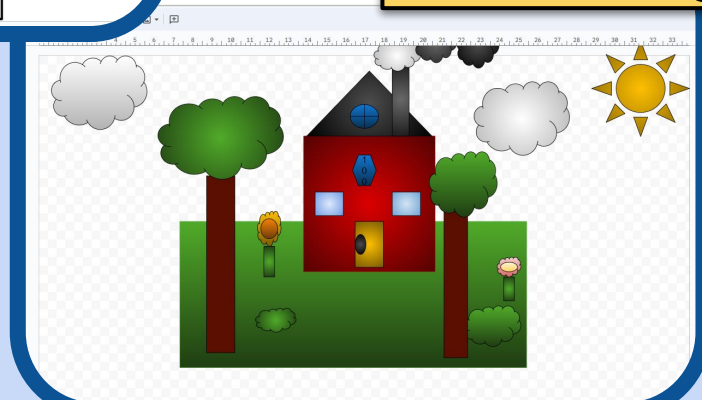
Games to entertain the young kids

A button to explore

Videos to show you the animals in action.

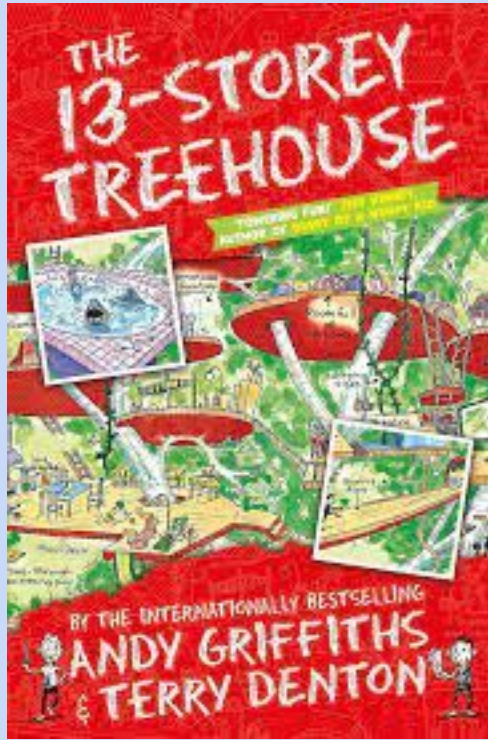
to produce different outcomes

## Year 6 - Website Design



# Mrs McDonald

## The 13-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

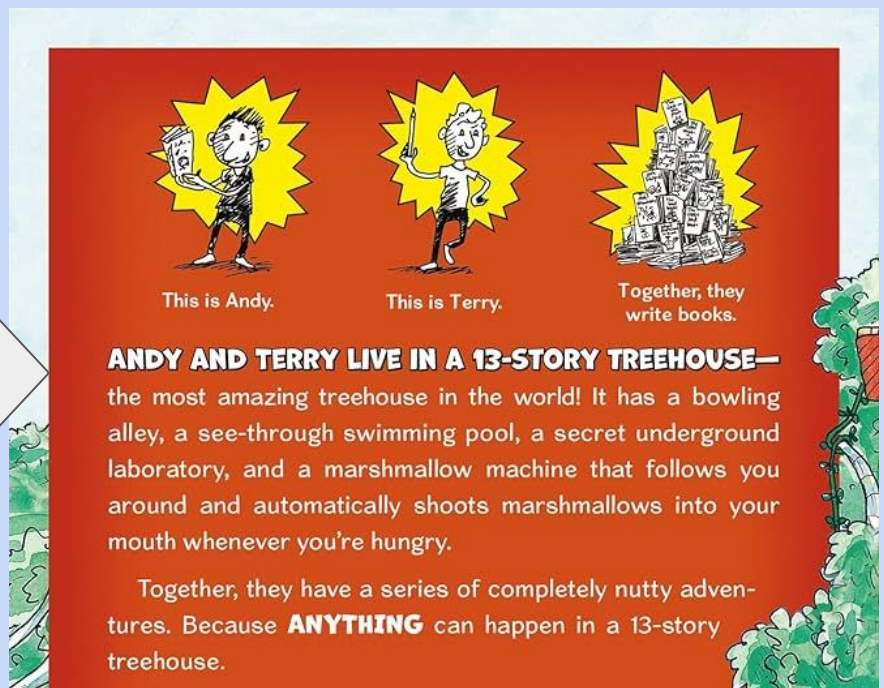


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I read this book with my daughter recently and we were both thoroughly entertained by it. The illustrations in the book and the way each page is presented definitely held our attention and we did not want to stop reading it.

The story follows Andy and Terry who live in a thirteen storey treehouse. In the treehouse there are lots of interesting features such as a secret underground laboratory, a lemonade fountain, a bowling alley and a marshmallow machine that shoots marshmallows into your mouth when you are hungry. Andy and Terry have to write a book together within 24 hours but there are many distractions along the way!

This is the blurb on the back of the book.



# James Dixon PTA



**JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



**FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER – 3PM**



**Please give your NUT FREE bakes to the office on Friday morning**



**All items will be 50p or £1 each. We take cards or cash.**



**Feel free to decorate for Winter/Christmas/Hanukkah**

# Weekly Attendance

*Be here every day, all day!*

94%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	95 %
Energetic	94 %
Expressive	89 %
Reflective	96 %
Resilient	92 %
Considerate	98 %
Kind	98 %
Capable	93 %
Cooperative	94 %
Caring	95 %
Successful	89 %
Adventurous	97 %
Confident	98 %

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# Next week's achievers

## Music

<b>Reflective Class</b>	<b>El-Shyne</b>
<b>Resilient Class</b>	<b>Amber</b>
<b>Considerate Class</b>	<b>Zahara</b>
<b>Kind Class</b>	<b>Siena</b>
<b>Capable Class</b>	<b>Masen</b>
<b>Cooperative Class</b>	<b>Allyson</b>
<b>Caring Class</b>	<b>Roxanne</b>
<b>Successful Class</b>	<b>Samuel</b>
<b>Adventurous Class</b>	<b>Alfie</b>
<b>Confident Class</b>	<b>Madina</b>

# Dates for your diary

Monday 4th Dec.

- Football Club 3.00 pm
- Drama Club YR 1-3 3.00 pm

Tuesday 5th Dec.

- Mini Athletics R-YR1 3.00 pm
- Drama Club YR 4-6 3.00 pm
- Drama Club Performance 3.45 pm

Wednesday 6th Dec.

- Gymnastics Club 7.30 am
- Achievers Assembly 10.10 am (by invitation only)
- Gymnastics Club 3.00 pm

Thursday 7th Dec.

- Year 3 to Chislehurst Caves
- Phonics Booster 3.00 pm (selected children only)
  - Taekwondo Club 3.00 pm
  - Steel Pan Club YR3 3.00 pm
  - Steel Pan Club YR4 3.30 pm

Friday 8th Dec.

- Year 5 Victorian Day
- Dance Club 7.50 am