

# WEEKLY EXPRESS



## A MESSAGE FROM MRS TAI

Dear families,

Looking back at the last few weeks, it has been wonderful to see how much the children have learned and gained confidence sharing their ideas. This is partly due to our focus on speaking and listening in school called oracy.

We shared some of our new symbols with you during our parents meetings back in September and it is fantastic to see so many children using them when talking to each other in and out of class.

We use:

A for agree - a thumbs up and an explanation as to why the agreement is being made.

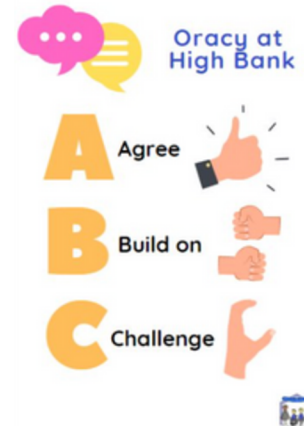
B - Build on - children add to a peer's response, providing more detail.

C- Challenge - children say how they disagree or challenge a response, providing more detail.

To support this further at home, we encourage you to have different conversations with your families so children can articulate their thinking and practice their skills. This could be as simple as a game of "Would you rather... have one eye or two noses...?" for example, or moving in to more debatable topics such as "School uniform is an important part of school life." Whatever you choose to talk about - enjoy!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Tai



## YEAR 6 SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

The deadline for Y6 secondary applications is fast approaching.

Please ensure you have completed your application via the Kirklees Admission website by **31st October 2024**.

[https://educationandchildcare.kirklees.gov.uk/SynergyWebsite\\_Live/Enquiries/Citizen/citizen.aspx/admissions-signin](https://educationandchildcare.kirklees.gov.uk/SynergyWebsite_Live/Enquiries/Citizen/citizen.aspx/admissions-signin)

## PUMPKIN PARTIES

Don't forget to purchase your pumpkin party tickets from the school office for Thursday 24th. Tickets cost just £2 per child or £5 for a family of 3 or more. Family tickets can cover both discos if children are in different key stages. We look forward to seeing all the children there!



## HOUSE POINTS

**PEAKE**

**5080**

**STOREY**

**4894**

**5501**

**RASHFORD**

**5080**

**PANKHURST**



## WEEKLY WINNERS

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week and Caught Being Kind winners this week.

**Star of the Week:**                      **Caught being Kind:**

**Capella Class:** Ammar      **Capella Class:** Addison

**Vega Class:** DJ                      **Vega Class:** Harry

**Arcturus Class:** Honey      **Arcturus Class:** Reggie

**Rigel Class:** Alarna & Erica      **Rigel Class:** Harry

**Canopus Class:** Adedoyin      **Canopus Class:** Isabelle

**Sirius Class:** Henley              **Sirius Class:** Tyroy



Well done to **Sirius Class** for winning the Attendance Award this week with **97.6%** Keep it up!

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 23rd October:** Parent & Staff Consultation evening from 3:30-7:00pm.

**Thursday 24th October** - Pumpkin Party - bring your carved pumpkins to display at school.

**Thursday 24th October:** Pumpkin Party Disco. 2pm EYFS and KS1; 3:45-4:45pm KS2.

**Friday 25th October** : INSET day for staff - no school for children.

**Friday 25th October - Sunday 3rd November:** Half term.

**Looking ahead:**

**Tuesday 10th December** - Christingle @ St Peter's Church

**Thursday 12th December** - Whole school pantomime trip

**Wednesday 18th December** - Christmas Fayre

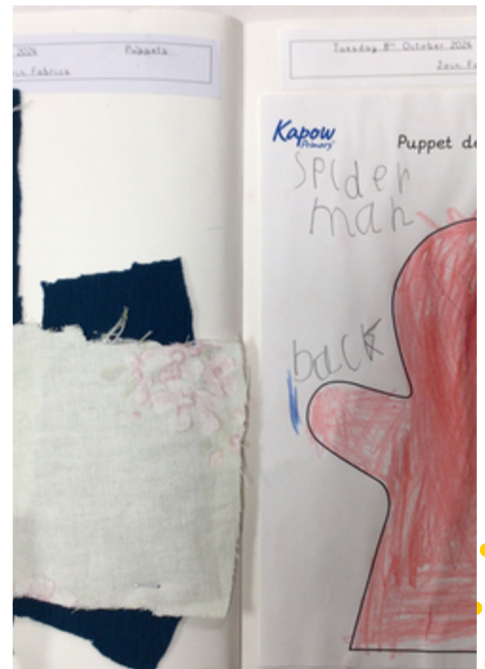
## CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



### Vega class

In our Design and Technology lessons, Year 1 are working towards creating their own superhero puppet. Last week, they explored different ways to join materials using pins, staples and glue. This week, it was time to design them! They thought about which superhero they were going to create and carefully selected the colours they needed

Please see the next page for some more highlights at High Bank this week.





## CLASS CAPELLA HIGHLIGHTS



This week the children in Early Years have been looking at people who help us, in particular Police Officers. The children have enjoyed sharing fiction and non fiction books about People Who Help as well as exploring our Police role play.

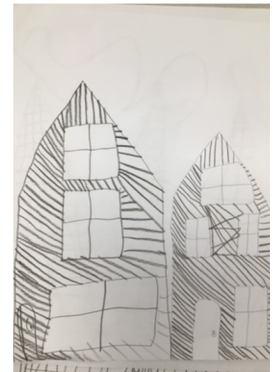
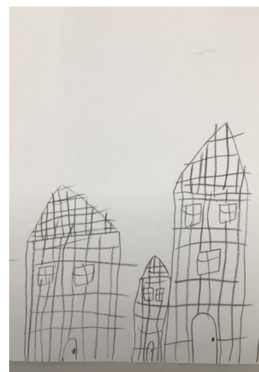


## FINE MOTOR SKILLS IN RIGIL



Children in Rigil class have been developing their fine motor skills by making monsters out of playdough. They will then apply their fine motor skills to their handwriting.

## GREAT FIRE OF LONDON IN Y2



Children in Arcturus have been creating fire pictures and sketches of Tudor houses. Next week these will be combined to create art based on The Great Fire of London

