

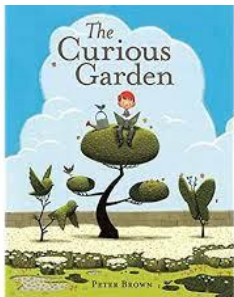


This half term we will be focusing on our school value of **Curious**.

I wonder and question so I can learn more and find out more.

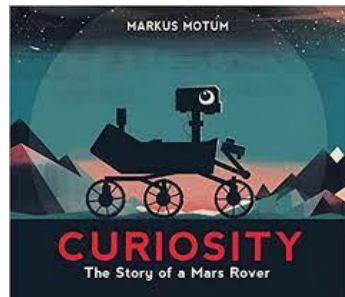


Stories to share about being CURIOUS

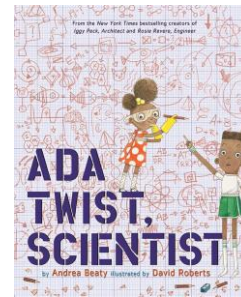


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[Curious Garden by Peter Brown | READ ALOUD](#)

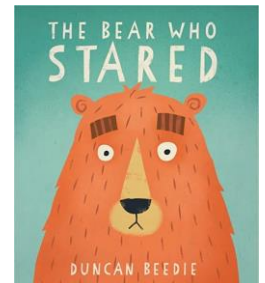


[Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover](#)



[Ada](#)

[Twist, Scientist By Andrea Beaty](#)



[The Bear Who Stared | Read Aloud Stories for Children](#)

What questions can you ask about these pictures and be curious?



Why is the bike floating?
 What do the people looking up think?
 Who is the man behind the safe?
 Why is the banana on holiday?
 Where did the hurricane come from?



Is it a giant or troll or something else?
 What is it looking at?
 How is it feeling?
 How old is it?
 Where does it live?

Whole School Attendance Autumn term and Spring 1

93.4 %

World Book Day

We are excited to have Poppy from Book Bugs and Dragon Tales bookshop visit us during the week of World Book Day! She will be delivering workshops to each class focusing on poetry and getting us all excited for world book day.



Reading for Pleasure afternoons are changing

We have really enjoyed having parents regularly to read with the children and for parents making time to visit classes during World Book Week to promote reading for pleasure; however we are very aware that this can put pressure on parents to attend.

For this reason we will be changing our reading to the last Wednesday half term- Wednesday 2nd April. We invite parents in from 2:30 to enjoy stories as well as to look at children's learning and books in a learning showcase.

Ofsted Report.

You will now be aware of the most recent Ofsted Inspection result. Please see the full report on our school website <https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/ardengrove/information/ofsted> and the EDP story on this link <https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/24967686.arden-grove-hellesdon-rated-outstanding-across-board/>

We are very proud of the result and thank you for the kind words of support. We look forward to continuing the great work we do!

Hocus Focus- Executive Function Characters.

This year we are helping our children become even better learners by sharing executive function characters, making them more fun and memorable by linking them to a character. This is work we are doing alongside 'The Place' and the team there. So far we have introduced PC Brakes and Hocus Focus.



"Hocus Pocus,
Everybody Focus!"

Hocus Pocus

I keep looking and listening

- ★ I can look and listen to whoever is speaking
- ★ I can focus on tasks that are not on my agenda
- ★ I can switch my focus when someone talks to me
- ★ I can focus on tasks for longer amounts of time

PC Brakes The **PLACE**
at Arden



"PC Brakes -
stop, think, re-take!"

I can stop and think before I act

Spring 2 Learning Themes

Little Swallowtails Nursery: Sticks, Rain, Spring Flowers, Baby animals



This half term as our children continue to learn through seasons about 'what is outside our window'.

Reception: Salhouse and Filby: Farming



In Reception, as well as their carefully planned learning through play, the children will be finding out more about how important farming is in different countries and in England. They will explore aspects of farming and growing and what happens when on a Norfolk farm. They will spend lots of time getting outside and active in our outdoor area and finding out about planting, growing and noticing how the seasons are changing.

Year One: Ranworth and Wroxham: Race to the Finish



Year One's will be curious about what was in Hellesdon before Arden Grove Infant School and learn more about 'The Firs' motorbike speedway track. They will be looking at historical photographs and films to look at motorbikes and motorbike safety in the past. They will learn about motorbikes, being road safety now and who got 'tired' of uncomfortable and unsafe road tyres.

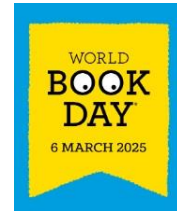
Year 2: Barton and Hickling: Nurturing Nurses



In this topic the children will be Historians finding out about three influential nurses: Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and local hero: Edith Cavell. The children will find out about their lives, including a visit from Edith Cavell herself. Following this the children will be learning sewing skills in DT to make their own nurse puppet.

If you think you or a member of your family or a friend could offer any exciting experiences or information that link to any of our classes themes we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office as we are always keen to make, maintain and strengthen links with our families and community. With all children, getting interested in their learning at home always helps them connect their learning. You could talk to them about what they have been learning about, go on days out that may link or visit our local library at Hellesdon for books to share about their topic or anything!

Upcoming Events this half term. More information to follow



Parents Evening

Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Thursday 6th March

We will be asking the children to bring in just a prop from their favourite story.
No costumes or dressing up



Class Photographs
Wednesday 25th

Reading with Parents and Learning Showcase

Wednesday 2nd April 2:30pm

Please wear school uniform this day, including Year 1 as this is usually their PE day.



HSA Easter Disco

Friday 4th April

More details to follow from HSA