



# Dragonfly Class Bulletin

## 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025



### Highlights from Last Week

We have had another wonderful week of learning in Dragonfly Class. The children explored colour mixing, experimenting with primary colours and discovering how they can be combined to make secondary colours. Continuing our art theme, the children learnt about our artist for this half term, Haider Ali. They closely observed the colours, patterns and shapes in his work and began creating their own designs inspired by his vibrant style.

As part of our Toys from the Past topic, the children were introduced to a timeline and examined a selection of artefacts that may have been unfamiliar to them. The children were amazed to learn about something called a Walkman – causing the adults to exchange the kind of looks that say, “Surely they weren’t that long ago... were they?”



### This Week's Learning

#### English & History - Toys from the Past

The children will be creating alliterative phrases to describe their teddies (thank you for sending these in!) and learning facts about some well-known bears, including Paddington and Winnie the Pooh.

#### Maths

Year 1: Continuing with number bonds to 10 and addition.

Year 2: Using related facts to understand addition, for example: If I know  $3 + 5 = 8$ , then I know that  $30 + 50 = 80$ .

#### Cultural Capital

Avenue of Baobabs - Madagascar





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### History

This week, the children will compare the toys they play or have played with to the toys adults enjoyed when they were young. If you have a spare moment to talk to your child about your favourite childhood toys before next Thursday, that would be very helpful. If grandparents or older family friends can share their memories too, even better – the children love hearing stories from different generations. The children estimated Mrs Mason-Cook was 78 years old and were amazed that she had played with plastic toys when she was younger!

### PE

Please remember to send children dressed in PE kits with school shoes on Tuesday and Friday. They do not need their uniform on these days. For health and safety reasons, long hair must be tied up and only small stud earrings are permitted. If earrings are worn on PE days, they will need to be removed by the wearer or covered with tape, which we can provide.

### Reading at Home

As you know, children in Dragonfly Class are expected to read at least four times a week with an adult; they need to complete their book (from beginning to end) four times before requesting a book exchange. It would be very helpful if you could record whether your child has read the whole book or, if they have only read part of it, which specific pages. You can do so in their Reading Record under the “pages” section.

Thank you for your continued support – it truly makes a difference and never goes unnoticed. We really appreciate the positive partnership we have with so many of you.

Warm regards,

Mrs Wahid and Mrs Mason-Cook

