

**Anti-bullying week** - As part of Anti-Bullying week, we have delivered assemblies and personal development lessons with the theme, '**Choose Respect**', which focuses on language and identifying bullying types of behaviours. We shared with pupils our Addison, 'Anti-bullying Charter' which I hope you will find helpful when having conversations with your child about this important topic. Pupils participated in lessons and assembly and are being encouraged to use the language outlined in the Charter particularly when establishing if bullying behaviour is evident.

Should you have any concerns or questions about a bullying type situation please contact your child's class teacher or Assistant Head Teacher in the first instance.

**Communication** - We believe in positive and proactive communication, and strive to maintain warm partnerships with parents. Teachers are available after school and by email. We look forward to an exciting and successful year ahead with your continued support.

**School meals** – We received some good news from the Mayor of London - school meals will continue to be provided free of charge for all children in Reception to Year 6 for this academic year. Nursery parents will be required to pay £2.00 per day for school lunches, unless you are entitled to free school meals.

Although school meals are free for this year, we urge all parents to check their eligibility for free school meals using this link: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>.

By completing this online form and confirming your eligibility, you will enable the school to receive extra, crucial funds that will be used to purchase educational resources for your children and provide wider curriculum opportunities.

**IMPORTANT: Special Diet** - We are aware of those pupils with allergies/ medical conditions, whose parents have already completed the relevant paperwork, to allow us to cater for their child's needs appropriately. If your child develops an allergy / medical condition, and requires a specific dietary requirement, please advise the school asap.

**Breakfast Club and Play Centre** - Bookings and payments continue to be via ParentPay. Parents who wish to avail of this service must sign up using the google link. This is a separate service to Addison Primary School. Contact P. Premji for queries at: [play@addison.lbhf.sch.uk](mailto:play@addison.lbhf.sch.uk)

**Academic Year 2024-2025** - Note the dates for the school holidays for the next academic year which can be found on the school website: <https://www.addisonprimary.org/term-dates-1/>

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## Autumn 2024

### November (Friendship)

- 21<sup>st</sup> Photograph day
- 25<sup>th</sup> Assessment week
- 28<sup>th</sup> Y5 Water Aid workshop

### December (Friendship)

- 6<sup>th</sup> Winter Fair
- 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Pupil Progress meetings
- 11th Christmas Lunch
- 11<sup>th</sup> Y5 Xmas Show
- 19<sup>th</sup> EYFS Nativity (9:30am)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term\*

## Spring 2025

### January (Perseverance)

- 6<sup>th</sup> Inset Day (no pupils)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Pupils return to school
- 16<sup>th</sup> Topaz assembly
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jan – 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. National Story-telling week
- 30<sup>th</sup> Pearl assembly

### February (Percy

### Perseverance/Ollie Honest)

- 11<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet day

**HALF TERM – Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.**

Absent from school? Please telephone **before 9am** and tell us if your child is absent from school

Tel: 020 7603 5333



## Ruby Class

Year 3, get ready for an amazing half term ahead! We have so many exciting things lined up, from lots of fun learning to an awesome assembly, and some super cricket and tennis sessions!



Our topic this half term is, 'Settlements and Land use'. We shall be learning about different settlements in the UK and how land is used. We shall be exploring the differences between Middlesex and Cumbria and recognise how land use has changed over time. In English, we shall be writing a funny poem based on the book, 'I'll send you to Mrs Cole'. The children will be looking at rhyme and repetition to create imagery for the reader. Then, we shall be focusing on an emotive diary entry based on, 'Fantastic Mr Fox' which will include expanded noun phrases and adverbs. In maths, we will be learning about multiplication and division and learning our 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Through our science lessons we shall discover the different features of rocks and what they are used for and explore how fossils are created.

We shall continue with our weekly tennis sessions and take part in cricket where we will be learning key skills such as grip, catching and throwing. Thank you parents for attending our assembly on **14th November!** It was a fantastic opportunity for us to show off all the hard work we've put in and display our **confidence** and **courage**. We hope you enjoyed our performance and finding out about our learning.

## Topaz Class

This term is going to be thrilling! We have loads of fun planned to help you discover new things, spark your imagination, and learn together in exciting ways!

This half term, our focus is on building confidence and courage. In English, we'll be exploring these themes through the book, 'Varjak Paw', where children will write both a narrative and a poem, incorporating noun phrases, paragraphs, and apostrophes. In maths we will be focussing on multiplication and division.

In geography, Year 4 will dive into the exciting world of volcanoes and earthquakes, learning how volcanoes are formed, discovering facts about famous volcanoes, and writing factual accounts of natural disasters. To enhance their learning, the class will also visit the



Natural History Museum for an engaging workshop.

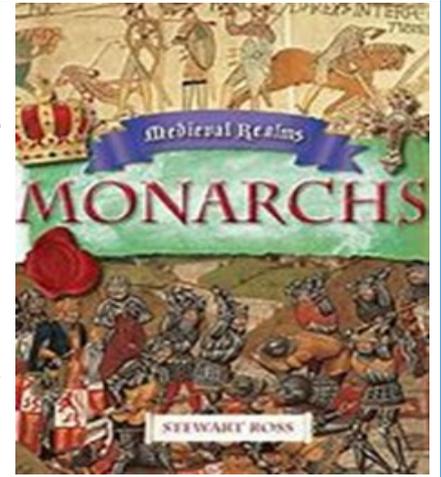
In science, our topic is 'Electricity' where students will explore what electricity is and the different power sources there are. Children will also be investigating which materials are the best conductors.

Additionally, Year 4 will continue developing their tennis skills throughout the term.



## Pearl Class

Welcome back Year 5! We have a very exciting half term planned with lots of amazing learning! Our topic is, 'Medieval Monarchs' this shall be explored in our topic and English lessons, where we shall explore the history of Monarchs during the Medieval era.



Our texts this half term in English are, 'Medieval Monarchs' and 'St. George and the Dragon'. These texts will help us produce an informative non-chronological report including facts and information we have learnt in our topic lessons and an exciting narrative using various stylistic devices. We shall learn the different features of a

non-chronological report such as layout, brackets and time adverbials. In maths, we will be learning about number and place value, addition and subtraction.

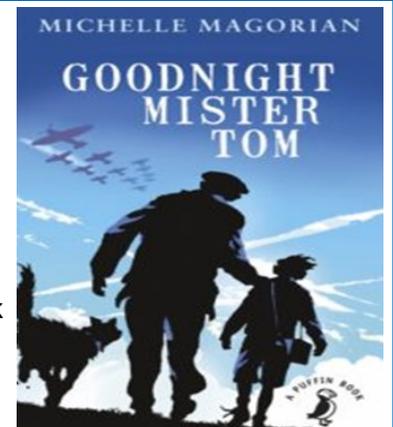
Our science topic is 'Our changing World' where we shall recognise how we can grow more plants



without using seeds and even investigate how we can increase crop production. In history we will learn about how powerful William the Conqueror was and identifying how Britain became a constitutional monarchy. Art lessons this half term will be exploring tapestry's using in Medieval times and creating a class project. Our value this half term is, 'Responsibility' which shall be explored through PSHE lessons and assemblies.

## Amber Class

In English, we will be writing a narrative based on the experience of the main character in the story of, 'Good Night Mr. Tom'. We also will create a brochure on Italy in which we will use our knowledge gained in Geography to persuade people to visit this amazing country. Our focus in Science will be, 'Light'. Children will have the opportunity to investigate how refraction causes light to bend and will explore how distorted and muddled things look when refraction occurs.



In Maths, our focus will be fractions. This is one of the areas the pupils find challenging so we are looking forward to becoming fraction experts! Children will be able to compare, order, add, subtract, simplify, multiply and divide fractions so we will have lots to cover!

In Geography, children will be learning about Italy. They will explore the country's unique physical and cultural landscapes. Children will study Italy's geography, from its towering Alps in the north to the sunny Mediterranean coastline in the south, and learn about major rivers like the Po. Pupils will also investigate Italy's climate zones, agriculture, and natural resources, understanding how geography influences Italian lifestyles and economy. In addition, they will delve into Italian culture, examining food, language, landmarks, and festivals. This unit will help students appreciate Italy's diversity and its place within Europe, enriching their global awareness.

Year 6 pupils are looking forward to an exciting trip to the cinema, where they will enjoy a shared movie experience outside of the classroom.

## Sensory Room

We have created a second sensory room as part of our continual drive to provide the best possible learning experiences for all children. A sensory room provides physical and mental stimulus for children with physical disabilities, developmental delays and sensory impairments. For children with physical disabilities, interaction with sensory stimuli can help them to develop their sight, sound, touch and hearing, as well as encouraging independence.



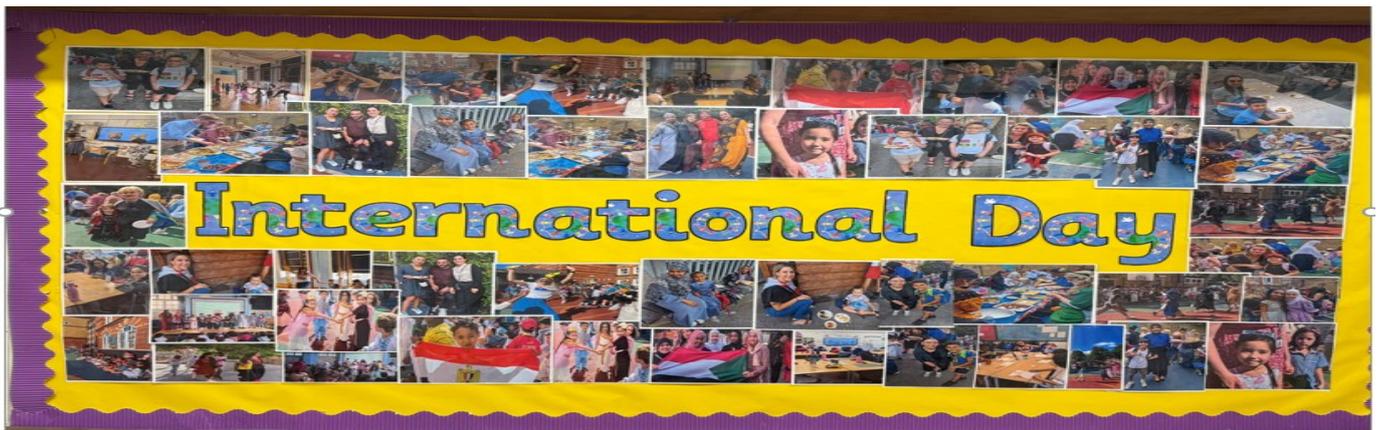
## Lunch time Helpers



Our new Addison lunchtime playground leaders have done an excellent job last half term.

They are always eager to help with their roles including interacting and helping with games and showing a good example to the younger children. They also do a great job in putting all the equipment away after lunchtimes have ended.

## Addison International Day



We have created a new display from images taken at our International Day last June!

## EVERY DAY COUNTS

School and future **success** starts with good **attendance**.



DAILY LATENESS  
EQUATES TO...

5 MINS LATE  
= 3 DAYS  
LOST

10 MINS LATE  
= 6 DAYS  
LOST

15 MINS LATE  
= 10 DAYS  
LOST

Education is important - DON'T MISS OUT!

100%  
Perfect

Our target for  
all students

97%  
Impressive

6 DAYS ABSENCE  
36 hours of learning lost

95%  
Concerning

10 DAYS ABSENCE  
60 hours of learning lost

90%  
Seriously  
worrying

19 DAYS ABSENCE  
114 hours of learning lost

## High attendance = higher achievement!

Research shows that high attendance at school dramatically increases a child's life chances. Making sure your child is at school every day is the best way you can help them to achieve now, as well as in later life.

Congratulations also to the **53 pupils** that have completed the last half term with their attendance remaining at **100%**. This is an outstanding achievement and these pupils remain in the end of year draw for a special prize.