

Newsletter

Friday 25th November, 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another fantastic week in school, with so much to be proud of! We have appeared this week in the Suffolk News, with an article celebrating our recent Ofsted inspection (please see the report here: <https://www.suffolknews.co.uk/haverhill/news/outstanding-pupils-praised-by-school-inspectors-9286000/>)



Thanks to your support, we raised a huge total of **£726.54** for children in Need last week - quite possibly a record! Thank you for all your contributions, to the staff who supported this cause and particularly to Miss Graham, who organised the event this year.

Our library visits have also continued this week, which are proving a huge success. The children have been buzzing on their return to school and have thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the opportunity to choose from a wonderful range of books.

You can follow the school on Twitter: [@PlaceFarmAcad](https://twitter.com/PlaceFarmAcad) and visit our website, which has lots of information about our curriculum on <https://placefarm.org.uk/>

Have a wonderful weekend.

Jane Sendall
Headteacher

CALENDAR

November

Wednesday 23rd November - Flu Vaccine (Pick up for previously absent pupils session)

December

Tuesday 13th December - Carols on the Playground, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch day

Tuesday 13th December (evening) - Castle Manor, Burton End and Place Farm Carol service at St Mary's Church - Haverhill

Friday 16th December - Christmas Parties (more info to follow)

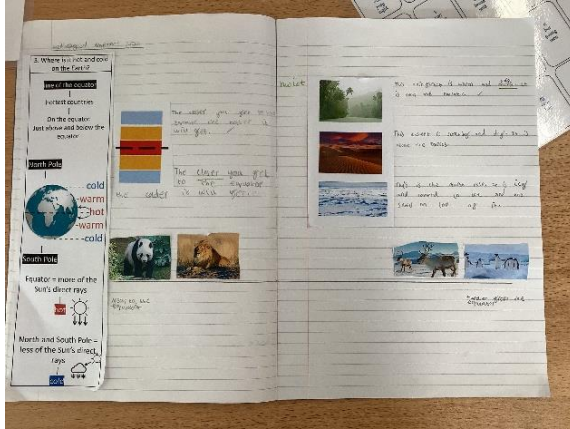
Friday 16th December - Last day of autumn term

January Tuesday 3rd January - PD Day (School closed to pupils)

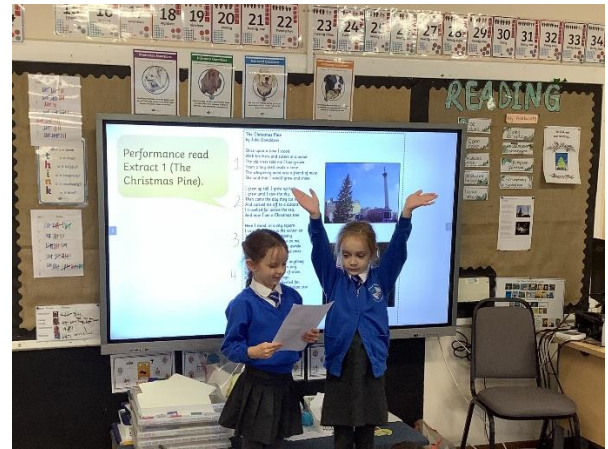
Wednesday 4th January - First day of spring term

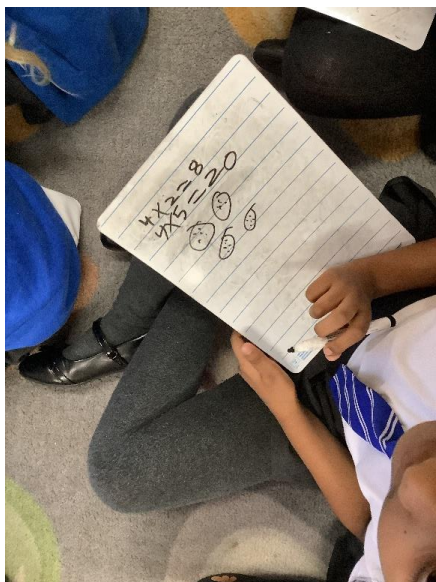
Year 2

This week in Geography we have been looking at hot and cold places and where these are located on the Earth. We learnt that the hottest countries are *on* the equator, just above or just below. Why don't you ask us to show you where the cold countries are?

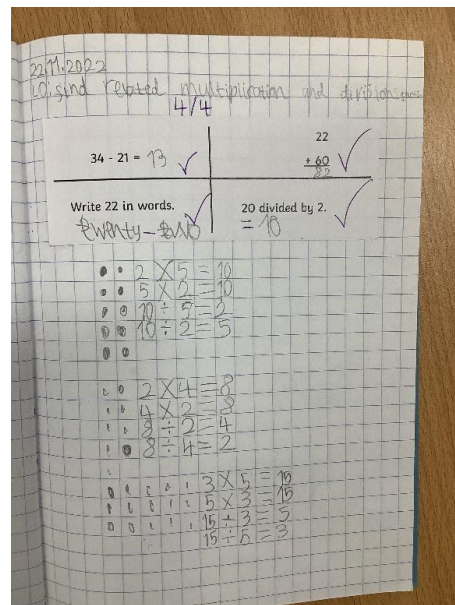


In our Reading lessons we have been reading *The Christmas Pine* by Julia Donaldson. It is a rhyming poem all about a Christmas tree that has travelled a long way from Norway to London. We loved taking turns to perform the poem to the class.





In Maths we have been practising division and exploring the relationship between multiplication and division. We wrote the equation for different word problems and matched equations to arrays.



A story or poem to enjoy with your child

Hello everyone,
Please enjoy this little story or poem ☺
Miss Jenkins

The Hope-o-potamus

by
GREG JAMES AND CHRIS SMITH

In a drought, in the dust, in a dry river bed
A sad hippopotamus hung his grey head.
He'd had nothing to drink since the start of this week.
If he didn't find water things could get quite bleak.

The hippo was sad and the hippo was hot.
But did he sit down and give in? Of course not!
He remembered the words of a wise old giraffe,
That he'd heard long ago, when he'd been a young calf:

"There'll be times in your life when your road will be tough.
You'll be tempted to say that you've had quite enough.
There'll be people that try and convince you to stop,
And you'll feel that you're just about ready to drop.

'But those are the times when you've got to keep moving,
And with every small step you will see things improving.
Just point any way that seems hopeful to you,
You move one foot forwards, then foot number two.

'Then follow this up with your other two feet,
Then return to foot one, and repeat and repeat.
Remember these words,' said the wise old giraffe,
To our hero, the hippo, when he was a calf.

So the hippopotamus nodded his head.
'I'll keep plodding and see where I get to,' he said.
And he looked all around at the arid terrain,
And thought, *Will I ever find water again?*

Ahead, a high mountain rose up in the distance.
It looked rocky and steep, but with hippo-persistence,
He decided he'd walk till he had overcome it,
In case there were better things over the summit.

First he came to a desert, which wasn't too handy.
It was hard to walk through, rather slippery and sandy.
A camel was sitting on top of a dune,
And it told the hippo, 'You absolute loon!

'Turn around! Go back! Or you'll look like a chump.
There's no water this way, except this in my hump.'
But the hippopotamus shook his head.
'Just a bit further,' he boldly said.

One step at a time he continued his journey,
Till he came to a jungle – dark, dank, green and ferny.
The jungle was thick and the creepers were creepy,
And a large sloth hung down from a branch looking sleepy.

'This forest ... it goes on for miles,' he said, yawning.
'Why don't you just hang here with me till the morning?'
The hippo – though tempted – again shook his head.
'Just a bit further,' he bravely said.

He plunged on through the jungle, and after a while
He arrived at the mountain – the ultimate trial.
Poor hippo was tired, almost giving up hope.
But – one step at a time – he pushed on up the slope.

The mountain was rocky and strewn with huge boulders;
The stones hurt his feet and the sun scorched his shoulders.
A lion sat there on a rocky outcropping,
And the lion called out, 'You're much better off stopping.'

But the hippopotamus shook his head.
'Just a bit further,' he proudly said.
His heart was so heavy, his feet were so sore,
But he climbed and he climbed – one step, then one step more.

And, just when he was feeling ready to drop,
He finally realised that he'd reached the top.
And a splendid sight met his eyes when he looked down:
A wide muddy waterhole, gleaming and brown.

He could see lots of splashing – someone was there bathing.
A hippo! A friend! And they seemed to be waving.
And the hippopotamus nodded his head.
'I'm glad that I chose to keep going,' he said.

Then a voice from behind him called out, 'We were wrong!'
The lion, sloth and camel had followed along.
And the animals cried, 'You're more brave than the lot of us.
Hip hip hooray for the hope-o-potamus!'



**"Reading changes your life.
Reading unlocks worlds
unknown or forgotten,
taking travelers around the
world and through time."**

– DONALYN MILLER

Place Farm Primary Academy's School Council:



So far, this academic year the School Council have recorded a lesson, based on the PROUD values, gathered ideas on what the PROUD values mean to us and spoken to Miss Jenkins about ways that pupils could earn stickers for displaying the values. Next week the children will be meeting to consider which charities they want to raise money for and what we could call the attendance bears.

Our Trust School Councillors, Tilly and Harvey, have been working alongside the other Trust schools to consider what we can do to reduce our electricity bill. They had a meeting with Mrs Sendall and came up with lots of great ideas!

Miss Jenkins is so proud of all the children – they are doing so well!



Here at Place Farm, we are celebrating National Non-Fiction November with 25 awesome [brand new](#) non-fiction books!

Ranging from True Ghost Stories, to Forest Habitats around the World to Elizabeth the First and Queen Victoria, we are sure to have something for everyone.

Pop along to our lovely new library to see what we have for your next Accelerated Reader book.

