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The job of a headteacher is nothing if not varied and this week has covered everything from analysing performance data to dealing with the joys of a Victorian drainage system and the 'pleasures' that can bring! But regardless of how busy the week gets my opportunity to read with Reception is my chance to remind myself of the reason I became a teacher. Empowering children with the ability to read as well as nurturing the desire to do so is one of the most important things we can do for any child and it is one of the things we do really well at Morley. Attainment and progress in reading is exceptionally good and alongside this we are working hard to continue to promote reading for pleasure. We have used money raised at last year's Book Fair to continue to improve our library stock and we have 60 award-winning books, from new and established authors being catalogued ready for children to read.

Stuck for a Christmas present idea? Why not check out the [BookTrust](#) 100 best children's books?

Happy reading!
Nikki Brown



Year 2 had a fine time flying away to Duxford Imperial War Museum to learn more about aeroplanes and flight. Children explored the Air Space Gallery finding out about early aviation, focusing on the materials used to build aircraft, and drawing some iconic British aeroplanes.

Children made a human aeroplane (on the ground) to learn about the different parts of a plane, before finding out exactly what else the fabric used on the 1903 Flyer was used for. The children will be using their knowledge back in class as we continue our topic. A huge thank you to the parents who came to help, we really appreciate your time and effort.

Are you looking for part-time work which fits within the school day?

We are looking for people to join our lunchtime team. If you enjoy working with children and think you could play a role in making lunchtimes great then please check out the vacancies on our [job opportunities](#) page on the school website.

Class of the Week : scarlet

The children have been working incredibly hard this week and have produced some fantastic senses poetry containing not only amazing adjectives and nouns, but also alliteration, similes and even rhyme too and your teachers are very pleased with you. They have been working hard on presentation too. Some children have even made their own books at home and have brought them into school to share with their friends.

In Numeracy they have been hopping backwards and forwards on number lines and have been solving some tricky Maths involving number fact families, which they found challenging. However, they didn't give up and demonstrated great resilience when completing the tasks. In Mental Maths, they have been playing number bonds ping pong with numbers up to 10 and some of them have been working with numbers up to 20!

They have been phonic detectives and have been investigating spilt diagraphs and have been spotting them in their reading books.

They have been sharing their smiles with their peers, and chatting about what makes a good friend and using their motto 'there's always room for one more' when playing their games in the playground. Their enthusiasm, motivation and joy for learning knows no bounds and both teachers are incredibly proud of them all, go team Scarlet !

Celebrating a birthday?

I have had a number of children (and parents) asking about bringing in cakes and sweets to celebrate birthdays in school. Could I please remind everyone that if you wish to mark your child's birthday in school you can do so by donating a small item such as a book for the class library or a game for wet playtime. Class parents usually have a list of suggested items. **Please do not bring in cakes and sweets to be handed out in school.**

Well done to the following children who have impressed their teachers this week:

Crimson: Daniel Noah
Scarlet: Iris Zsofi
Burgundy: Antek Jasper
Ruby: Sylvie
Topaz; Izzy Eva
Turquoise: Susanna Noah
Jade: Clara
Sapphire: Natalie
Indigo: Arda
Amethyst: Evie
Violet
Lilac: Izzy C

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER
AND BRING A POUND TO DONATE
TOWARDS SAVE THE CHILDREN**

2nd Dec: FOM Christmas
Bazaar

5th Dec Key stage 2 concert 6pm

7th Dec: Flu Vaccinations YR -Y4

11th-14th Dec: EY/KS1 performance

13th Dec Christmas dinner

15th Christmas Jumper day

19th Dec: last day of Term

3rd Jan: INSET DAY

4th Jan: Children start back at school

Dates for
the Diary: