



## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy start to 2024 and we have experienced many positives this half term. I am delighted to report that we have observed significant progress in the children's phonics proficiency. Many of our children have demonstrated a deeper understanding of letter-sound relationships and are becoming more confident in decoding words. What's even more encouraging is seeing how the children are applying these phonics skills in their reading. It has been a pleasure to hear children read recently!

ClassDojo has proven to be an invaluable tool this half term in facilitating communication between teachers and parents. Through this platform, our staff members have been able to share important updates, announcements, and insights into classroom activities and events in a timely and efficient manner. Whether it's sharing photos of classroom projects, posting reminders about upcoming assignments, or sending out school-wide announcements, ClassDojo has allowed us to keep you informed and engaged every step of the way. Thank you for your continued support and participation in our efforts to improve communication between school and home.

Enjoy the half term break, and we look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting term ahead.

Mrs Holmes



## School Council

Our school council members in Year 2 have been appointed following an election in each class. The children will be thinking of ways to improve our school and promoting our school values.

Red – Leo and Amelia

Yellow – Marwane and Florence

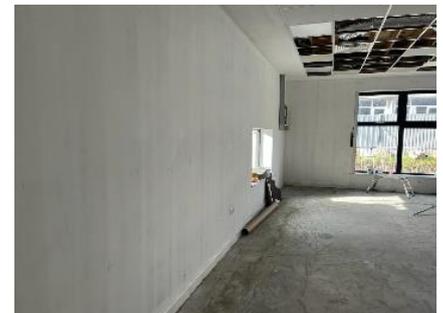
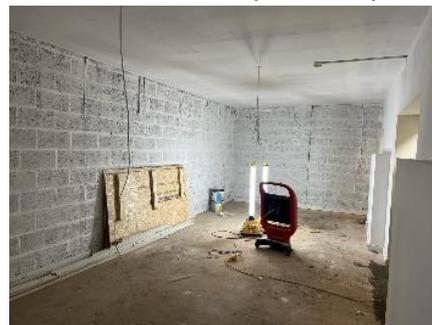
Gold – Edith and Harshaan

Orange – Ali and Eve

## Building Work

Our building work is progressing exceptionally well, and we anticipate the completion of the works by the end of March. It's truly exciting to see these new spaces coming to life.

We are eagerly looking forward to sharing these new facilities with you and your children.



Lighting the hearts & minds of our community

## Overdale Parent Forum

We are excited to invite you to our first Overdale Parent Forum. Mr Evans and Mrs Holmes are keen to collaborate more closely with families to enhance various aspects of school life. The focus of our first meeting will be on improving communication across both schools. Your participation and input will contribute to shaping our strategies for better communication and enhancing the overall educational experience for our children.

**Date:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

**Time:** 9:00am – 10am

**Location:** Overdale Junior School Hall

## Community Spotlight

We would like to thank members of our community for their support this term.



Thank you to the team at Leicester South Foodbank for supporting our community and helping us to provide food to families in need.



Thank you Leicester Children's holidays for the supporting thousands of disadvantaged children across the city. As a school we have benefited from subsidised trips and memorable experiences for some children.

## After School Clubs

Please click the link for more details.

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### Half term Highlights from our KS1 children

**History – The Great Fire of London.**

**English – Writing our own Hansel and Gretel stories.**

**Maths – Multiplication and Division.**

**Computing – Using the iPad to type and use emojis.**

**Subtraction in Maths.**

**Art – It was so much fun sketching!**

## Dates for your diary

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	School reopens
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – children to come dressed as a book character.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Blue Class and Indigo Class Spring Assembly
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Violet Class and Green Class Spring Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset day – School closed to children
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Rainbow 1 Bear Hunt Trip
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Rainbow 3 Bear Hunt Trip
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Rainbow 2 Bear Hunt Trip Coffee Morning for parents and carers End of term

## Class assemblies

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Rainbow 2
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Rainbow 3

Respect

Resilience

Responsibility