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Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring one or two early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine. Today, People spread and show their affection by sending their loved ones valentine cards, chocolates, gifts and roses.

Why do we give red roses on Valentine's Day? For centuries, flowers have symbolized fertility, love, marriage, and romance. During the Victorian era, it became popular to use flowers to send secretive messages. Red roses, for instance, typically represent love and romance and have been a powerful symbol of passion for many cultures through the ages. The rose was sacred to a number of goddesses including Isis of Egypt, and the ancient Greeks and Romans identified the rose with their goddesses of love, Aphrodite and Venus. Now giving a bouquet of flowers is considered a classic Valentine's Day gift. Luth Research shows that 91% of men who give flowers to their significant other on Valentine's Day do so simply to show their love.

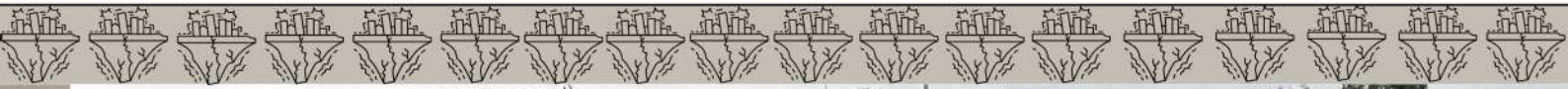
Roses are still the most popular flower for Valentine's Day and tradition is that colour is important when using them as your messenger. Red is the classic declaration of love, while white is a symbol of purity, innocence, youthfulness and everlasting love. Red and white together sends a message of unity. Ivory roses can mean thoughtfulness and caring, but without the romantic intentions.

Pink roses are elegant, feminine, refined and project sweetness. A light pink conveys happiness and joy and is a pretty way of saying "Thank you."

In Victorian times a bouquet of yellow roses would not be well received. It signified jealousy. But its reputation is better now probably due to the bright colour. It says affection, warmth and is a welcome gift to someone who needs cheering up.

All in all, valentines gives us the perfect opportunity to cherish our loved ones and spread love to our fellow peers, teachers, friends and family.

# *“When the Earth Roars, Great Devastation follows”*



Recently, when the Earth roared in Turkey and Syria, a lot of devastation followed through an earthquake. Over 11,500 lives have been reported lost so far and tens of thousands were injured plus lots of property damaged. This happened on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 04:17 TRT (01:17 UTC) when lots of energy of magnitude 7.8 and 7.5 was released at the transform plate margin along which Turkey and Syria sits. The quake lasted for 75 seconds according to the US Geological Survey. The epicentre was at Gaziantep, where most damage was recorded.

## **What caused this quake???**

This earthquake occurred because two pieces of the Earth are sliding horizontally past each other, similar to the kind of quake that occurred along the San Andreas fault in California – 1989. In this case, the Arabian Plate is sliding past the Anatolian Plate. In simpler terms, the way the plates interacted to create the earthquake is called a transformative plate boundary, the force and pressure built up from the plates moving and rubbing against each other over a period of time caused the pressure to be released resulting in seismic waves that caused shaking of the Earth's crust.

## **After effects:**

- People are still trying to be recovered from the rubble
- Infrastructure in Syria and Turkey is depleted, they were overwhelmed by this crisis
- There have been 317 reported aftershocks
- They say the death toll may rise over 20,000
- The earthquake has affected about 23 million people
- 3 charter flights were sent with 1.6 metric tons of medical supplies and trauma kit
- The earthquake was also felt in Lebanon and Israel
- Medical facilities are struggling to deal with the injuries and casualties of the crisis
- The earthquake could cause Turkey to lose 4 billion dollars in economic losses



In all that, we wish everyone affected by this crisis well, and hope that they find help somewhere and are able to recover from this devastating crisis.

# Join us to make a difference



If you remember from our Humanity assembly, we mentioned the importance of plastic waste management.

Plastic is very harmful to the environment and has already had an impact on it. Plastic waste that gets disposed of in the ocean collects up and forms massive waste islands. Most of that plastic is also dangerous to marine life, as it can strangle them or starve them.

People have noticed the threat of plastic in our society and are trying to make a change. For example, Bangladesh has banned the use of plastic bags in the country and the UK is introducing a ban on plastic food utensils, balloon sticks and food containers as of October 2023. Since we already have plastic in our world, let's reuse it.

For example we could...

1. Use empty disposable bottles as a water bottles
2. Use plastic bottles, or containers, to plant seedlings or plants
3. Make a bird feeder for birds to stop by and have a bite
4. Be creative! Use plastic bottles or jars to create pen holders or desk organizers

If you haven't yet started, separate your plastic at home. Bring it to school. In the parking in the front, there is a red bin where you can dispose your plastic waste..

We accept all types of plastic, including: water plastic bottles, empty yoghurt tins, plastic jerricans, empty body lotion bottles etc.

Our aim is to collect enough plastic waste in order to get a new picnic table out of recycled plastic!

We need everyone's support in order to make this happen; so remember to start separating your rubbish at home and bring your plastic to school. We have a new collection recycling point for plastic waste at school (upper car park).



**CHOOSE  
TO  
REUSE**

**KEEP  
The  
SEA  
PLASTIC FREE**

Thank you on the behalf of the Plastic Recycling enrichment.

Isabel Muhwezi

# PRIMARY SECTION

In year 3 the children have enjoyed their learning and below are some of the highlights

In IPC, we have learnt about the human body and how the internal organs work. It was so exciting to learn about the muscles, skeleton and the heart. Currently we are learning about plants and we have done several experiments to check the best soils for plant growth, osmosis, transpiration and germination.

*By Carmen, Chloe T and David*



Maths has been another area of fun, play and enjoyment as we learn. We have learnt about different shapes in geometry, telling time, fractions, types of angles as demonstrated in the photos below.



*Acute angle*



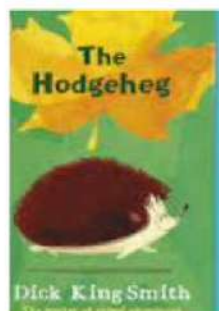
*Obtuse angle*

English has always been fascinating and this year we have read stories with familiar setting 'The Enormous Crocodile' by Roald Dahl. The Croc was too greedy, he wanted to eat school children - instead the children ate him. 'The hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith was yet another thrilling adventure story - Max a hedgehog who became a hodgeheg after several attempts to cross the busy street. This story taught us to be resilient and committed. We also learnt how to write non chronological reports and different types of poems. We had a chance to take on roles of story characters and act - everyone in class was exhilarated by the drama sessions.



*The Enormous Crocodile*

*By Chloe k, Lily and Praveen*



*Dick King Smith*



*Right angle*



*180 degrees - straight line*

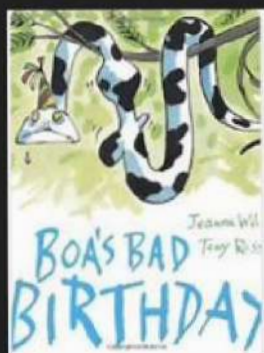
Our teachers have helped us learn and memorize times tables of 2/3/8 and 9 (and their division facts) using different strategies like looking out for patterns in numbers - I mostly liked the BINGO and Shoot the Sheriff games we played during these lessons.

*By Alba, Isak and Aiman*

# BOOKFLIX

Each week we will use this section to show you new books available in our primary library as well as what is popular right now with our primary children.

## NEW RELEASES: PRIMARY LIBRARY

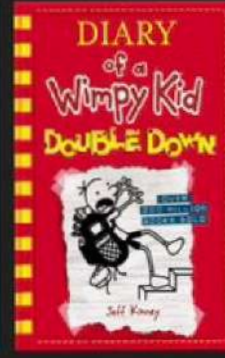
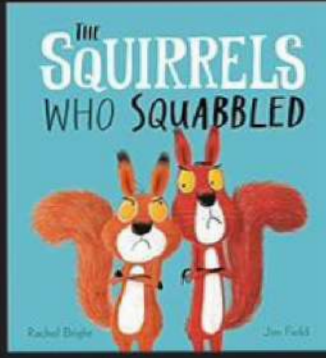
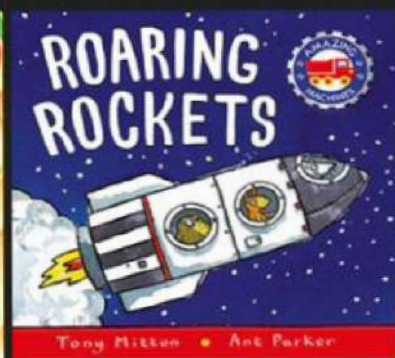
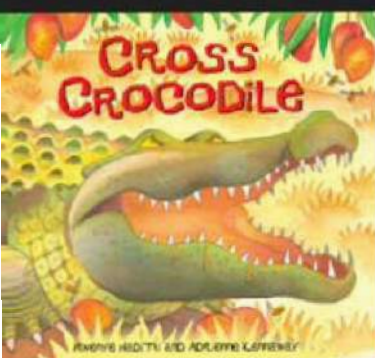


Suitable for age 2-7 years

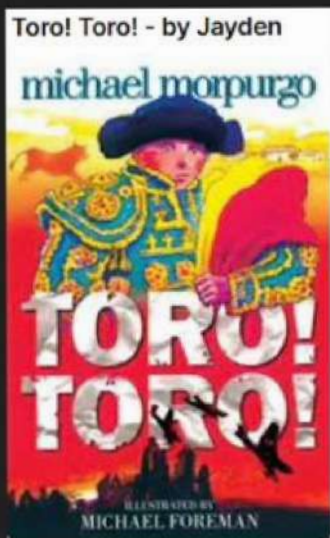


Suitable for age 8-12 years

## TRENDING NOW



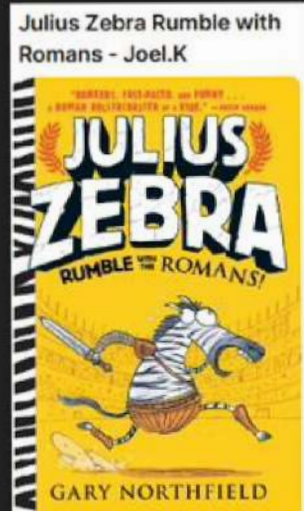
## REVIEWS



This book is about a boy called Antonito that is telling us about his past life where he had a bull pet called Paco, he was also in a war between one sort of tribe against the other. He ran away to protect Paco from a bullring /



Peter Nimble and his fantastic eyes is a fantastic book by Jonathan Auxier. The book is about a young and blind boy (thief) who got a mysterious box and then ... This book has an amazing plot twist and is also very interesting. It is also inspirational because just because someone is handicapped that doesn't mean they can't do extraordinary



A zebra called Julius lives in Tunisia near Italy. when he goes to the lake on a Wednesday, he doesn't want to take a sip of the water because it has hippos and crocodiles in it. He doesn't want to stay with his herd so he escapes. But when he comes back to the lake, there's no animals near it. when he sees a lion he starts to run but falls in a hole with his friend warhog and lion. the trap was set up by the



The house with chicken legs is about a girl named Marinka who just wants to be normal and make friends, but when she tried to do so her house stands up and moves along to a new place. Our story starts by Marinka building a fence out of bones (not fresh ones) but gets called for food. She lives with Baba yaga, Baba yaga makes sure the dead move on peacefully. Marinka longs for friends but will she get them if her house keeps moving? (find out the rest). I really liked this book I would highly recommend it if you like fantasy and books like such. I

# GAMES SECTION

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Chocolate  
Cupid  
Family  
February  
Friends  
Friendship  
Happiness  
Hearts  
Love  
Red  
Roses  
Valentine

**Last week's answers:**

- 1)"Starry Night"-Vincent Van Gogh
- 2)Damien Hirst
- 3) Galaxy
- 4)Valentine's day
- 5)A secret

**Done by: Anirudha Chowdhury, 11MO**

Please send your answers to [quizerisu.sc.ug](mailto:quizerisu.sc.ug) by 4:30 PM  
and the winner will receive a prize!

# QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"How you love yourself is how you teach others to love you."  
– Rupi Kaur.*