



Message from our Executive Head What a busy week we have had! The highlight clearly being World Book Day! It was a pleasure to see children engaging in a range of activities to celebrate the joy that books can bring. Thank you for your continued support to help us to foster a love of reading for all. **Mrs Brand**

SKYLARKS This week the year 1 and 2 children enjoyed a trip to Waveney Valley Gymnastics hall. They had an amazing time jumping into foam pits, swinging on the bars and using the giant trampolines. We learnt all about orchestral music in Music and in PSHE we turned our class rules into expectations. In science we were looking at how we can change different objects by bending, twisting, stretching and squashing and in music we were creating dances whilst pretending to be toys. Finally, we had a great World Book Day, listening to lots of classic fairy tales, doing quizzes and treasure hunts and making gingerbread men! **Mrs Carroll**

MALLARDS Well done Mallards. We have had another very busy week. In History, we have been finding out about Anglo-Saxon justice. We thought the punishments were very gruesome!. Even children were not spared a harsh punishment if they did something wrong in Saxon times. In computing, we are learning how to create our own podcasts. We have used microphones to record ourselves and have even learned how to distort our voices. We had a lovely world book day. Amongst the fun, we designed house for fairy tale characters and created some artwork using oil pastels and water colours based on The Princess and the Pea. **Mrs Munro**

SWANS This week in swans we have been busy writing our persuasive texts. We have persuaded Mrs Sherwood to go on holiday, that animals are amazing and why we need to protect bees and wildlife. In RE this week, we learnt about the Prophet Mohammad (pbuh) and what he did to change the world. We were interested in how many similarities we found to the life of Jesus. We enjoyed world book day and had so many amazing costumes within the classroom. We enjoyed writing a fractured fairy tale, completed a fairy tale quiz and made ourselves into genies from Aladdin as a piece of artwork. Next week we start our new guided reading books so no homework this week. **Mrs Sherwood**

ATTENDANCE

Many thanks for your support with attendance. Our year-to-date attendance figure is **94.27%**. With **Swans** winning this weeks Attendance Teddy.



Congratulations

TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:
KINGFISHER WINGS READING - SWANS



WORLD BOOK DAY 2024



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

March

- 12:** Tempest Photography Class Photos.
- 12:** *NEW DATE* Skylarks Trip to Time & Tide Museum, GY.
- 15:** Comic Relief's Red Nose Day.
- 15:** World Book Day Photos in Beccles & Bungay Journal.
- 21:** World Down Syndrome Day - our theme: 'Shining Bright'.
- 22:** Easter Service at 2.30pm, Geldeston Church, families welcome.
- 26:** Y3 & Y4 to Adventure Island.
- 27:** ***Last Day of Spring Term 2!***

April

- 15:** ***First Day of Summer Term 1!***
- 16:** Reception 2024 Pupil Offer Letters from NCC.

All future dates can be viewed on our school calendar via our website: <http://www.gillingham.dneat.org/calendar/>



*Dear God,
Thank you for the power of a
good book to transport us to new
places and to give us new
experiences.
Thank you for the creativity of
authors and illustrators in
creating books for us to enjoy.
We are thankful for our own
ability to read and to imagine.
We thank you for the people who
have helped us to enjoy reading,
Amen.*