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| First of all I would like to apologise that you did not receive a newsletter last week. This does mean we have even more exciting news to share with you this week. **Chinese New Year** Tuesday 5th February 2019 marked the Chinese New Year. Pupils in our reception classes had a very exciting experience last week when the Ma Family came into school to tell us all about the Chinese New Year. We were fascinated to learn more about the Chinese culture and traditions. We particularly enjoyed trying on traditional clothing, learning about The Great Race and making lanterns to decorate the classroom. The Ma Family very generously sent every child home with a fortune cookie to enjoy. Thank you very much.Happy New Year to all our families who celebrate New Year at this time. London will host a number of events this weekend to celebrate the Chinese New Year. If you haven’t taken part in these before, you may wish to investigate what opportunities there are. **Yr 5 visit to The British Museum**On Monday 28th January, pupils in year 5 visited the British Museum as part of their topic work to see a wide range of artefacts from Ancient Greece. During their time at the museum they attended a presentation on Greek myths and Greek imagery which was very informative. **C:\Users\vholt\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.Outlook\TJLKRDS9\Science Picture.PNGScience in Year 4** Year 4 have been learning about how sounds are created and how we make sense of those sounds.  This week, they were experimenting with how different movements could create different sounds, using the xylophones. Much fun was had during this lesson. Well done year 4. **Bug Club - Super Readers** Well done KS1 for being such avid Bug Club readers! Your class teachers are really impressed by all the extra reading you've been doing. Just a little note to explain that a book is considered to be "complete" by Bug Club when all the activities have been attempted and the final page has been reached. **Book Fair**On Wednesday our Book Fair started. It will be here until next Wednesday, the 13th of February.As a school, we are always reflecting on what we can do better. Recently, we have been working on improving the reading provision at BWA and have introduced Star Author of the half term. Time is set aside to learn more about the focus author, a picture of the author is displayed in the classroom and a variety of books they have written are on offer for the pupils to read. Children are encouraged to read a book by the author of the half term so that they read a wider range of books. It is human nature to choose certain types of books because we know we enjoy them and being a bit more adventurous needs a little encouragement, at times. Maybe the opportunity to browse through the selection of books on offer at the book fair is a chance to explore books that don’t normally appeal to us. World Book Day is on 7th March, when we return after half term. More details to follow soon.**Attendance remains a key area for us all to improve. Only four classes achieved 95%+ last week. Please do make sure that children are in school every day.** I wish you all a very happy and peaceful weekend. Séana Henry |



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**8th February 2019 ‘So many books so little time’ – Frank Zappa**

**Key Dates**

6th Feb to 12th Feb - Book Fair

15th Feb – Y3 & 3B Trip to The British Museum

Half Term – Monday 18th Feb to Friday 22nd Feb

**Weekly Attendance**

 95% Target

1B – 100% 

Y1 – 89.4% 

2B – 94.0% 

Y2 – 96.3% 

3B – 97.9% 

Y3 – 94.8% 

4B – 89.2% 

Y4 – 94.6% 

5B – 82.5% 

Y5 – 92.8% 

6B – 99.0% 

Y6 – 93.3% 

Remember the soft start begins at 8.30am - ready to learn at 8.45am

**Excellent Learners**

Congratulations to:

1B – James

Y1 – Alphie

2B – Mathilda

Y2 – Omari

3B – Lina

Y3 – Matilda

4B – Maud

Y4 – Michael

5B – Alexander

Y5 – Mimi

6B – Albert

Y6 – Kaelan