

W/C 12th May 2025

Dear Parents,

We've had a lovely fortnight in Year I and wanted to share some of the exciting things we've been up to.

The VE Day celebrations were lots of fun! The children were very lucky to have John join us in assembly to share his first-hand account of being a child during the war and what it was like when the celebrations began at the end of it. It was a fascinating and memorable experience for everyone.

We've also been learning about what school life was like in Victorian times. The children were both shocked and amused by some of the strict rules—and they all agreed they're glad things have changed! The dunce hat was definitely not a favourite!

The children are also very excited about our new Art topic: *Street Views*. This week, we've been looking at the work of American artist James Rizzi. He paints New York in a cartoon-like style, and the children have been inspired to recreate some of his wild and colourful buildings which look like robots, cats, frogs, and even unicorns!

English

In Talk for writing, we've started our new text, *Kassim and the Hungry Fox*. The children are loving retelling the story using prosody and expressive voices for the animal characters. They've also learnt the signs for dog, rat, cat, and fox, which has helped bring the story to life even more.

Maths

In Maths, we've been learning all about fractions. The children have been exploring halves and quarters of both shapes and quantities through fun and practical activities, showing great curiosity and focus.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting week of learning! Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Morrell