



Writing Update



The Literacy Tree

I am delighted to share that since September, children in years 1 to 6 have been engaging in their writing lessons each day using our new scheme from 'The Literacy Tree'. Our newly adopted scheme follows a 'Teach Through a Text' approach whereby we teach every aspect of writing through literature that inspires. Each class completes a three week block focusing on specific engaging texts. I highly encourage you to ask your child about the texts they have been studying in their writing lessons—I'm sure they will be thrilled to share their thoughts and examples of writing they have produced linked to these texts. We have been blown away by the improved standards in the children's writing and are extremely excited to continue on our journey with this new approach.

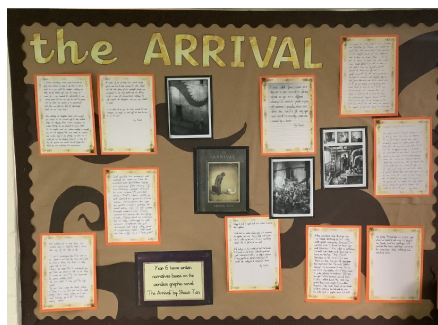
Handwriting

This year, we are continuing to support our children's handwriting using the 'Achieving Excellence in Handwriting' scheme which was introduced last year. Our children have continued to show significant improvement in their letter formation and have shown an improved understanding of how to hold a pencil/pen as well as using the correct posture when writing. We use two main reminders in school which you could ask your children about at home: BBC (Bottom, Back, Chair) and TNT (Tummy Near Table).

To further encourage the school's positive approach to handwriting, we kindly ask that you support this at home. Regular practicing of handwriting can greatly improve your child's writing skills. This can be easily done: writing a diary entry of their day or writing letters to friends and family.

Spellings

Our children participate in daily spelling activities linked to their writing text through isolated spelling sessions, handwriting sessions and sentence dictation sessions. Spelling patterns are explored fully with the children before having time to put these to practice through a range of different activities/games. Please find below an example of some of our writing displays.



**Dates for your Diary**

**Film Night**

**Wednesday 17th December  
DATE CHANGED**

**Nursery Trip-Snowdome  
Monday 8th December  
DATE CHANGED**

**Afternoon Tea with Santa  
9th, 10th and 16th December**

**KS2 Performance**

**Friday 12th December  
9.15am**

**And 2.15pm**

**Monday 15th December  
KS2 Performance 9.15am**

**KS1 Performance 1.30pm**

**Reception Performance  
2.30pm**

**Tuesday 16th December  
KS1 Performance 9.15am**



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Wednesday 3rd December

# The View Point



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## Dates for your Diary

Reception Trip

Ash End Farm

Thursday 18th December

Friday 19th December

Last Day of Term

Monday 5th January

Inset Day

Tuesday 6th January

Start of Term



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