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Then Jesus spoke again to them and said, "I am the light of the world." *John 8:12.*
We have been talking about what Jesus meant when he said this. How does your child find their way when they are not sure what to do?

4th February 2022

Woodpeckers Back from the Past!

On Tuesday, the Woodpeckers went off to the Victorian schoolroom at Kent Life, Maidstone. Their teacher for the day took the register and the children had to stand and give their surname, followed by the obligatory 'Sir'! The lesson began with handwriting and times tables drills. Fortunately, they were all very well behaved so no punishments were given out! They learnt more about life in a Victorian school, and the different lessons boys and girls would have. In the afternoon, we met local Victorian writer Charles Dickens. He told us about his life and the reasons why he wrote some of his books. The children then took part in an impromptu retelling of 'A Christmas Carol.' Of course, we had to make time for cuddle corner and visit the owls too, and definitely made the most of the sunny weather.

Thank you mums and dads for the amazing costumes...don't they all look great!

Do you know an illustrator?

We would love to hear from any illustrators, cartoonists or caricaturists who might like visit Bodsham to inspire, speak to and answer questions from the Robins in early March. This would be part of their work during Book Week (see below) If any parents, friends or family members can help, please can you contact the school office on admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk before half term. Thank you!

Book Week Approaches – Fair Warning!

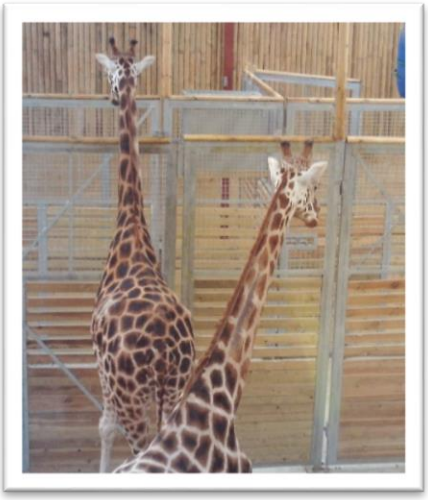
We are delighted to announce that we will be holding our 'Book Week' from February 28th to March 4th this year. This year's World Book Day message is '**you are a reader**'! Each class will be taking part in special activities that week, to promote our love of reading. **On Friday 4th, we will all be dressing up as our favourite book characters.** Who will you come as I wonder?

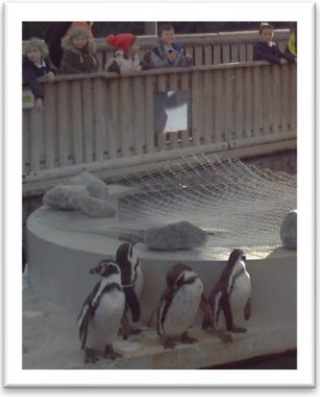
Do you love cake?

That's lucky! Our fantastic PTA will be holding a Valentines inspired cake sale after school at the end of next week (Friday 11th). It will give you a chance to send out a message of love to parents, carers, siblings and friends – in the form of cake! Please support this event with any cakes you can donate. All cakes will be 50p, so bring some cash!

Robins back from their Safari

On Wednesday the Robins visited Wingham Wildlife Park as part of their Safari Topic. They got to see plenty of African Animals at first hand, including a tarantula, giraffes and penguins (yes, there are penguins in Africa!!). I am particularly proud to hear that the children's behaviour was exemplary throughout and they were all a credit to Bodsham School.





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The hills are alive with the sound of Bodsham!

Since Christmas, teachers and children have been concentrating on improving the music curriculum at Bodsham. Sadly, music was a subject that suffered during school closures and the subsequent focus on catch up, so we have enjoyed giving it pride of place in the curriculum this term. The school uses a music programme called Charanga which has already brought about great enhancements to our music teaching. Next Wednesday the children will be holding a musical assembly where each class will be showcasing songs and instrumental pieces they have been learning.

We also have visiting music teachers who offer private lessons to children during school time that parents can pay for. We currently have teachers offering violin, guitar and ukulele tuition each week. Please contact the office if you are interested in this offer.

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