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# Fulbridge Voice

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## A message from Mr Erskine and Mr Smee

Happy New Year! It has been a great start to the Spring term at Fulbridge. It has been a pleasure to watch how well the children have settled in after the Christmas break.

The temperature has really dropped and is forecast to stay cold over the coming weeks. Please be reminded that all children should be coming to school with coats, hats, scarves and gloves to keep them warm outside. If you are struggling with anything to keep your child warm or school uniform, please speak to a member of classroom staff so we can help you.

There are lots of events and trips coming up this term to look forward to which are listed further down this newsletter, as well as lots more learning opportunities. We look forward to welcoming many of you into school for our parental engagement sessions.

We thank you for all the continued support you show for your children and Fulbridge.

Mr Erskine and Mr Smee



**Reception**

In Reception the children have been learning about the topic Winter Wonderland. During this topic the children have learnt about hibernating animals, habitats and changes in states of matter. We have especially enjoyed exploring what happens to ice and snow when it gets hot.

In oracy and writing the children have enjoyed the books The Gruffalo's child and One snowy night. The children have talked about these books, ordered the story and written about the characters.

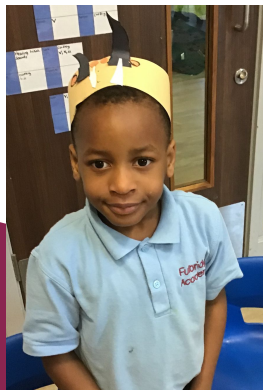
The children also had the opportunity to visit the cresset before Christmas to watch the Wizard of Oz pantomime and also walked to the church to learn about Christingles.

**Year 1**

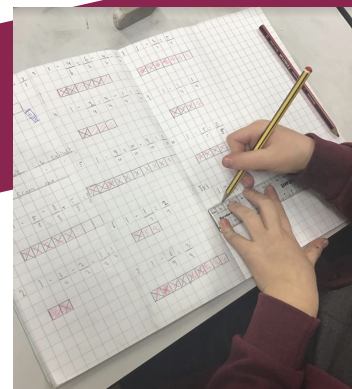
In Year 1, we have been learning about materials and their properties. We even went on a material hunt around school and described the properties of the materials found.

Our writing has been based around a book called 'Earth to Stella', which we used to create our own aliens. Next Block, our writing will revolve around the funny book 'The Day the Crayons Quit'.

We have really enjoyed learning about the history of transport and looking at the way travel has changed over time. As our history unit ends, we will move onto our next geography topic, where we will be looking at animals, habitats and where we live.



**P R E P A R E**



**Years 2 and 3**

**Year 2**

Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about nursing throughout history; comparing the famous historical figures Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell; and looking at the amazing changes they made for nursing. In Block 4, we will be focusing on geography, specifically North America, in our 'Road Trip Across America' unit.

In writing, we have enjoyed writing a character description of a hippo named Hercules and a instructions for making a shrub sandwich based on the book 'The First Hippo on the Moon'. We are currently reading 'Where Dragons Fly' and are excited use this to create some wonderful pieces of writing.

**Year 3**

In maths, Year 3 have been learning all about fractions. This includes how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and finding a fraction of a given amount. We are now moving on to ordering fractions from smallest to biggest.

In writing, we are creating a narrative based off a book we have read in class called 'The Iron Man'. We will be coming up with our own ideas on how to capture the Iron Man.

On Friday 26th January, we will be having an Ancient Egyptian experience day where the children can come in dressed as an Ancient Egyptian. We will be studying the mummification process and practising some artwork.





# Year 4 and 5

In Year 4 and 5, the children have had a positive start to the new year.

## Year 4

In Year 4, the children have been focusing on their Times Table knowledge in preparation for the MTC (Multiplication Tables Check) that is upcoming in May.

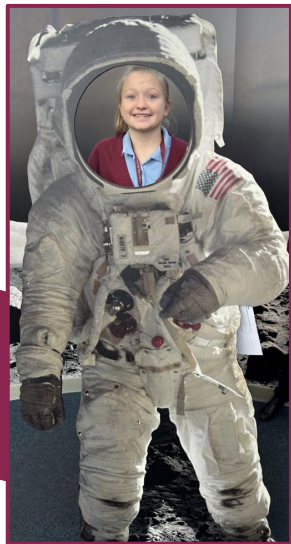
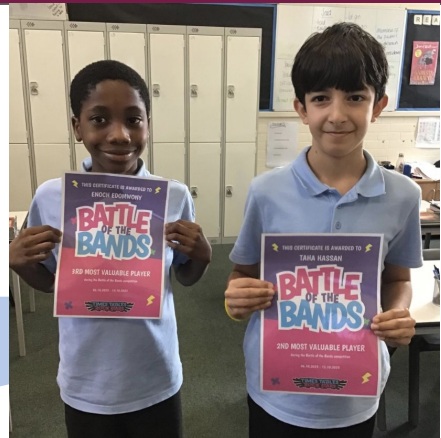
The children will be going to Woburn Safari Park in March, where they will have the opportunity to see a variety of animals and will receive a talk from an expert at the Park.

In writing, the children have been enjoying writing about their previous reading book - Cakes in Space. They will soon be writing a travel guide based on this.

## Year 5

Year 5 children enjoyed their trip to the Space Centre in Leicester where they were able to apply their science knowledge. Year 5 also have their Cathedral trip to look forward to towards to end of March.

In Year 5, the children have recently been learning about Henry VII and have taken this learning into their writing lessons where they will be writing a diary entry as Henry VII. The children also have a Tudor day later in the year where they will be able to apply their knowledge.



## Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy and productive start to the Spring Term. We have lots to look forward to this term.

The children will be meeting an author next week at Gladstone Community Centre which will give the children a great insight into how creative writing is made. This will be a great opportunity for the children to ask questions.

With SATs on the horizon, the children are continuing to use CGP books both inside and outside of school to support with their learning. Year 6 currently have a big focus on developing reading comprehension and are reading a variety of text types to help with this.

Children have started their auditions for their performance which will be showcased later in the year.

You will receive your child's allocated secondary school place on March 1st 2024.



Parental engagement dates- Please enrol using your MCAS app if you would like to attend:

Year Group	Date	Time
Reception	Tuesday 30th January- Wednesday 31st january	8:45am- 9:30am
Year One	Monday 5th February-6th February	8:45am-9:30am
Year Two	Wednesday 7th February	2:05pm- 3:15pm
Year Three	Monday 12th February	2:05pm- 3:15pm
Year Four	Tuesday 13th February	2:05pm- 3:15pm
Year Five	Thursday 1st February	2:05pm- 3:15pm
Year Six	Thursday 8th February	2:05pm- 3:15pm

**Parent consultations are due to begin Week commencing 4th March.You will be notified closer to the time with information regarding booking your slot.**



Upcoming Trips/ Events



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<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Trip/Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Year Two	Masjid Ghousia Mosque	Tuesday 27th February
Year Three	Egyptian Experience Day	Friday 26th January
Year Four	Woburn Safari	Tuesday 26th March
Year Five	Peterborough Cathedral	<b>Harvard</b> - 25th March <b>Cambridge</b> - 26th March <b>Imperial</b> - 27th March <b>Osaka</b> - 28th March
Year Six	Gladstone community centre to meet Author-Jess French	Thursday 25th January





## Lost Property System: Has it got a name on it?



Any lost property that is named will be returned to class.

Please name as many items as possible in order to make the process of returning lost items easier.

If items have not been returned:

1st: visit the 'Has it got a name on it?' shed, located next to the main Fulbridge Academy playground.  
2nd: check with your child's class.

## Fulbridge Academy High Lost Property System



Any lost property that is named will be returned to class.

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If items have not been returned please have a look in the container located on the righthand side of the main entrance.



# Term Dates

SPRING TERM 2024	
Opens	Thursday 4th January
Half Term	19th February - 23rd February
End	Thursday 28th March

SUMMER TERM 2024	
<i>Professional Day (no children)</i>	<i>Monday 15th April - Tuesday 16th April</i>
Open	Wednesday 17th April
<i>Bank Holiday (no school)</i>	<i>Monday 6th May</i>
Half Term	27th May - 31st May
<i>Professional Day (no children)</i>	<i>Monday 8th July</i>
End	Friday 19th July
<i>Professional Day (no children)</i>	<i>Monday 22 July</i>

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
<i>Professional Day (no children)</i>	<i>Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th September</i>
Opens	Thursday 5th September
Half Term	28 <sup>th</sup> October - 1st November
Ends	Friday 20th December

SPRING TERM 2025	
Opens	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	17 <sup>th</sup> February - 21st February
End	Friday 4th April

SUMMER TERM 2025	
Open	Tuesday 22nd April
<i>Bank Holiday (no school)</i>	<i>Monday 5th May</i>
<i>Professional Day (no children)</i>	<i>Thursday 22nd May and Friday 23rd May</i>
Half Term	26th May - 30th May
<i>Professional Day (no children)</i>	<i>Monday 7th July</i>
End	Wednesday 23rd July

