



**Week beginning: 8th January 2024**

What a cold week it has been! Our attendance is looking good this week. Let's see if we can keep this up!

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

*The Leesons Team*

**Attendance and Punctuality**

Our attendance and punctuality for this week can be seen in the table below.

Class	Attendance (%)
Little Orchard	91.89%
Hedgehog	93.37%
Squirrel	91.76%
Robin	96.74%
Owl	92.05%
Woodpecker	92.33%
Kingfisher	94.41%
Badger	94.78%
Fox	94.17%
Rabbit	95.14%
Mole	97.86%
Otter	88.97%
Stag	85.66%
Kestrel	93.33%

Well done to Mole Class who won Leo the Attendance Bear the Attendance cup this week!

Well done to Rabbit Class who won the Punctuality cup this week!



## Language of the week



Language of the week, the greeting in Bulgarian is, 'Zdraveite'.  
Bulgaria has hot summers and long, cold winters. From December to mid-March, the country gets a lot of snow, especially high in the [mountains](#).  
Bulgaria is home to about 170 plant species that are found nowhere else in the world, including species of tulips, a buttercup, a cornflower, and a baby's breath

## Oracy Talk Topic

At home, we would like you to pick an evening that is convenient and come together as a family to discuss the 'Talk Topic'. In order to ensure that your child participates in high-quality talk, please remember to play devil's advocate during the discussion. Your child should not only be given the opportunity to agree and build on other viewpoints, but also challenge/disagree, explain and justify.

The 'Talk Topic' for this week is the following:

'Would you rather explore space or the depths of the ocean? Explain your choice.'

## Leesons Reading Challenge

Earlier in the year we introduced the reading challenge trees that show the 100 books that we encourage to be read in each year group. The children can earn certificates (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75 and 100 books) and a golden ticket which enables them to receive a book from the vending machine.

We would like to celebrate our wonderful readers at Leesons by sharing their reading success.

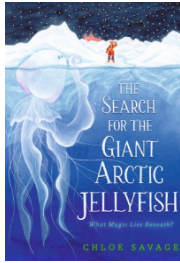
Name	Class	Certificate
Ben	Rabbit	15 books
Isla	Fox	5 books
Alannah	Fox	10 books
Minaiya	Fox	15 books
Dawson	Fox	5 books



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### Book of the week



### Word Aware

#### EYFS/KS1



### Word of the Week

**tremendous**



 Meaning	 Challenge
Very good, amazing.	How many times could you find to use the word <b>tremendous</b> ? Tell someone that their writing, drawing or acting is <b>tremendous</b> when they do it really well.

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#### KS2



### Word of the Week

**triumphantly**



 Meaning	 Challenge
Doing something that shows you have won, or you have succeeded.	Pretend you are going to hold something up <b>triumphantly</b> . What would you be holding?

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### E-safety



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# What Children & Young People Need to Know about **FREE** vs **HATE** **SPEECH** **SPEECH**

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called "hate speech" and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

**The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.**

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having ours challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

**Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.**

**Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.**

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

## Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the DEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.



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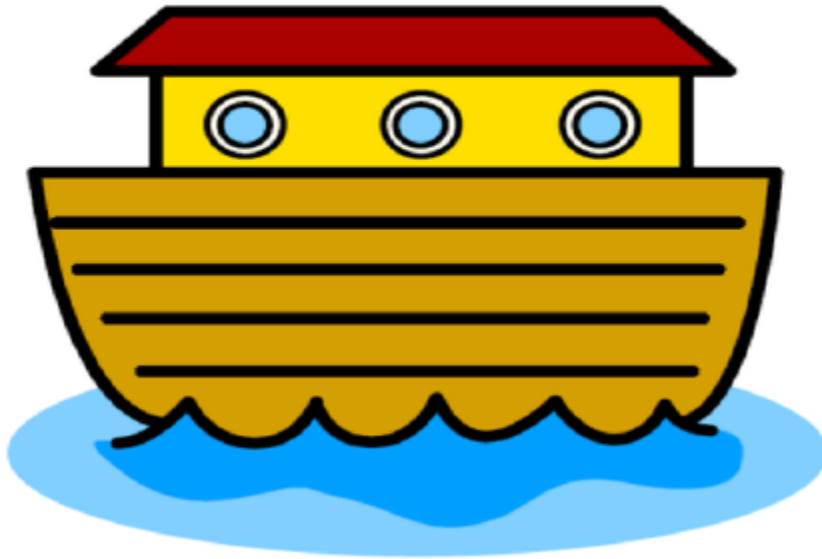


## Maths Challenge

Can you list as many different ways of making 12 legs from animals as positive?

LO: I can solve a problem

Noah saw 12 legs walk into the Ark. Which animals did he see?



## Junior Duke

We would like to celebrate the achievements of those taking part in the Junior Duke programme. This week the following children have completed tasks. Well done and keep up the hard work.

Name	Class	Activity
Ben	Rabbit	Interest Computer Skills

Need inspiration?

Squirrels and Hedgehog class / Micro Duke families - how about going out on a family outing with a scooter, bicycle, roller skates/blades or skateboard and practice without parent help. This can be used for your Exercise task. Please remember to take pictures.



Owl and Robin class / Silver Mini Duke families - how about having a go at reading On the Ning Nang Nong by Spike Milligan. This is your Reading challenge. Remember to take pictures and write up your experience

On the Ning Nang Nong  
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Where the Cows go Bong!  
And the Monkeys all say Boo!  
There's a Nong Nang Ning  
Where the trees go Ping!  
And the tea pots Jibber Jabber Joo.  
On the Nong Ning Nang  
All the mice go Clang!  
And you just can't catch 'em when they do!  
So it's Ning Nang Nong!  
Cows go Bong!  
Nong Nang Ning!  
Trees go Ping!  
Nong Ning Nang!  
The mice go Clang!  
  
What a noisy place to belong,  
Is the Ning Nang Ning Nang Nong!!



If you do not have a printer and require photos printed off, please email them in jpeg form to [JuniorDuke@leesons.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:JuniorDuke@leesons.bromley.sch.uk)

Don't forget to bring completed Junior Duke books to Fox class during lunch break.

### Science

Each month we will be sharing a link to a Science experiment which you could do at home and a Science questions which the children need to research and send into their class. Answers are then collected by the Science Ambassadors and an overall winner is randomly selected to win a prize. Every term, a famous Scientist linked to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) will also be focussed on.





Science Experiment	Create your own lava lamp. <a href="https://www.science-sparks.com/how-to-make-a-lava-lamp/">https://www.science-sparks.com/how-to-make-a-lava-lamp/</a>
Science Question	Who invented the computer?
Scientist	Ada Lovelace



Can we please remind you that no mobile phones should be used on school grounds? Thank you

### Highlights of the week

The children were so excited to watch our visiting pantomime of Cinderella. Thank you to M and M Productions for another amazing performance.



### What's on?

Week 3	
Tuesday - 16.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.15 Caroline Rous from Spinnaker full school assembly</li></ul>
Wednesday - 17.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9am - Coffee Morning Pastoral Team - please come along to discuss Zones of Regulation in more detail and the other Pastoral support that is on offer.</li><li>Stag Library visit 1.30pm-2.30pm</li></ul>
Thursday - 18.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kestrel Library visit 1.30pm-2.30pm</li></ul>
Friday - 19.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2.30pm - Rabbit class assembly (Rabbit Class Parents and Carers are welcome to come and watch)</li></ul>



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Week 4	
Monday - 22.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3.30pm Choir Meeting about Young Voices for Parents in Robin Class - please go to the School Office and we will collect you from there</li></ul>
Wednesday - 24.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9am - Coffee Morning SEND</li><li>Reception at Fire Station</li></ul>
Thursday - 25.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Otter Library visit 1.30pm-2.30pm</li></ul>

Week 5	
Tuesday - 30.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.15 Caroline Rous from Spinnaker full school assembly</li><li>LPS Choir performing at O2 Arena</li></ul>
Wednesday - 31.01.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>9am - Coffee Morning Pupil Premium</li><li>Mole Library visit 1.30pm-2.30pm</li></ul>
Thursday - 01.02.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rabbit Library visit 1.30pm-2.30pm</li></ul>
Friday - 02.02.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Numbers Day - dress up as something math!</li></ul>

Week 6 Children's mental health week	
Tuesday - 06.02.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.15 Caroline Rous from Spinnaker full school assembly</li><li>Year 6 trip to Biggin Hill Airport</li></ul>
Wednesday - 07.02.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>E-safety day</li><li>9am - Coffee Morning -E-safety</li></ul>
Friday - 09.02.24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2.30pm - Kingfisher class assembly (Kingfisher Parents and Carers are welcome to come and watch the assembly)</li></ul>





**Half Term - 12.02.24 to 16.02.24**

**Monday 19th February is an INSET Day so no children will be in school. They will return to school after half term on Tuesday 20th February**

**News from Bromley:**

**Small World Cinema is back again this year with a season of FREE films and creative fun for local children and families at Bromley Central Library. On Saturday the 27th of January they organise an afternoon of belly tickling slapstick fun with live piano by the brilliant silent movie pianist John Sweeney. A truly unique experience for young and old, especially if you have never seen a movie with live music before.**

**We are watching the Buster Keaton film 'One Week' in which Buster and his new bride receive a flatpack house as a wedding gift, unaware that a rival sabotaged the kit's numbering. Death defying stunts and gags ensue in this classic slapstick.**

**The event starts with some cinematic craft activities. This time we're constructing a 'phenakistoscope', a forerunner of the flip book, but don't worry: it's easier to make than pronounce!**

**Tickets can be booked on Eventbrite via our website:**

**<https://www.smallworldcinema.com/events>**

**You can also email them directly for information or tickets: [smallworldcinema@gmail.com](mailto:smallworldcinema@gmail.com)**

**The event is suitable for all ages and takes place on the 4th floor of Bromley Central Library, Saturday the 27th of September from 1-3:30pm.**