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Tenacres First School News



It has been another busy half term at Tenacres that has seen creativity from all! We started the term off with a whole school ECO topic launched with the staff video— please see YouTube if you haven't experienced yet!

The children have had many learning experiences beginning with a range of classic cars. Reception children had visits from the Police and Fire Brigade (thanks to Rosie & Holly's dad for arranging this) as part of their 'People that help us' topic. Year 1 have entered the world of Frozen whilst Year 2 have designed amazing robots. Year 3 have been absorbed in Narnia and Year 4 are in the land of the

Topic link—Daisy from Yr 3, inspired by her topic on Narnia made Turkish Delight just like in the story. The recipe can be found on our website

TOP-TASTIC TOPIC HOMEWORK

Once again we have been amazed at the superb range of homework that has been brought in. You will be able to see this and more on display during our upcoming Parents Evenings

- **Wednesday 4th March**

- **Thursday 5th March**

* details to follow



Hockey Stars



Well done to Year 4 children representing Tenacres as part of the Redditch Schools Games last Friday at Arrow Vale. We are pleased to announce Year 4 won showing superb sportsmanship throughout. Thanks to Miss Bowyer (head coach) and Mrs Hood for taking them.



STARLIGHT ROOM



We have been busy creating and developing our Starlight Room with the children, Mrs Oakes & Mrs Gardiner. I am sure the children have told you all about the bubble fish tank which is proving a hit with both children and staff. Please pop and see it during the Parents Evening.



WORLD BOOK DAY—Thursday 5th March

We will once again be celebrating World Book Day by asking children to dress as characters from their favourite books.

SPACE

Science Week—March 16th—27th (more details to follow after half term)

Mrs Walter is pleased to 'launch' notice of our whole school topic on 'Space'.

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Are many exciting events planned including visits from Thinktank & Timezones learning experience & rocket launch day. Most importantly on Wednesday 18th March parents & carers are invited to come along and join their child for some fun,

Practical science in the classroom. We would like the children to immerse them



FROZEN



YEAR 1 'Frozen' ASSEMBLY

Well done to Year 1 for a fantastic Assembly this week. They treated us all, parents and carers included, to a 'frozen' extravaganza.

Year 4 Cornets

As part of curriculum enhancement pupils from 4H have been learning to play the cornet. Lessons culminated in a performance for parents and carers on Friday 30th January. All who attended were very impressed and thoroughly enjoyed the upbeat numbers performed.



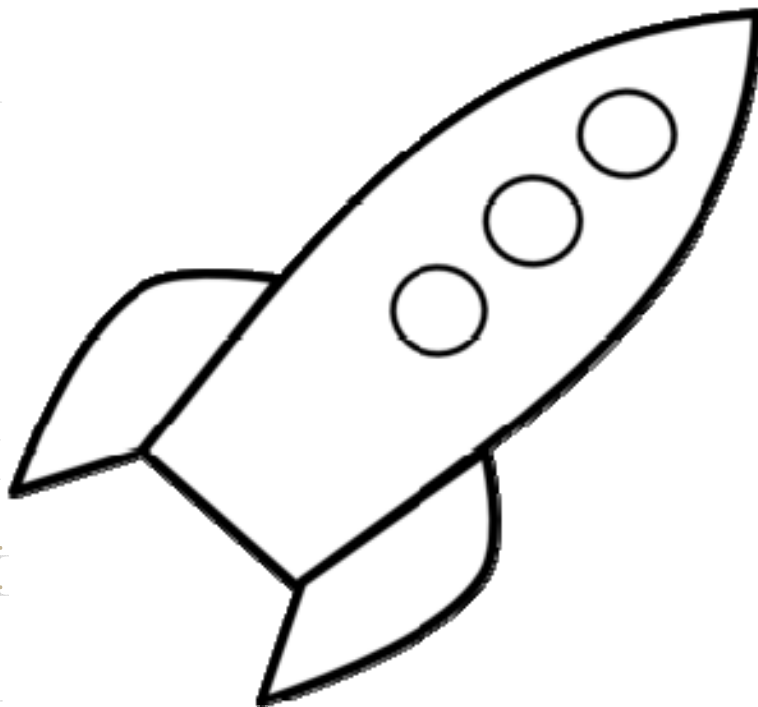
Young Voices 2015

Children from Year 4 once again represented Tenacres at the Young Voices 2015 event at the Genting Arena in Birmingham. They joined 5000 children from across the country in a fun-packed day of music and dance.

Book Fair

Thank you to parents/carers who supported the Book Fair. The event raised £280 which will be spent on books for school.

ROCKETS TO THE MOON



School Fund Raising

To coincide with our SPACE topic after half term we are launching ‘Rockets to the Moon’. All children will be asked to bring in loose change to help their rocket on its way. The class who collects the most change will reach the moon first! Parents and carers are invited to come into school and count the money to help their child’s class win.

More details to follow after half term.

APPEAL FOR SPARES

We would be grateful of any spare hats, gloves and scarves for Forest School sessions and in addition, any items of clean school uniform your child may have grown out of.

In the event of your child being sent home in spare uniform please ensure that it is washed and returned to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Spring Term 2015	
16 to 20 February	Half Term
Monday 23 February	Year 4 Swimming
24 February	Pyramid Choir Festival
4 March	Parents Evening
5 March	World Book Day Parents Evening
11 March	Oliver Twist Pantomime
12 March	Yr 3 Trip to Balaji Temple
13 March	Red Nose Day
25-27 March	Yr 4 Malvern Residential Trip
Fri 27 March	End of Term - School closes for Easter
Summer Term 2015	
Mon 13 April	Start of Term - School opens
Mon 4 May	May Day Bank Holiday
25 to 29 May	Half Term
Mon 1 June	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)
Fri 17 July	End of Term - School closes for Summer

Attendance Matters

Please remember to phone and leave a message on our answering service if your child is absent from school due to illness. If you are unable to do this please inform your child's class teacher on their return either by writing in their Home/School Diary or speaking to them directly. Absence which remains outstanding will be unauthorised and may be subject to a penalty notice fine of £60 payable, per parent, per child.

As we approach the half way point of this school year we wanted to let you know our attendance target is 95% and to show how your child/ren's class is doing:

R1 = 95.96%	R2 = 93.46%	1B = 96.05%	1M = 95.25%
2B = 96.68%	2P = 92.91%	3R = 96.65%	3L = 96.29%
4H = 97.54%	4W = 96.29%		

We congratulate 4H on being our best attenders to date. Well done!

Every week the class who achieve 100% attendance receive a certificate in assembly. The children are always really proud if their class wins.

Turkish Delight

Time **90 minutes** | Serves **20**

Ingredients

1lt Water
900g Sugar
285g Cornflour (corn starch)
225g Icing Sugar
1 1/2 Tbsp Rosewater
2 tsp Lemon Juice
1 tsp Cream of Tartar
Red Food Colouring (optional)

How to make it

Place the sugar, 285ml (½ pint) water, and lemon juice in a heavy saucepan over medium heat. Stir until the sugar dissolves and the mixture boils.

Reduce the heat and simmer gently, without stirring, until the mixture reaches the soft-ball stage 114 - 118°C (238 - 245°F). The sugar mixture will form a soft ball which can be squashed flat.

Remove the saucepan from the heat.

In a second large heavy saucepan over medium heat, stir together 225g (8oz) cornflour and the cream of tartar.

Gradually stir in the remaining water until no lumps remain.

Stir constantly, until the mixture boils and forms a thick, gluey paste.

Slowly pour the hot sugar syrup into the cornstarch mixture, stirring constantly.

Reduce the heat and simmer, stirring often, to prevent sticking, for about 1 hour, or until the mixture has become a pale golden colour.

Stir in the rosewater and add food colouring (if used).

Pour the mixture into the prepared baking tin and spread evenly.

Cool to room temperature, uncovered, allow to stand overnight to set.

Sift the icing sugar and a little cornflour onto a large cutting board.

Turn out and cut into 1-inch squares with an oiled knife.

Roll pieces in the icing sugar mixture to coat well.

Store in an airtight container with sheets of waxed paper, dusted with the sugar mixture, separating every layer.

Makes approx.80 pieces.