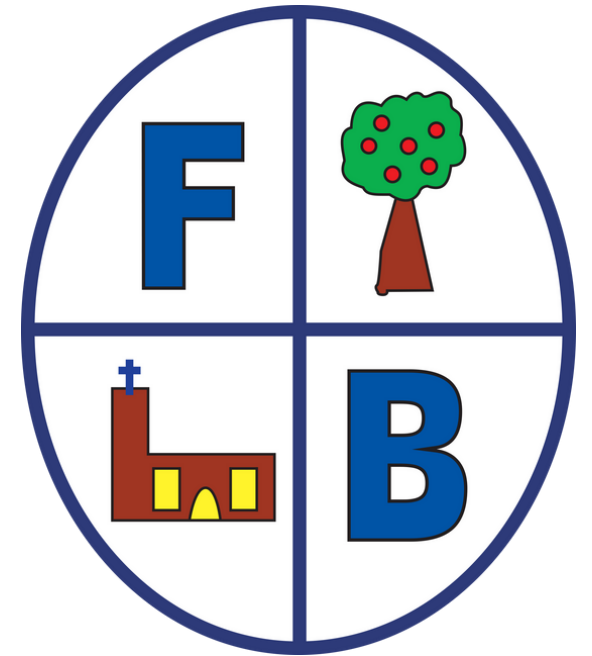


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Welcome to Elm class



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Staff

Welcome to Elm Class!



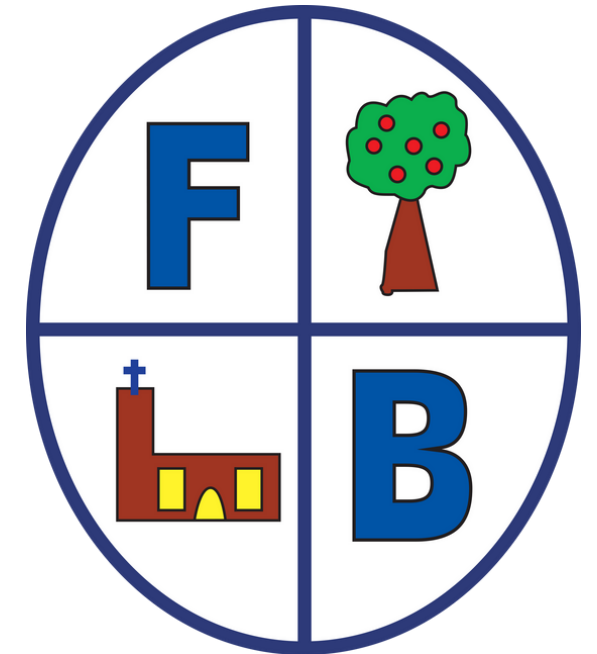
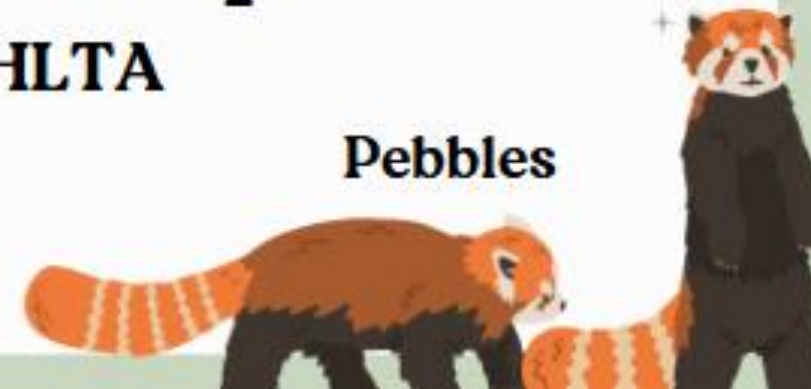
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Class Teacher

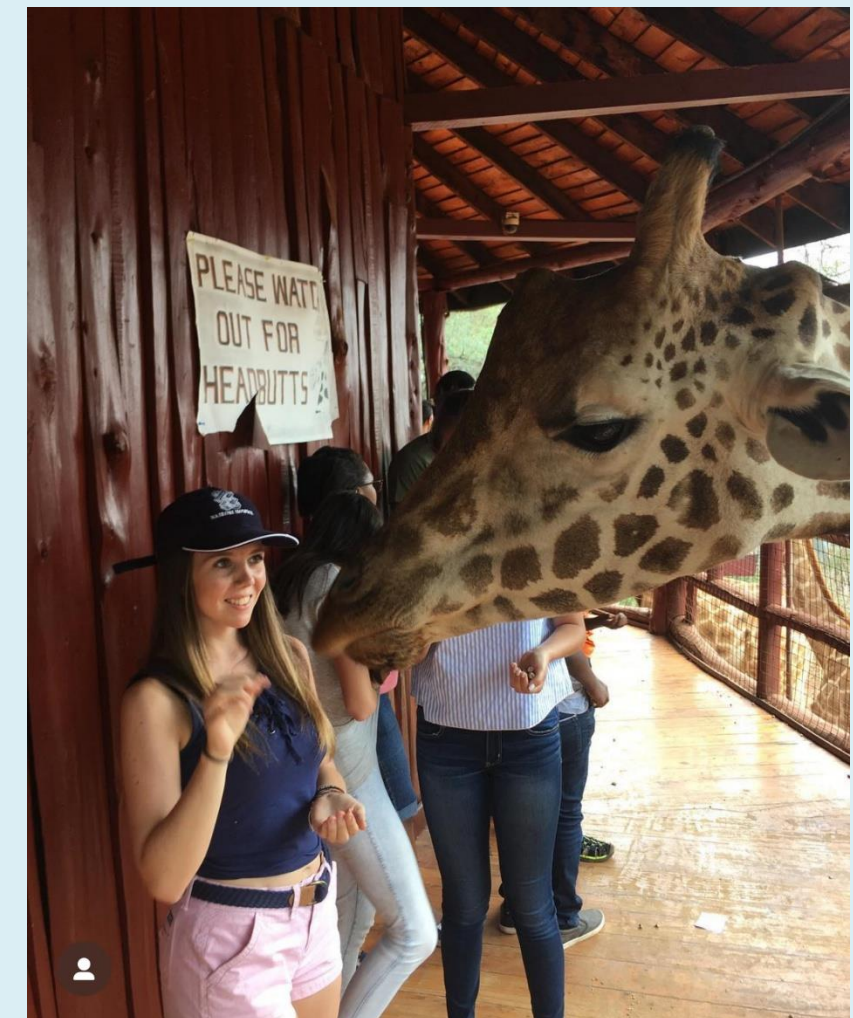
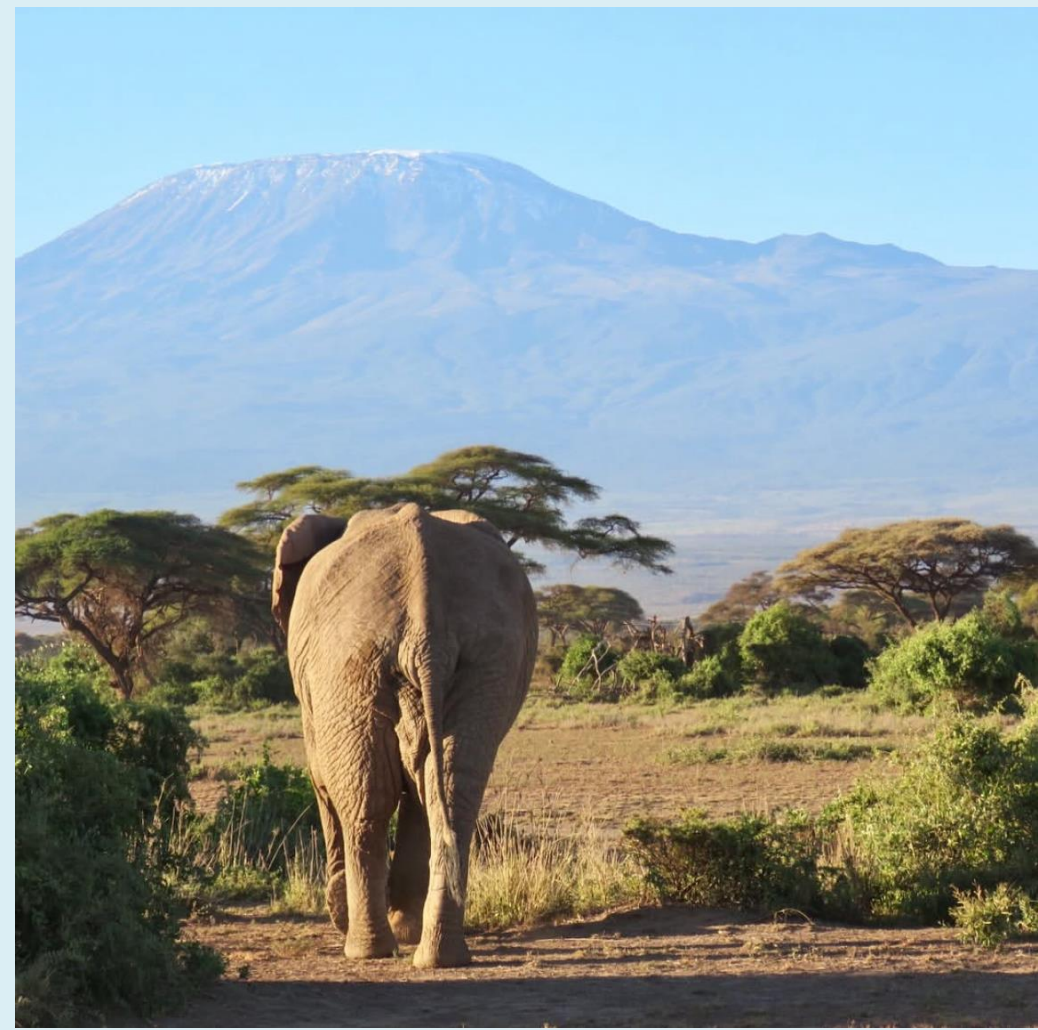


Mrs Harper
HLTA

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Pebbles





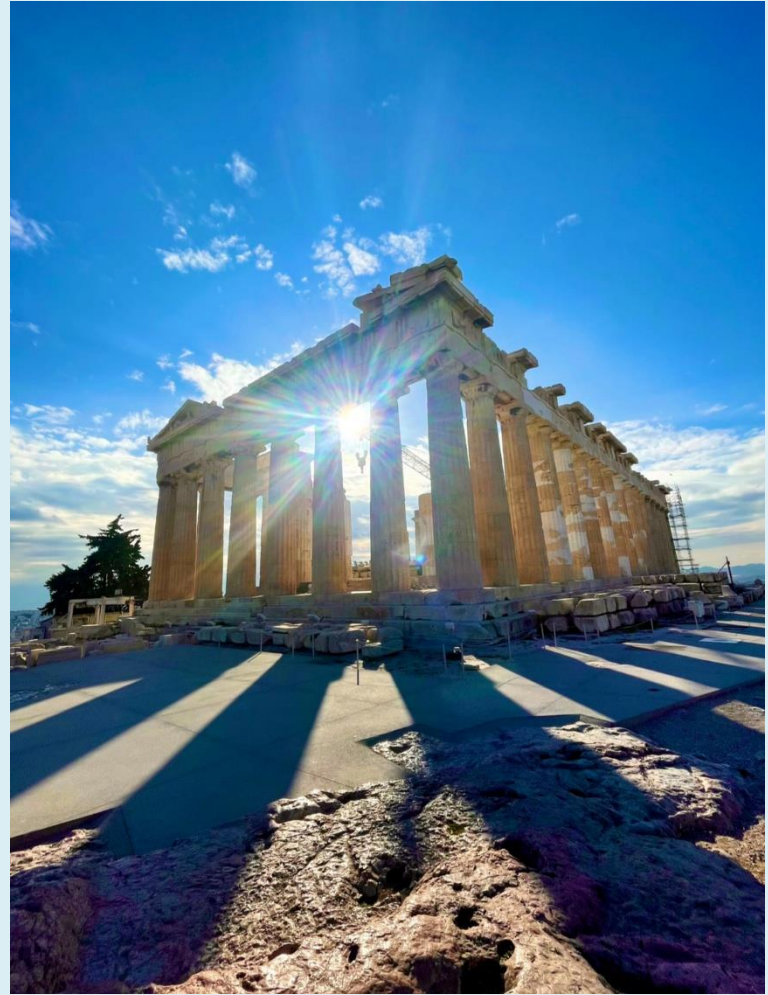
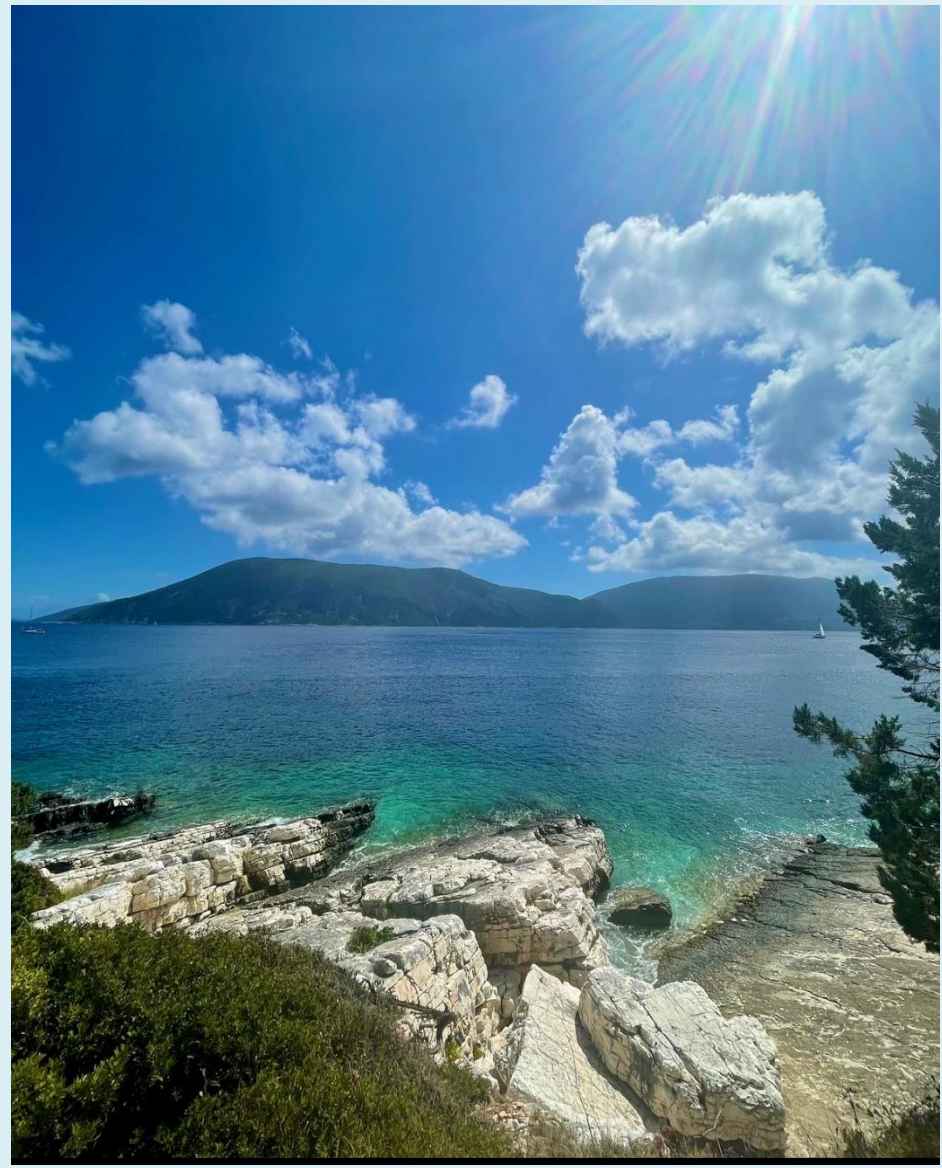


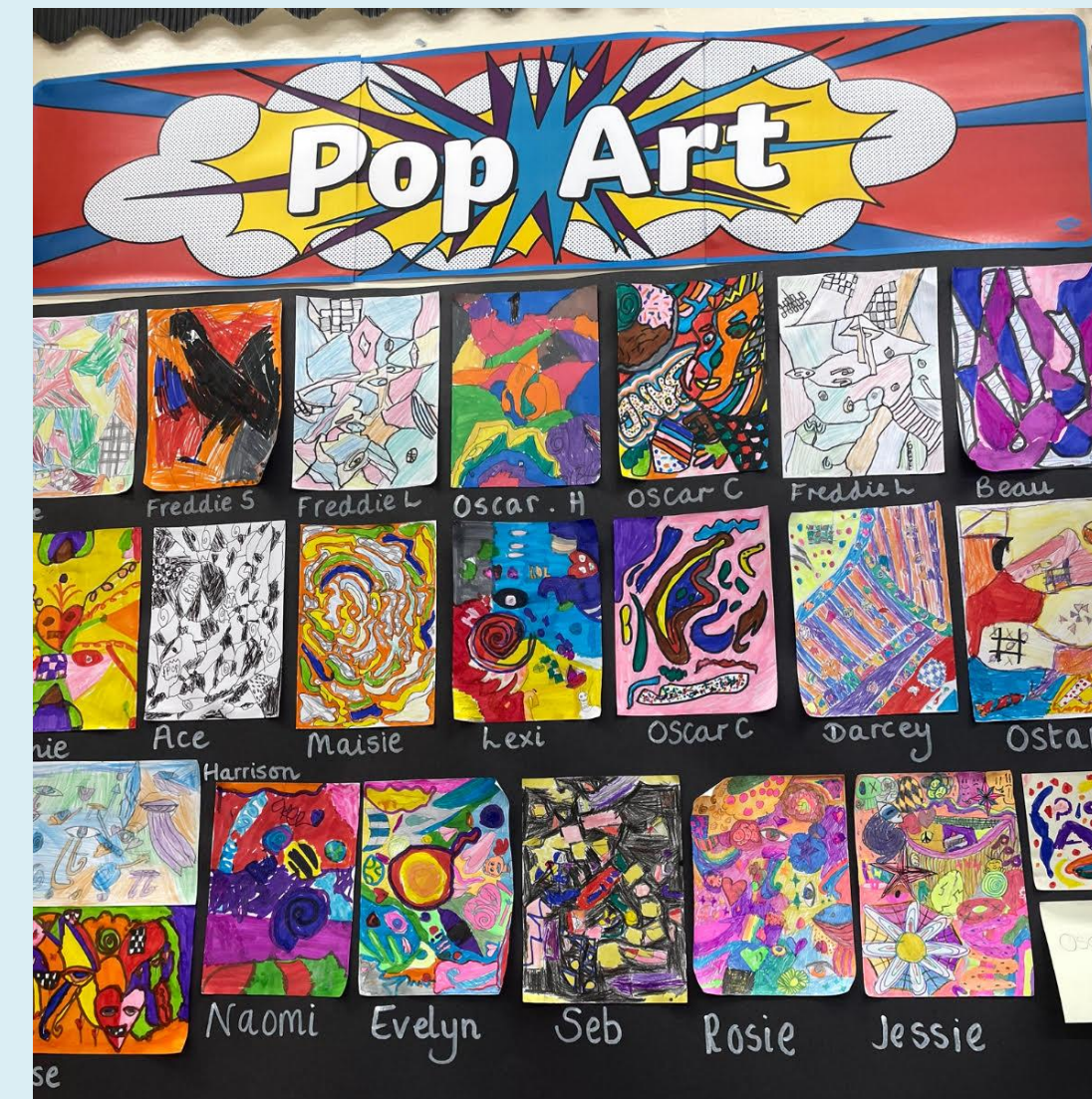
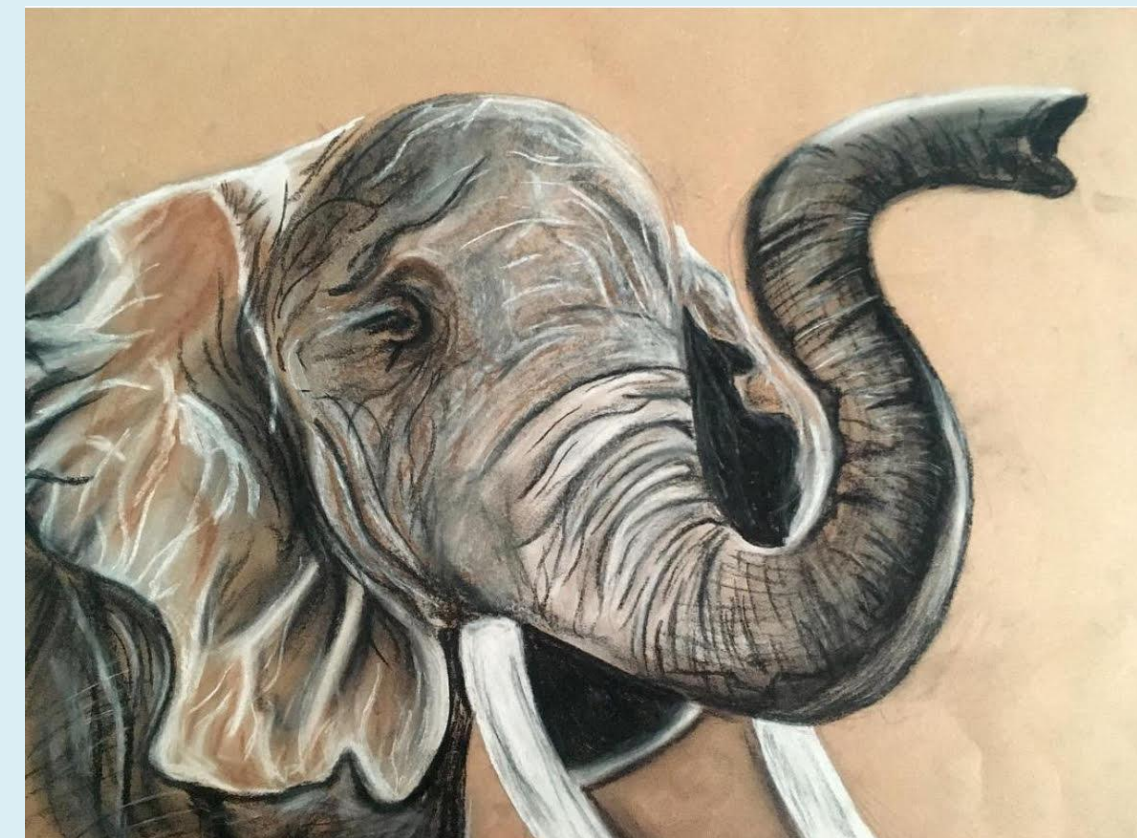
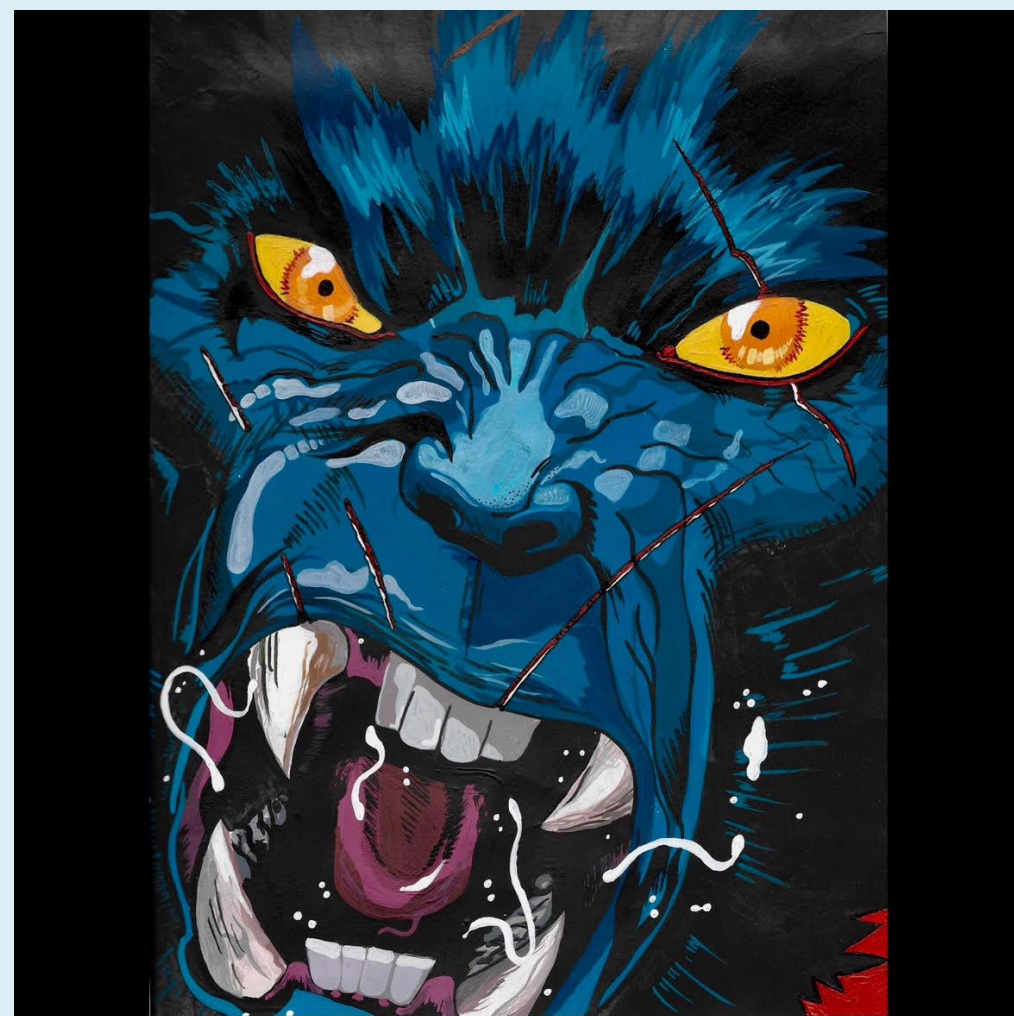
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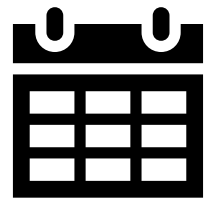
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What we are looking forward to this year...

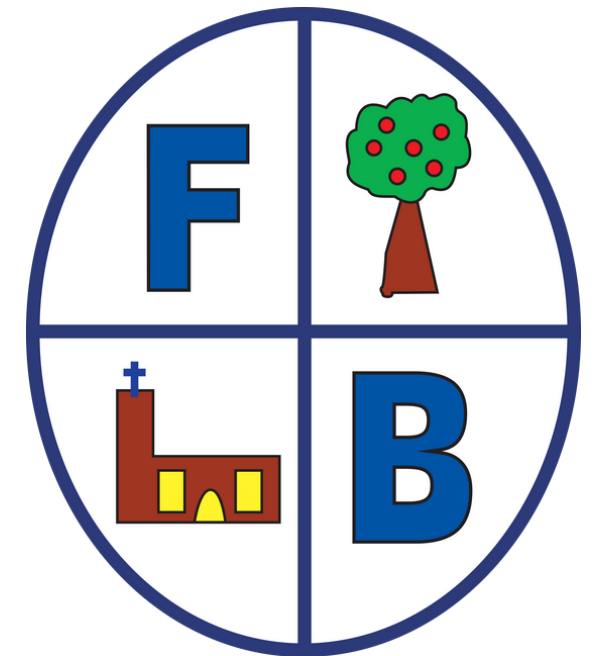
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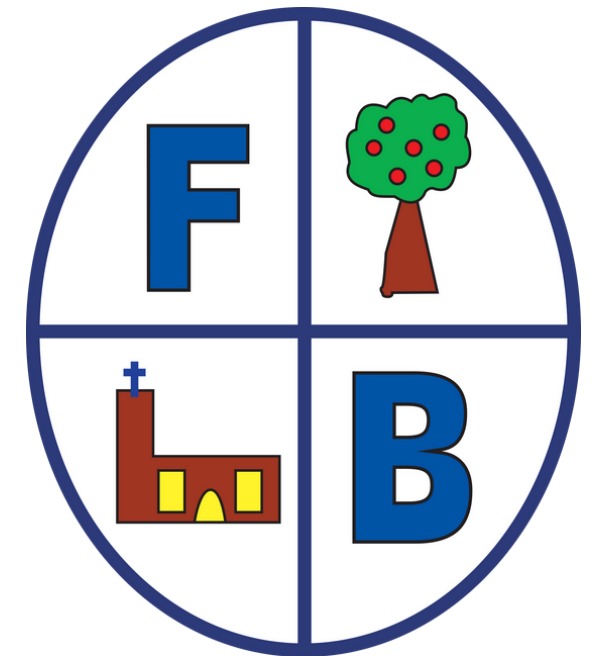
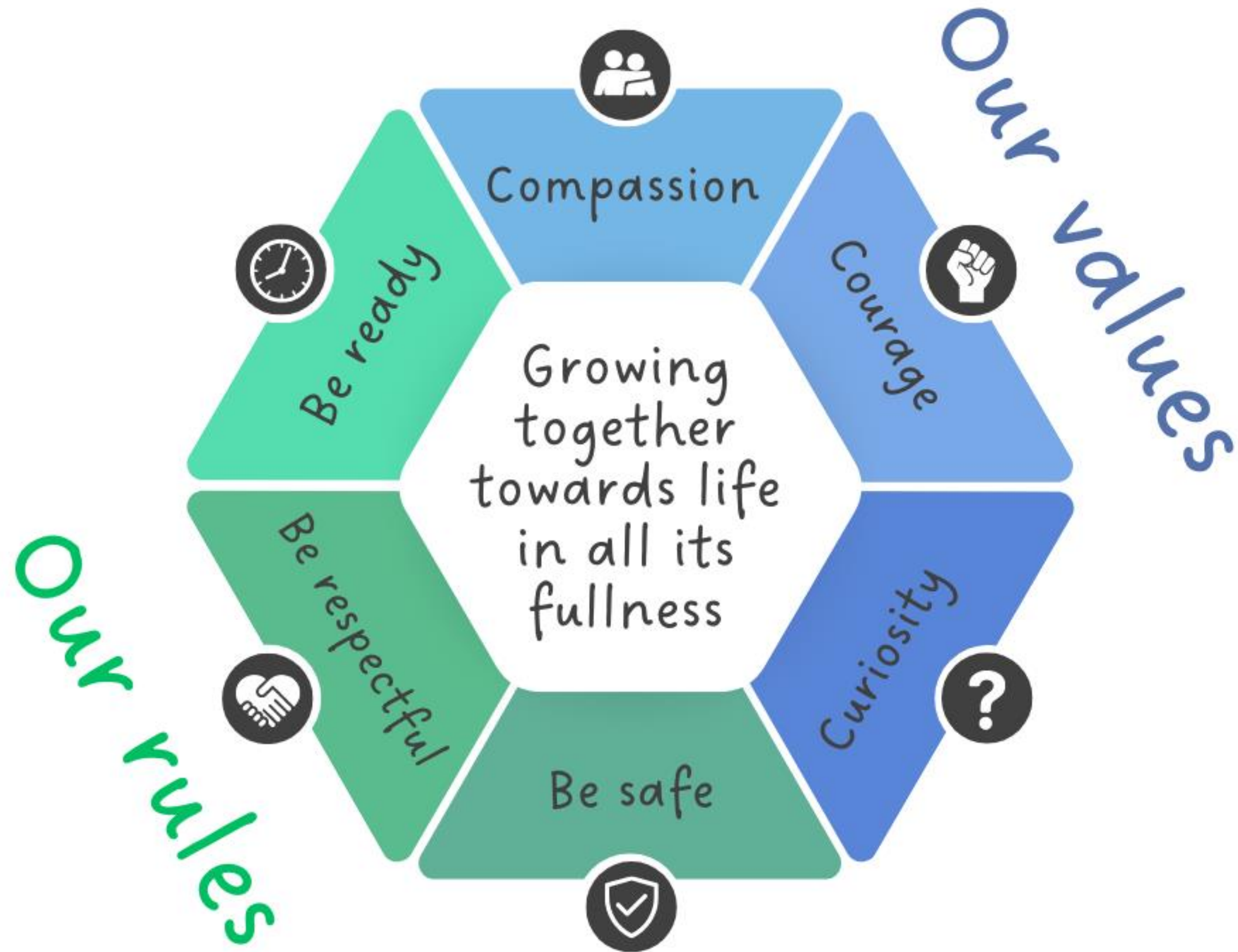
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Recorders...



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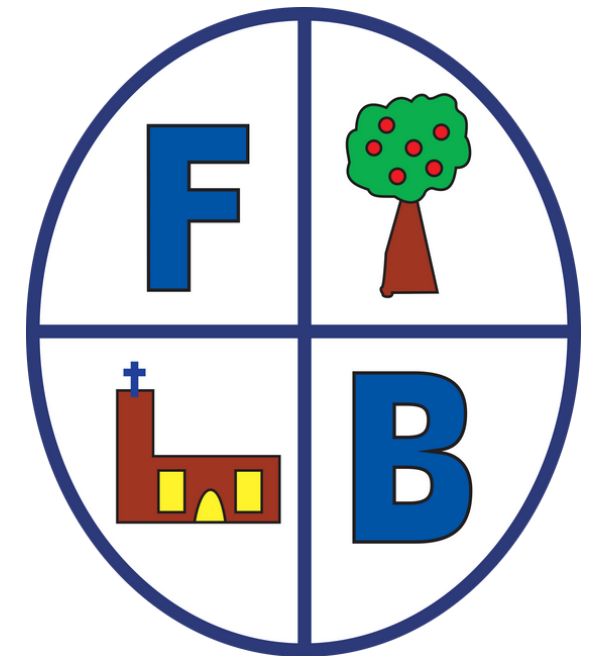


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Safeguarding

- Mr Lung is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and works with our staff to help our children learn about staying safe. Mrs Williams is our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.
- We encourage children to name who their 5 trusted adults are; people who they might go to if they had a problem or worry.
- Sometimes we need to talk to families about questions or concerns we might have.
- Please talk to us to share anything that you think we should know about your child's welfare and/or if any family circumstances change.
- Mr Lung is also our Designated Teacher for children looked after (children who are or have been in care (adopted)).
- We want to work with families to help each child feel supported and flourish.



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KEEPING SAFE at FLAX BOURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

You have
the **RIGHT**
to be:

SAFE

EDUCATED

HEALTHY

**TREATED
FAIRLY**

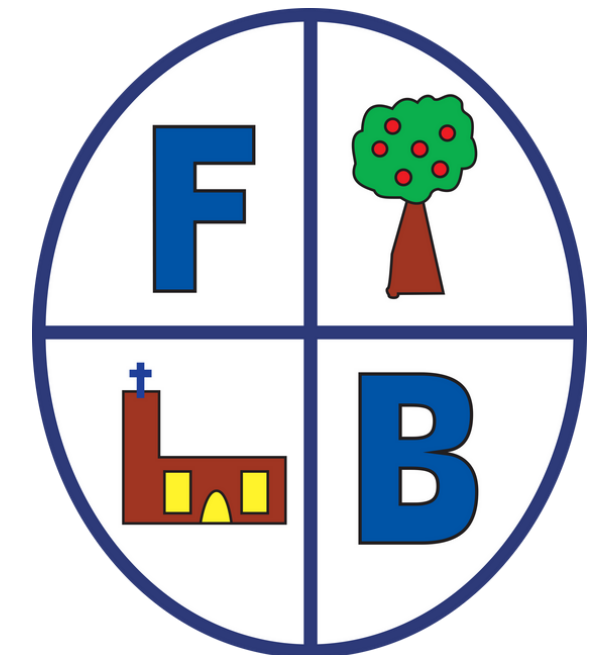
HEARD

Adults have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to:

- listen to you
- check you understand how a problem has been resolved and ask how you feel
- take the register and know where you are if you are not in school
- teach you what to do in an emergency
- share what you have said with other adults, including your family, to help keep you safe
- check which adults visit our school and work with you
- check the school site is safe
- monitor the websites/apps you access
- teach you about how to care for your body and stay safe online

You have the **RESPONSIBILITY** to:

- tell a trusted adult if something in school or online makes you feel uncomfortable or unhappy
- talk to a trusted adult if you are worried about something (communicate in your preferred way)
- keep our school tidy and tell someone if something seems unsafe
- follow instructions and respect decisions that are made with your best interests in mind



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Who are your **5 TRUSTED ADULTS?**



We are here
to listen to
YOU!

Talk to a trusted adult or
add a comment, concern
or question in your class
SPEAK OUT box.

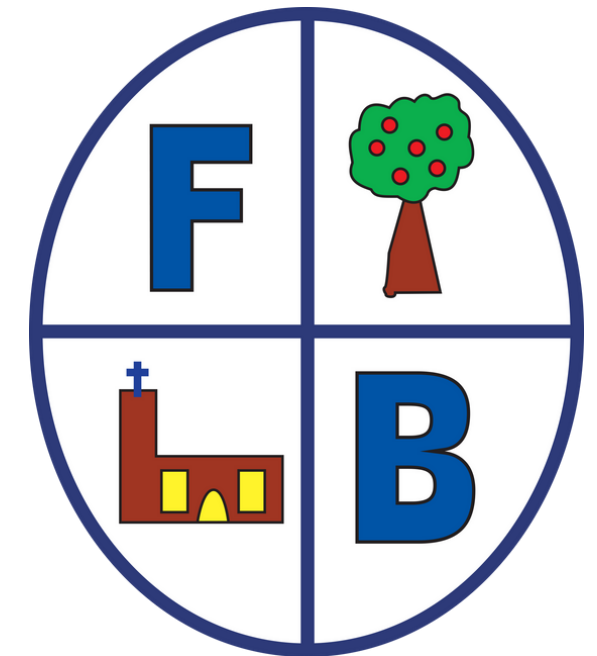


CALL CHIDLINE

Childline is part of the **NSPCC**. They are always happy to listen and talk to you.
You can call their number at any time of the day or night for free.



0800 11 11



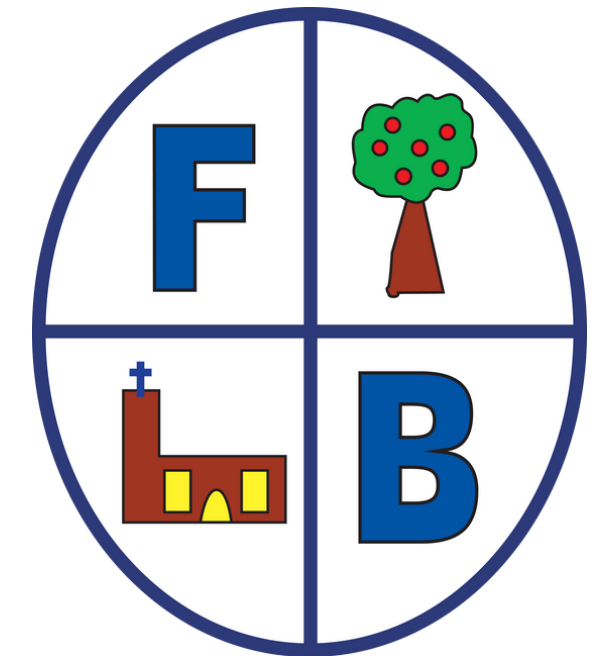
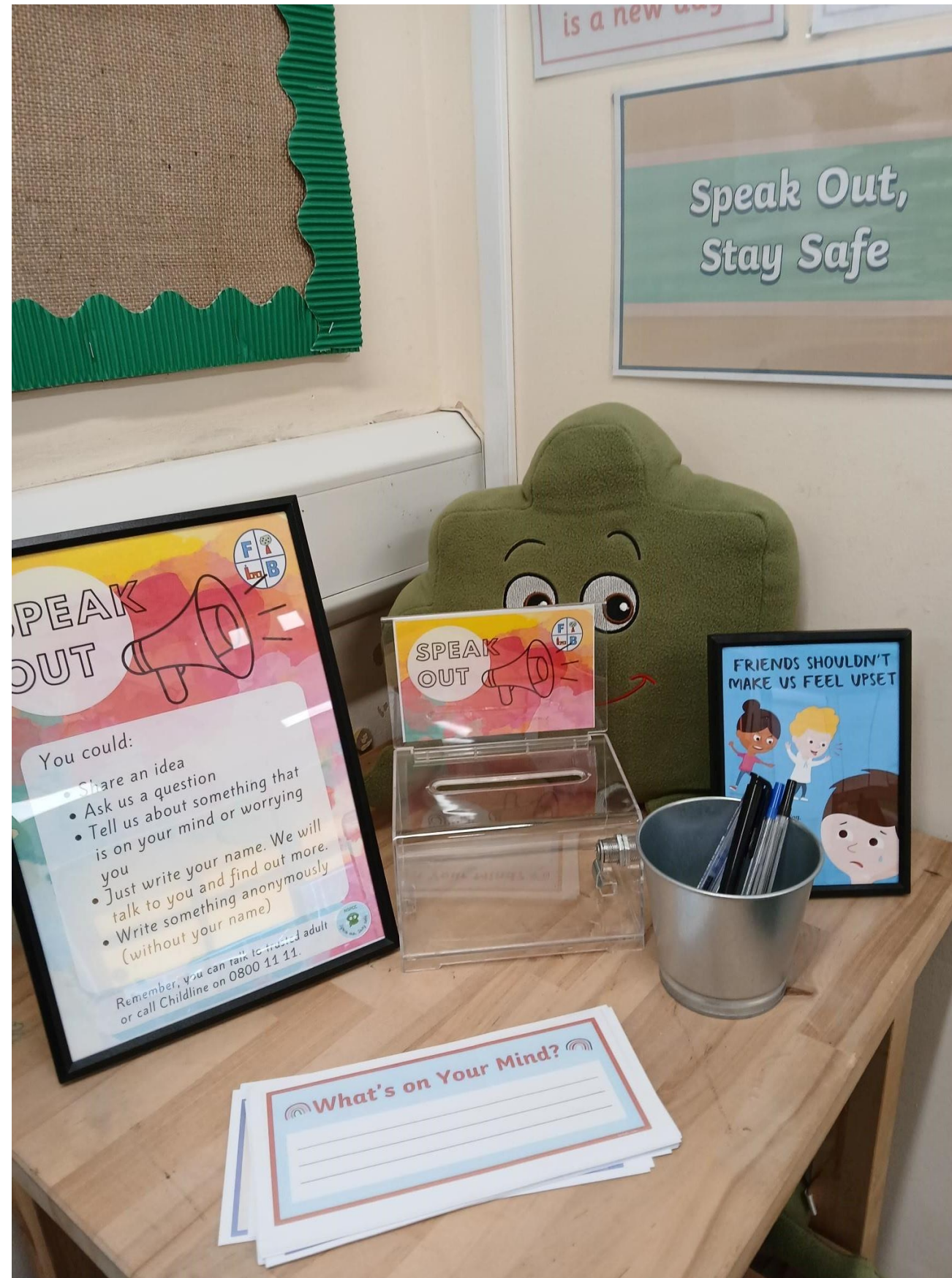
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Feeling heard

We encourage children to speak to a trusted adult.

We will make time to listen. This may not be right away but at a time and place that is suitable.

We also encourage children to use the class SPEAK OUT box where they can ask a question or write a comment for the teacher to read and respond to with their name on or anonymously.

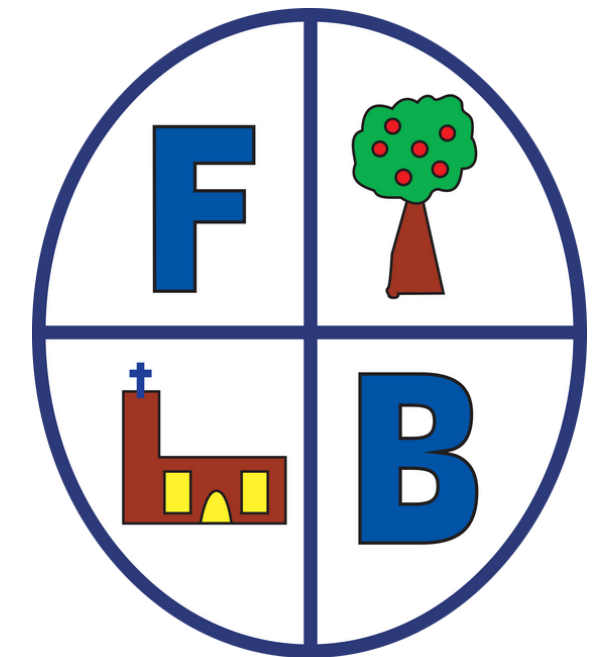


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Inclusion including SEND (special educational needs and disabilities)

- Mrs Williams is our SENDCo.
- She will work with staff and families to coordinate support for children with SEND.
- If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning and progress, please come and see your child's teacher first who can listen and share more about what we see in the classroom. We will then refer to Mrs Williams as the next step if necessary.
- You can find more information on our website.

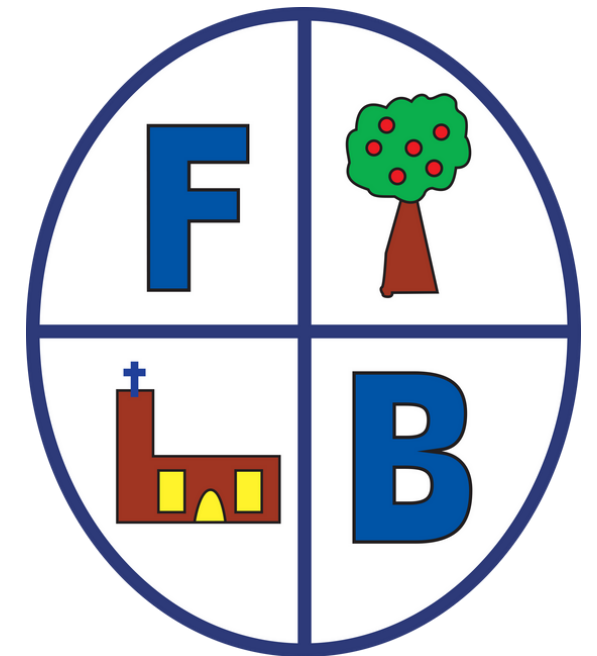


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Our classroom

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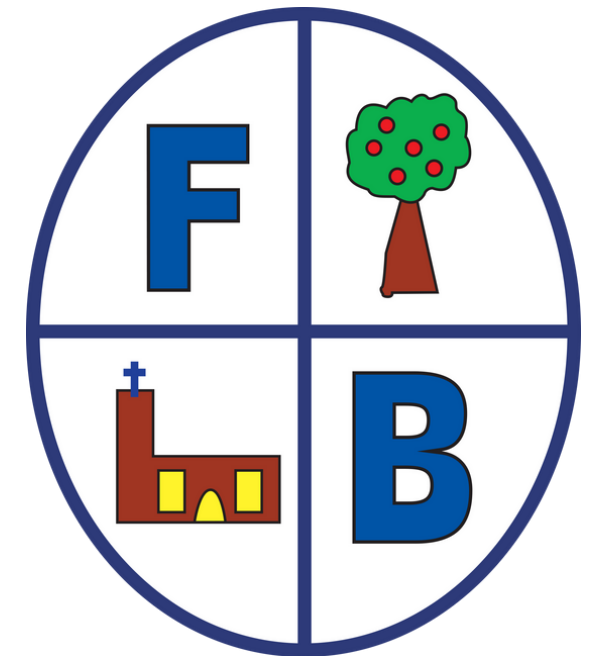


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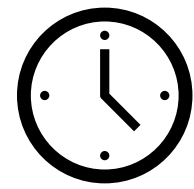


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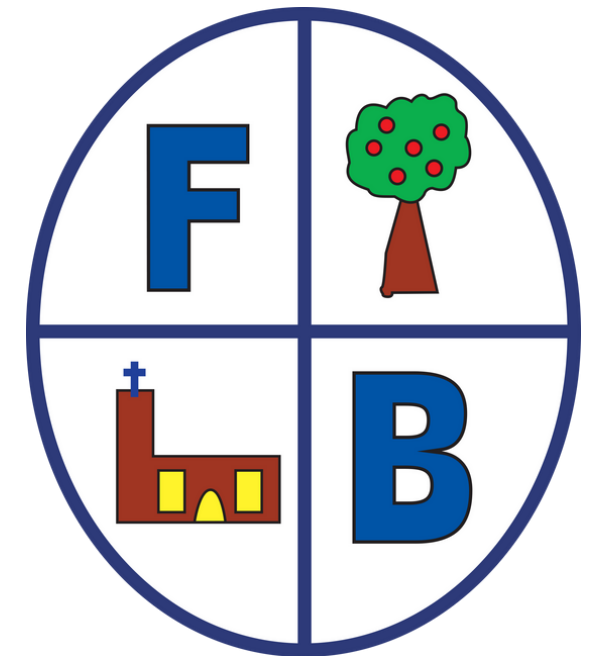


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Times of the school day

8.40am	Classroom doors open to children.
	Classroom doors close. All children should arrive before this time.
8.55am	Children arriving late should be signed in at the office by their family.
9.10am	Arriving after this time is recorded as an unauthorised absence.
3.15pm	Reception to Year 2 collection at classroom doors
3.20pm	Year 3 to Year 6 collection at classroom doors



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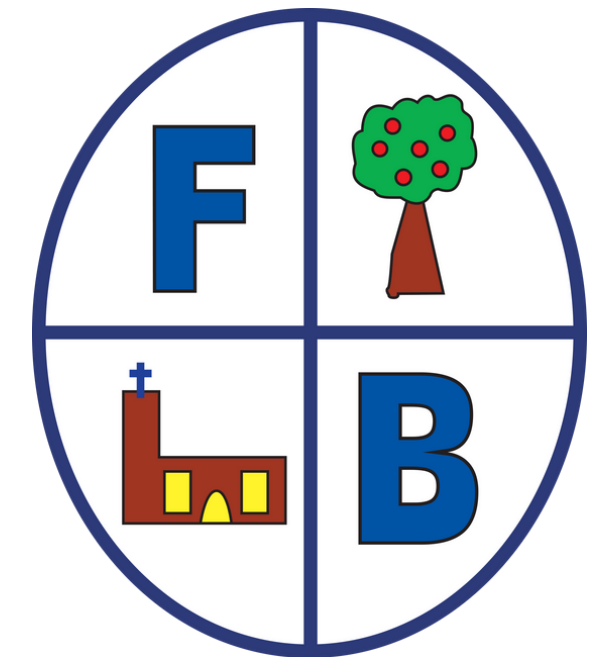
Be an attendance H.E.R.O

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for this year. Please help your child get the most out of the time here by coming to school **every day and on time.**

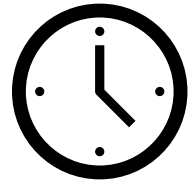
Here
Every day
Ready to learn
On time

If your child (or you) are experiencing some struggles in coming to school for any reason, please speak to us so we can be aware and work with you to help your child come in happily each morning.

During our 'ready to learn time' between 8.40 - 8.55am, we have purposeful activities in place to practise recent learning and to help your child settle calmly into the day.



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What a typical week looks like in our class

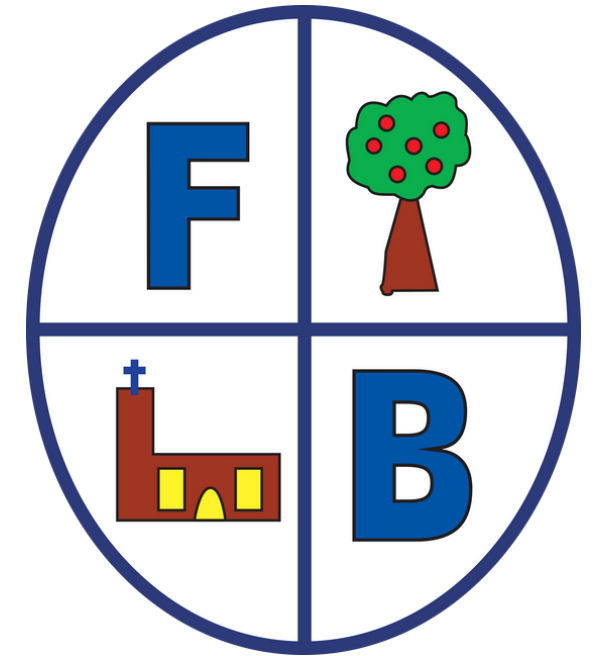
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Mon	Computer Suite (TTRS)	Register	Spelling	WCR	English	Duty	Times Tables	Maths	Lunch	PE (13:10-13:55 Tag Rugby)		PSHE	Worship	Class novel
Tues	Ready to Learn (Spelling)		Spelling	WCR	English		Times Tables	Maths		Music	French	Class Worship		
Weds	Ready to Learn (TTRS - iPads)		Spelling	Hand writing	English		Times Tables	Maths		History	RE	Worship		
Thurs	Spelling		PE		English		Times Tables	Maths		Science	Computing (suite)	Singing Worship		
Fri	Computer Suite (TTRS)		Hand writing	WCR	English		Times Tables	Maths		Art		SoW Worship		
					Breaktime				Reading					
									Reading Battle					

As part of our universal provision for all children, we use visual timetables in the classrooms to walk children through the day so they can see what is happening now and next.



End of the day dismissal password

- ▶ A reminder that if another adult comes to pick up your child, you must inform the school office and that person should come ready to tell us the password you have set for your child.



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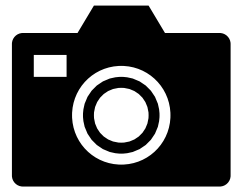
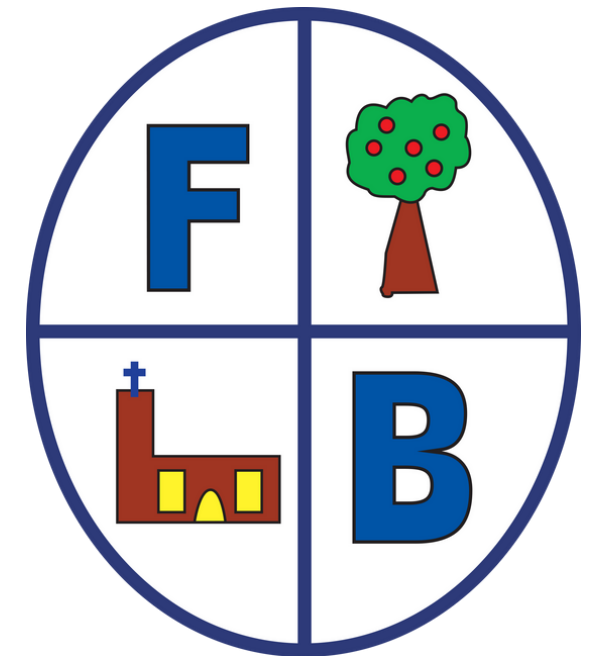


Photo permissions

- ▶ We take photos of our children's learning to help celebrate and share their achievements.
- ▶ We might do this on our website and on X (Twitter) and in our newsletters.
- ▶ Please feel free to check with our admin team that our records are in line with your permission preferences.



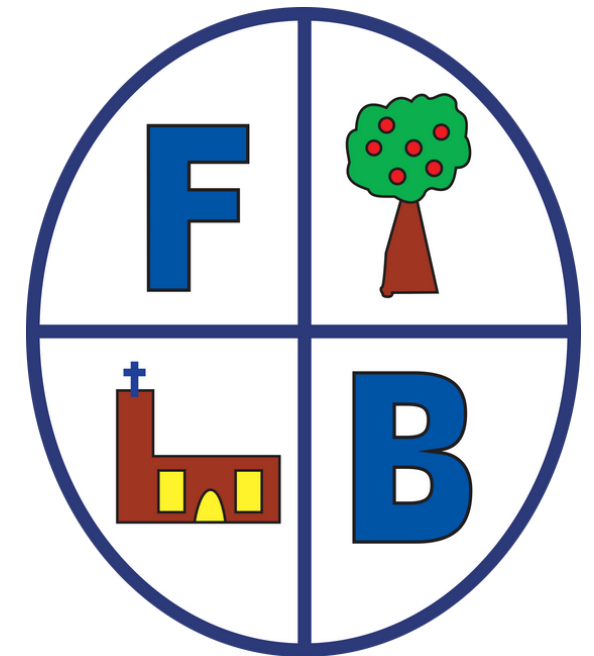
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Home learning

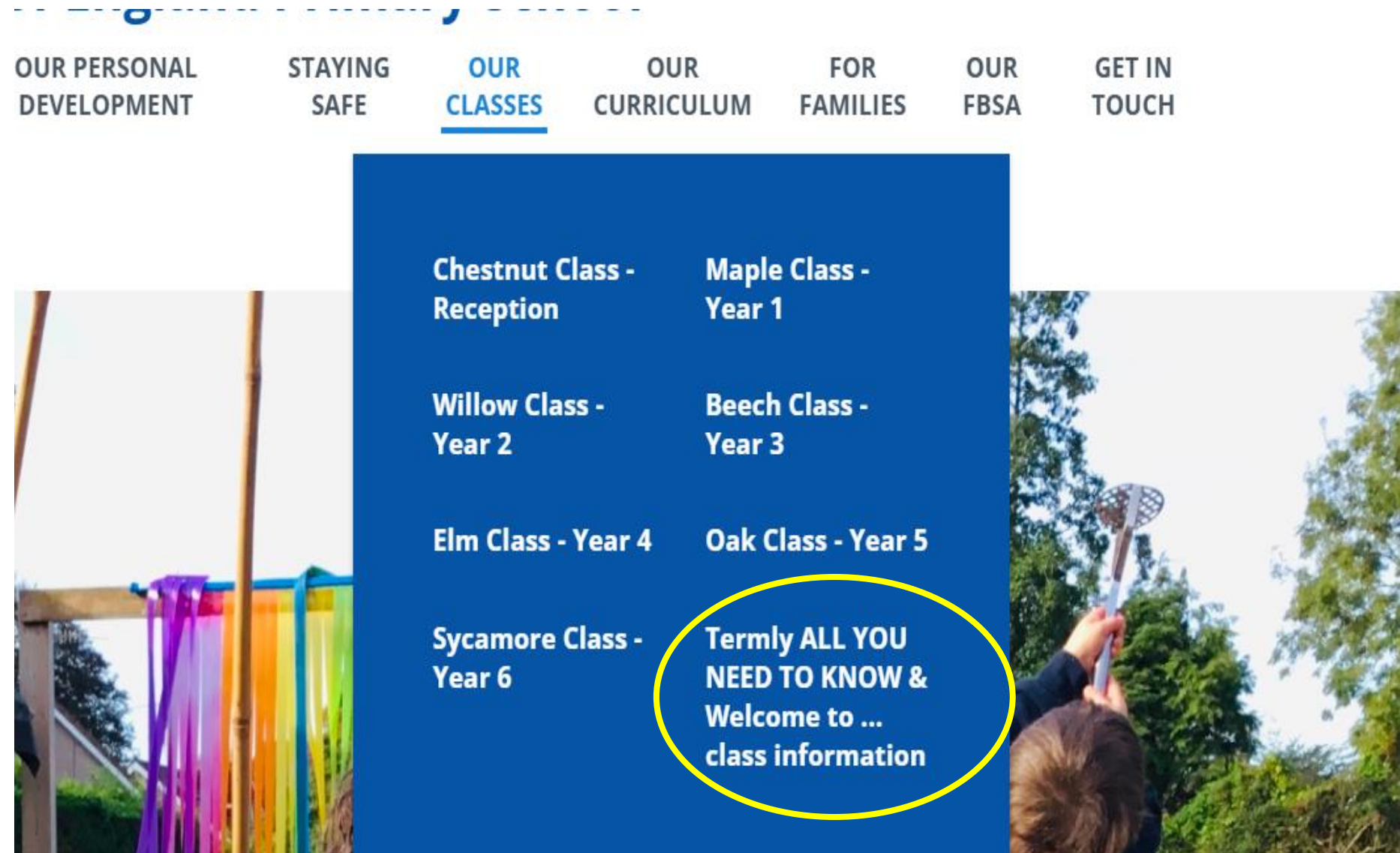
Home learning includes:

- Phonics/Spellings sent home to support practice (Spellings are not tested in a traditional test. A short worksheet will be sent home on a Wednesday following the lessons from that week. This needs to come back to class by the following Tuesday. Children will put this in the spelling file and self mark using marking stations in the classroom.)
- Numbots or Times Table Rockstars
- Reading 4 out of 7 days a week - please support children keep track of their reading in their reading records which will be looked at each week by school staff
- Weekly optional handwriting and termly optional projects



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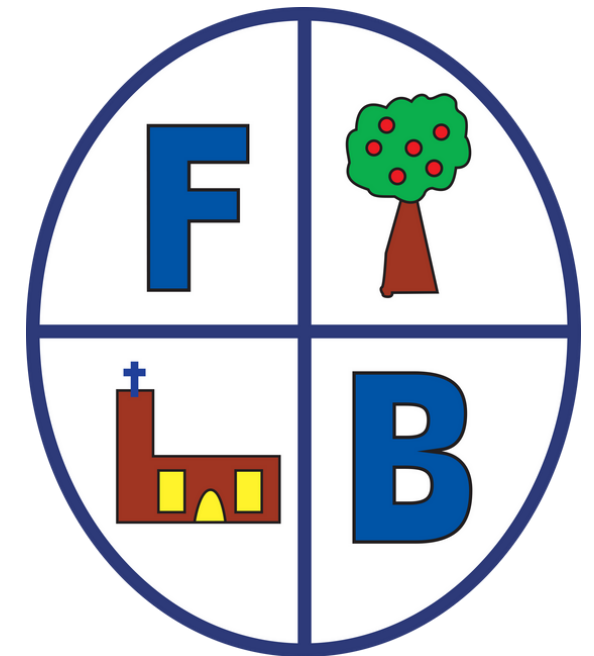
Our website – helpful webpages



Here you will find our termly ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW guides that share more about our term in this class; what to remember, key dates, how you can help etc.

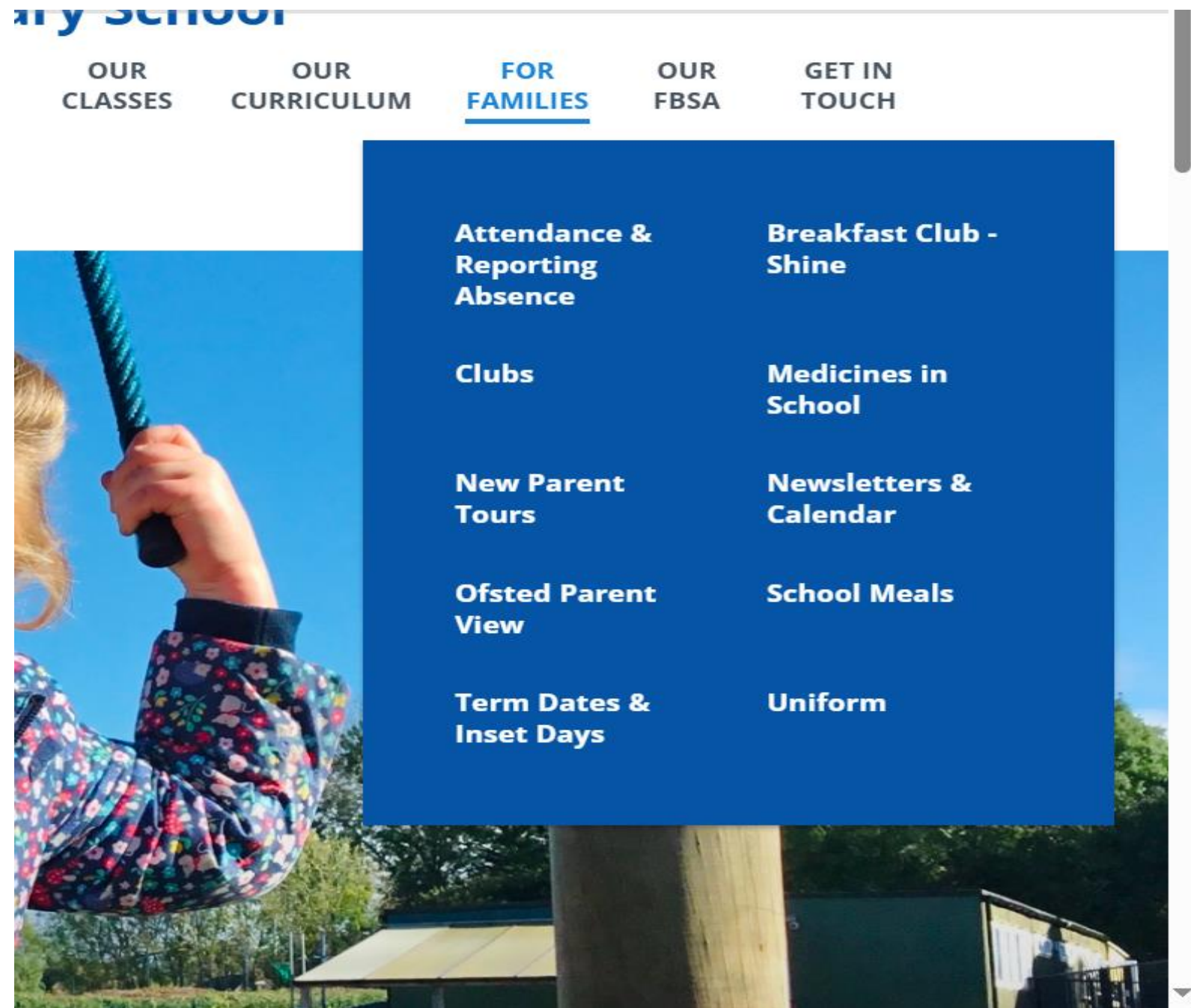
It also includes the three optional home learning projects your child can choose from to then share with their class at the start of the next term.

You will also find this Welcome to ... Class PowerPoint there.

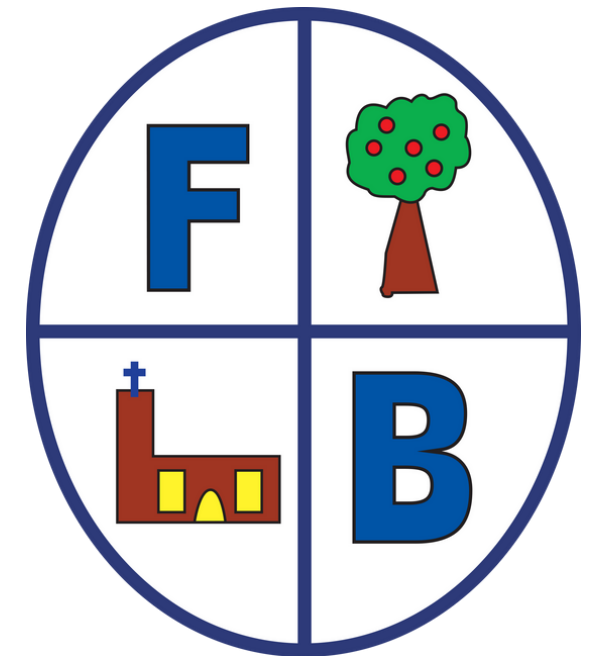


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Our website – helpful webpages



Lots of information about different key areas of school life.

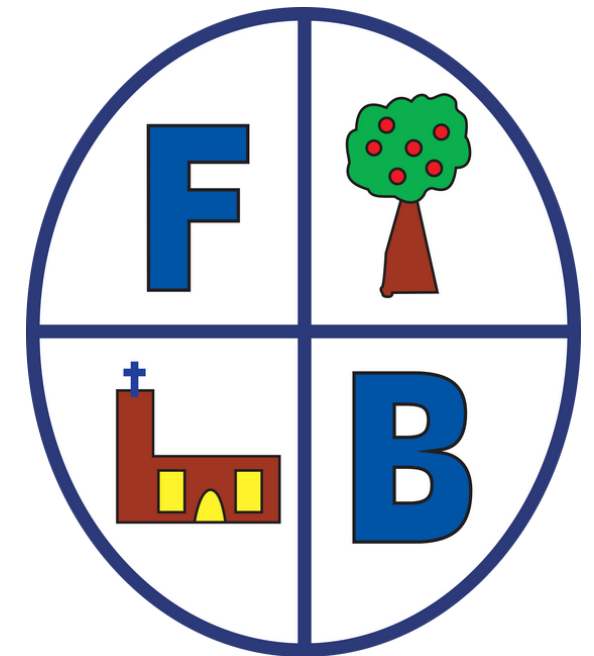


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Yearly Learning Journey documents show the units of learning we will be teaching each term in all subjects.



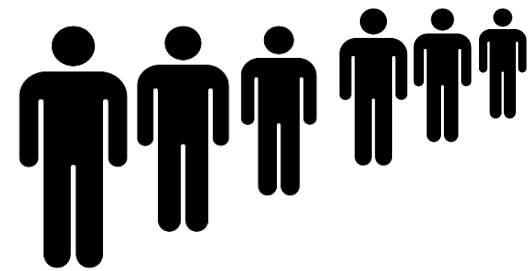
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Language your child will hear us say



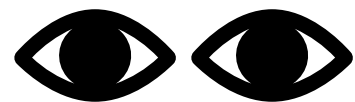
Wonderful walking

Walking smartly and safely around our school



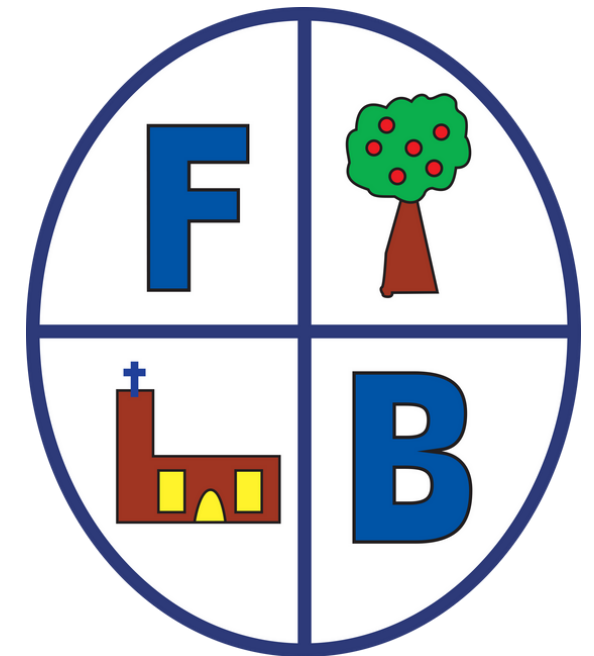
Legendary lining up

Smartly and safely lining up so we can move to playtime or lesson time swiftly

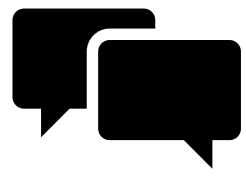


Tracking

Using our eyes to follow the person speaking to us (adult or child)



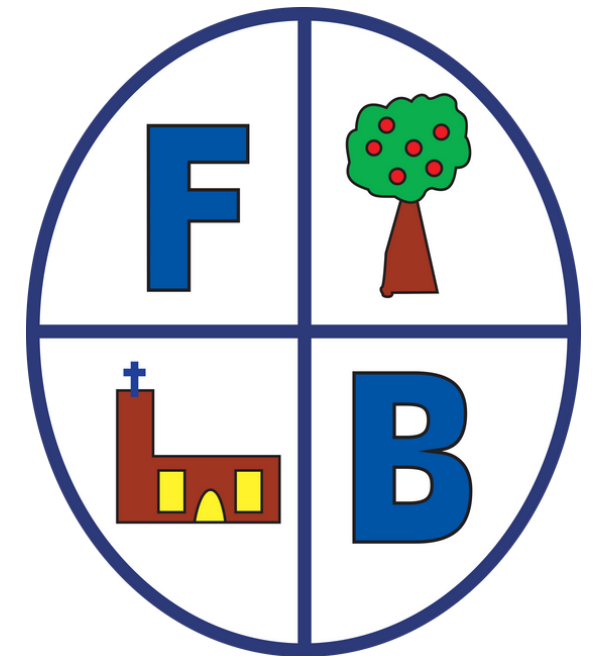
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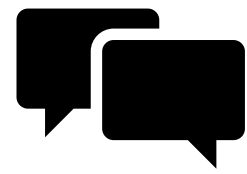
Communication between home and school

We want to build a positive partnership between home and school and work together to help your child get the most out of their learning.

- Parents evenings in term 2 & 4
- At the end of the day – brief chats (face to face is always best)
- Send an email to classelm@flaxbourton.n-somerset.sch.uk and/or make an appointment
- **Families must avoid using Whatsapp to air personal questions or concerns. Please come and speak to us.**



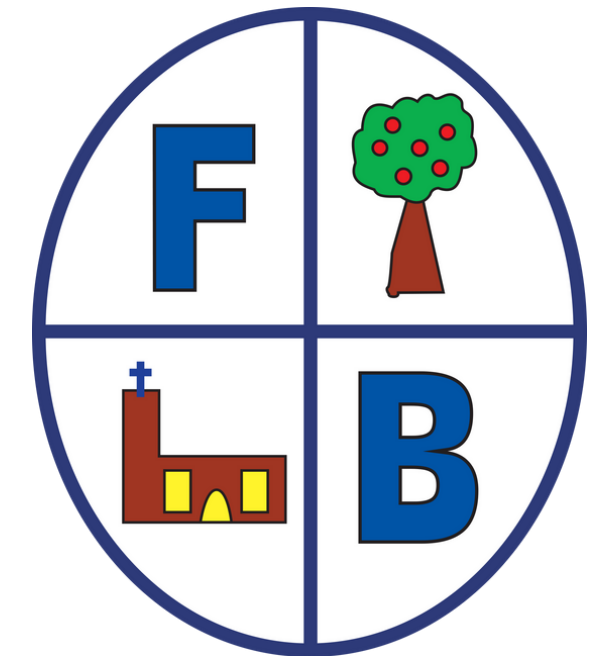
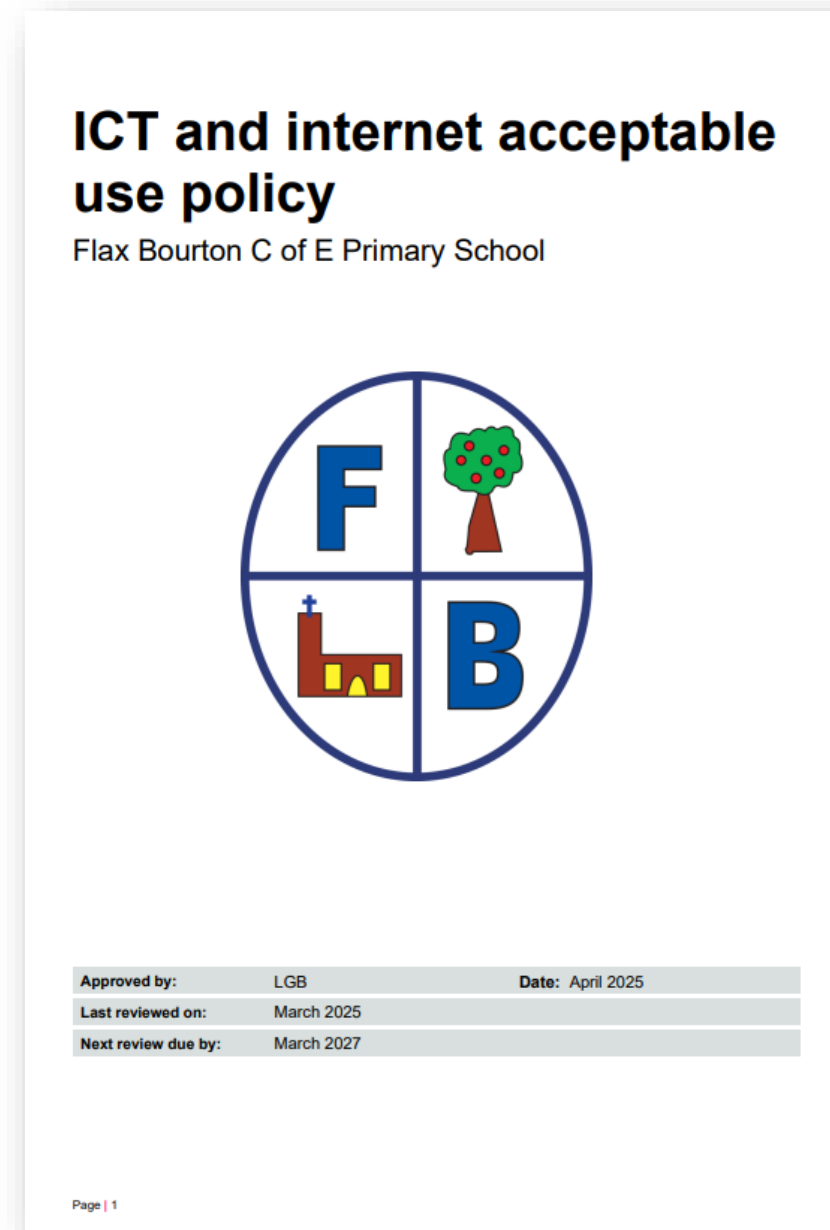
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Communication between home and school

Two key documents sharing how we expect to navigate positive partnerships with home and school.

These can be found on our school website.

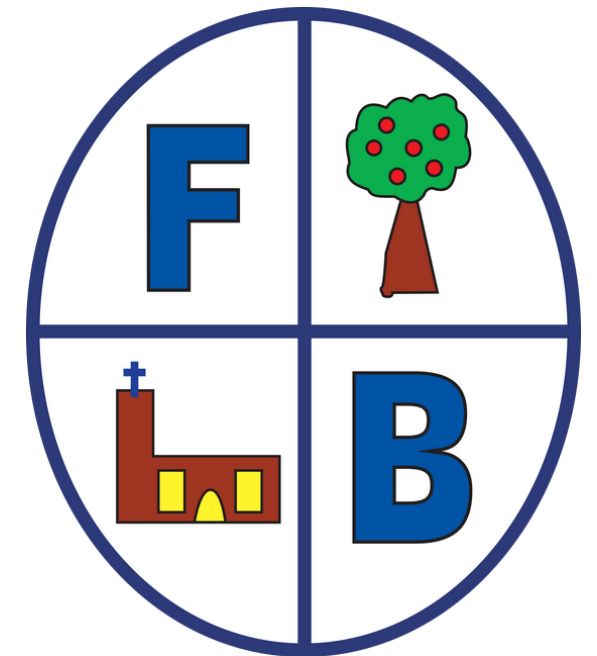


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What to bring to school

- ▶ Book bag
- ▶ Lunch box (if applicable)
- ▶ Water bottle
- ▶ Coat
- ▶ Wellies (labelled)



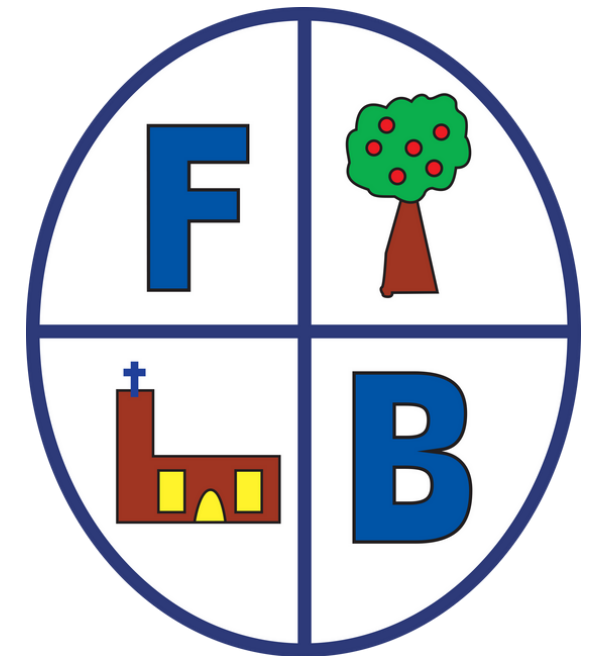
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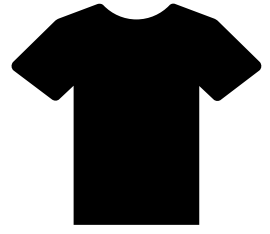
Water bottles

Please make sure your child has a labelled water bottle in school. These live by the sink and children can access them throughout the day.

We just ask them to go there one at a time and to wait a few moments if we are in the middle of a teaching input.



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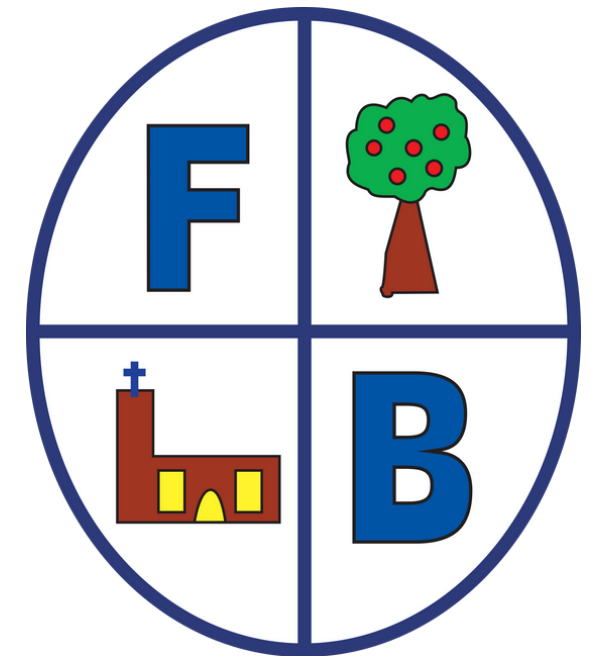
Uniform

- ▶ Please label all items of school uniform.
- ▶ See our website for the school uniform expectations.
- ▶ Lost property is outside the year 6 classroom.



PE days

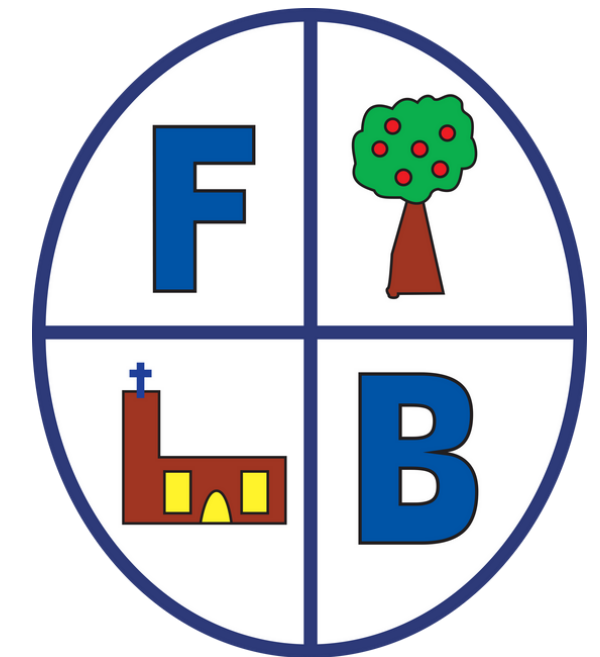
- ▶ Our PE days are on Monday and Thursday
- ▶ Children come to school dressed in their PE uniform



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House Teams

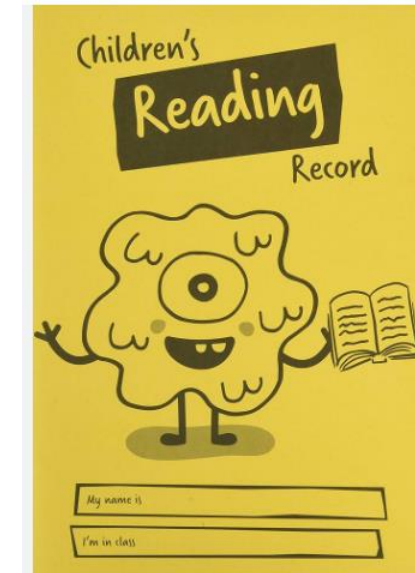
- ▶ This year we will be doing more in our house teams including afternoons of enrichment.
- ▶ Children can be awarded merits that can go towards their team's total.



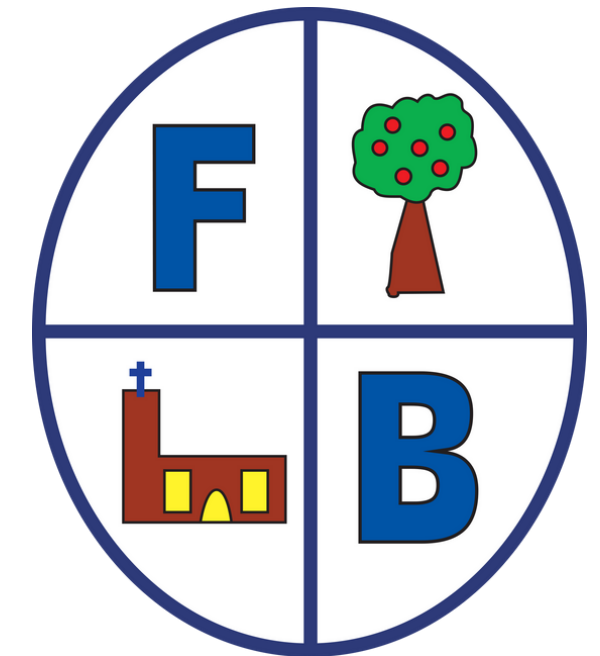
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Reading Books and Reading Records



- Please read at least **four** times a week at home
- Parents to date and sign each time
- No need to comment each time!
- **On Friday's teachers** will collect in the Reading Records- children will receive a stamp in their books for reading four times that week
- Please bring books and reading record everyday in child's bag – they are needed for individual and group reading



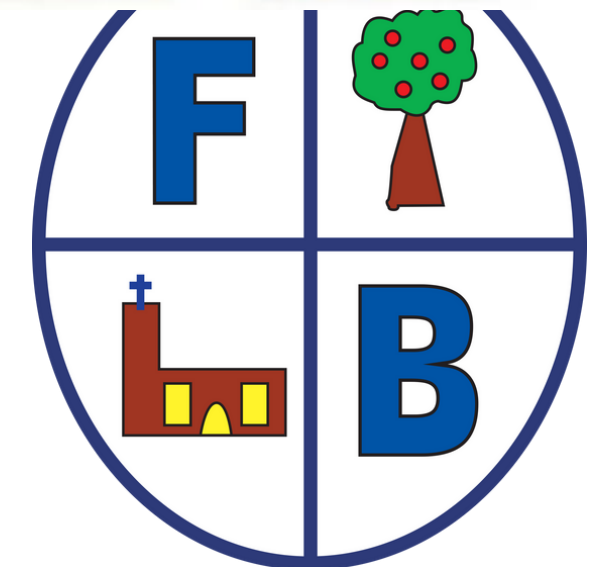
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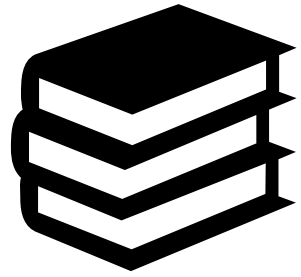
Reading Books and Reading Records



- ▶ *Children in Year Four can bring home two books:*
 - *a colour banded book (purple, gold, white, lime, brown). This is an age appropriate book to support reading with fluency and comprehension.*
 - *a choosing book from the shelf. These are changed when children would like to. These can be read alongside or to the child. This is to promote reading for pleasure.*
 - *Once they read 'brown level' books fluently with good comprehension, they will bring just **one book home** which is chosen from our bookcase.*



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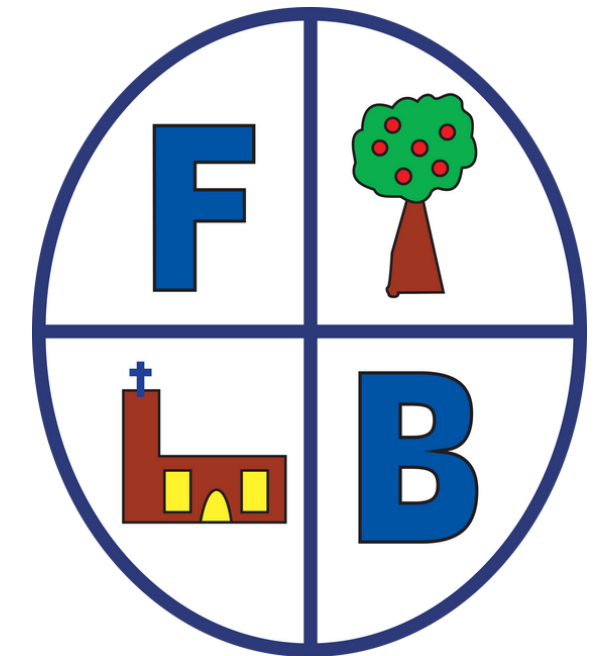


Our love of reading

A great website sharing book recommendations

You could go to the webpage for your year group, go to the bottom of the page and download the poster for Year .. Recommended Reads and hand this out at the meeting.

[The Reader Teacher | Children's Books | Reads, Reviews & Recommendations](#)

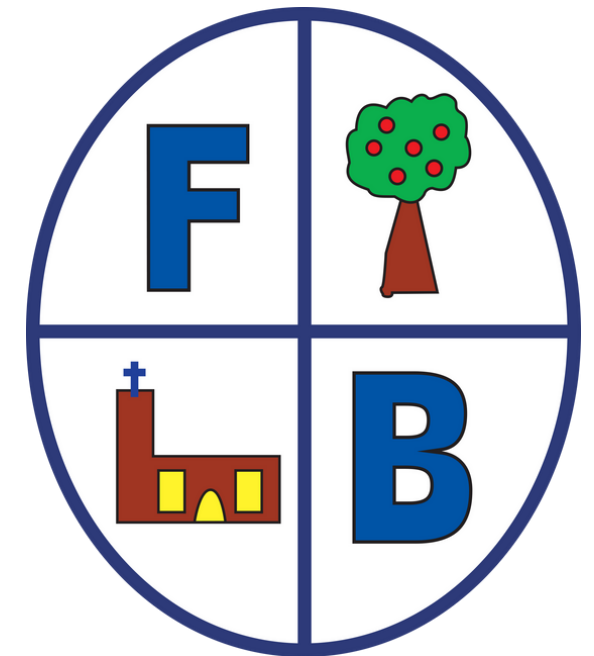


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How you could support your child

- Talk to us about how you feel your child is getting on or if they share any worries.
- Encourage them in their learning.
- Hear them read. Read to them.
- Bring learning to life in real life contexts e.g. food shopping, telling the time etc.
- Communicate with school and support our shared aims. Work together in partnership.

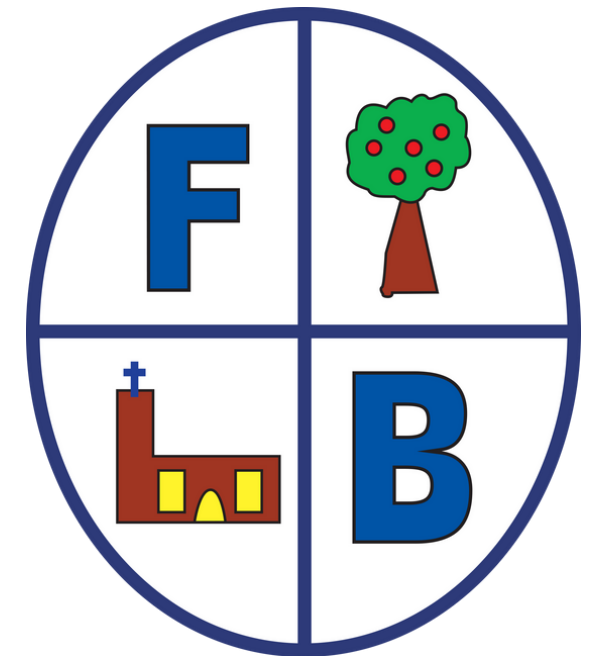


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Volunteering

- ▶ Trips - join us on a trip
- ▶ Readers - give your time as a volunteer coming in to hear children read. There is an information pack in the office and we would ask you to apply for a DBS through our school before you start.
- ▶ Your hobbies, interests and profession could add to our curriculum and clubs - let us know

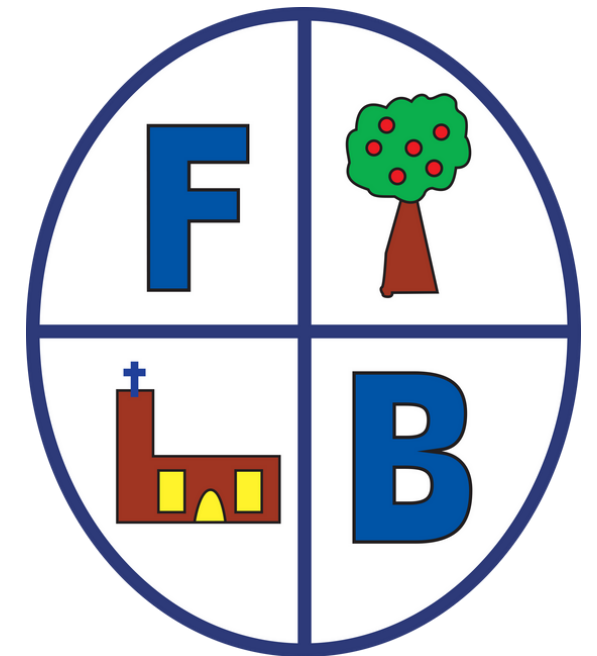


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Star of the Week Award

- ▶ Every week two children will receive a Star of the Week award. Along with this they will have the opportunity to take home one of our red pandas for the weekend. They come with a book each where children can write a paragraph about what they did and stick in photos etc...
- ▶ Please note that this book will be passed around other children so any photos included are at your own discretion and please do not take photos of anything else that is already within the book.

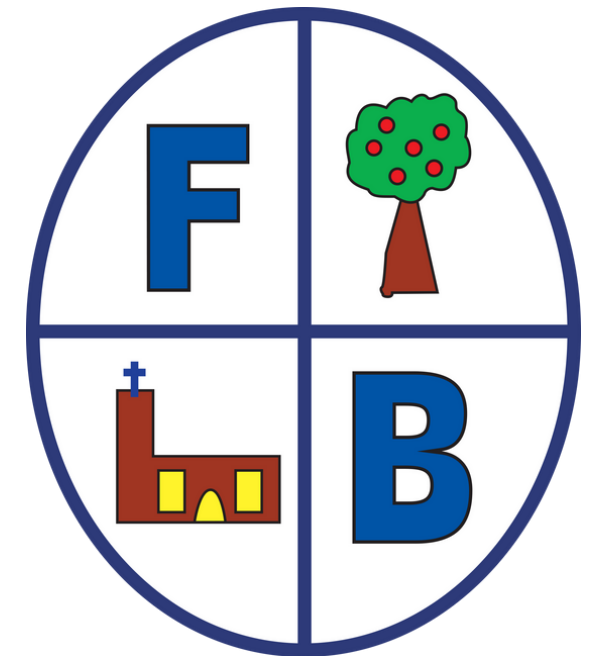


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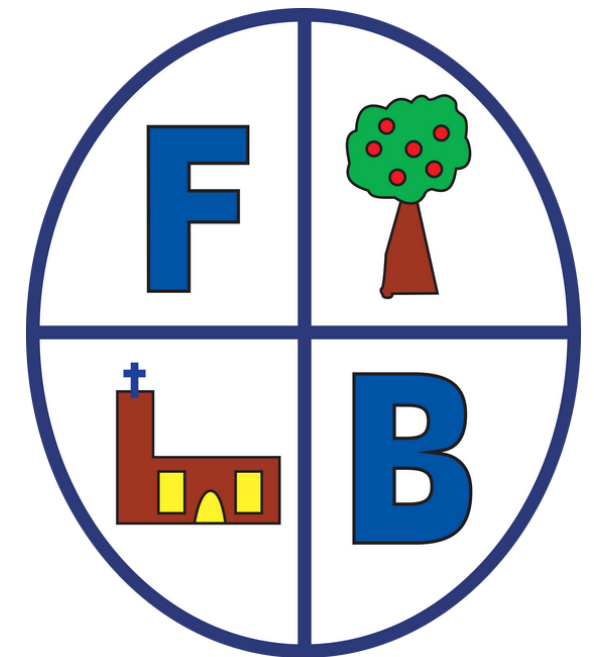
Reading Battle

- ▶ Every Friday I will check children's reading records. If a child has completed a book, they will have the opportunity to enter the weekly reading battle. Three children (pro rata) will be chosen to talk about their completed book and the children will vote on which one they would like to read most! This will be on display in the library for the children until the following week.
- ▶ Please make sure a note is made in the reading record that they have completed a book.



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Thank you



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