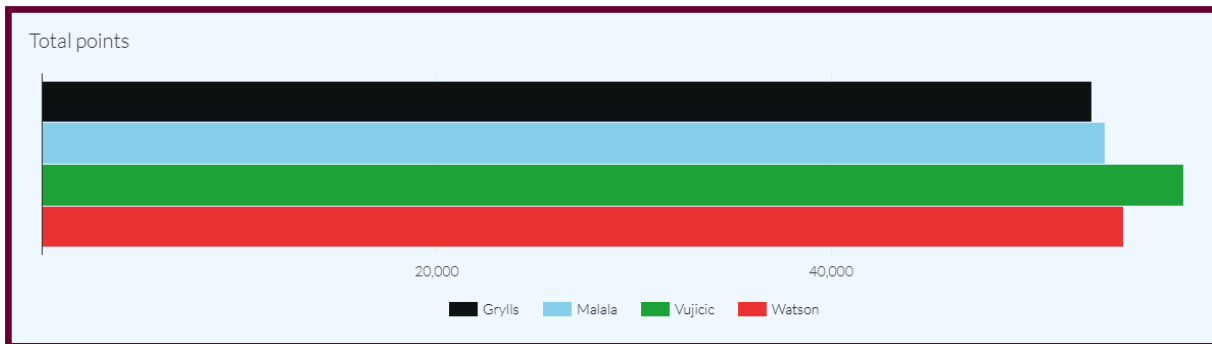
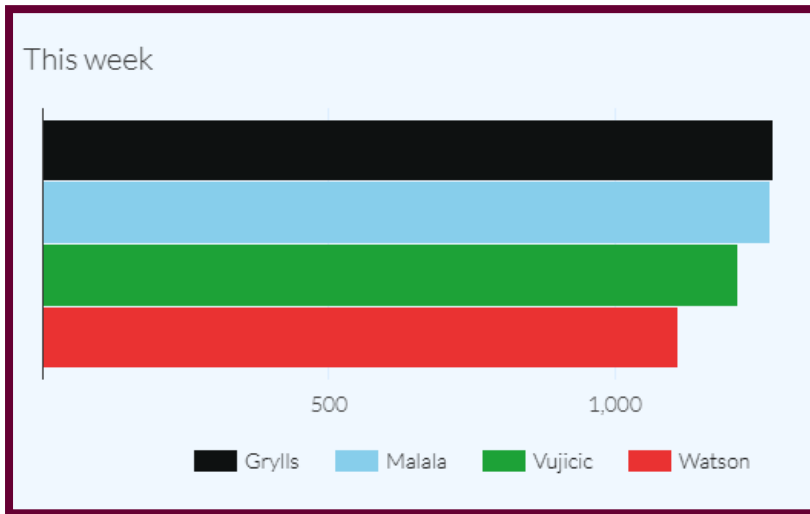


Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to the first parent bulletin of Spring 2.

## House News



Well done to Grylls and Malala for a strong start after half term. They have started to close the gap on Vujicic in the total points table.

Hard work brings rewards and a group of pupils took part in their well deserved trampolining reward on Thursday afternoon. They thoroughly enjoyed it and said that they are going to work hard to earn more candle credits for the next one. Well done to all of them.



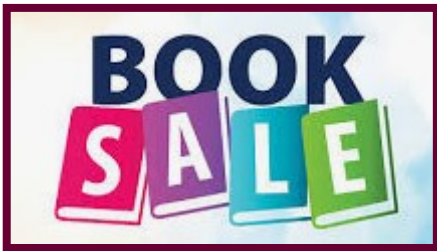
## School Production: Fairy Tale Mash-Up

Tickets for EMS's school production "Fairy Tale Mash Up" are now on sale - please follow this link ([www.ticketsource.co.uk/emmanuelmiddle](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/emmanuelmiddle)) to reserve your seats. The children have been working really hard behind the scenes, building, painting, dancing, rehearsing, make-up-ing, learning lines and gathering costumes in preparation for the show. The actors even gave up their extra day after half-term to practise in school! There are less than two weeks to go before curtain up with performances on 11th, 12th and 13th March.

Pictured are the groups of pupils who have been working on the stage design to get ready for the show.



## Book Sale - Monday 3rd March



There will be a second-hand book sale for the children on Monday 3rd March in the library at break and lunchtime for them to come and grab a bargain - All books £1 or 50p. All money raised will help buy brand new titles for our school library. Please try to bring the correct change.

## World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

We are really excited to see how creative the children have been with their dioramas! Some have been handed in already - WOW! Hand your diorama in by Tuesday 4th March ready to be displayed for World Book Day. Staff and pupils will be judging on Thursday 6th March. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place up for grabs!

Remember to put the name of the book at the top of the box and your name/class underneath the shoebox.

## Accelerated Reader

The battle for the Accelerated Reader mufti day is well under way. Well done to those who have been working hard both for their own reading development but also for their tutor group. The highlights are below:

Y5 - 5BH have taken an early lead but 5CS and 5EHR can catch them

Y6 - A close battle between 6JB and 6SLW, with 6JB taking an early lead

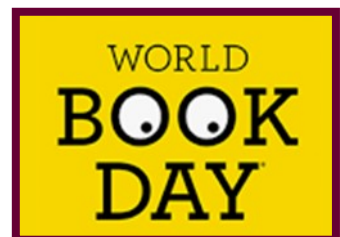
Y7 - The race is wide open but 7ES have a slight edge

Y8 - This race is still wide open with the continuing emphasis on SPARX Reader

## Year 5

In Maths, Year 5 have been continuing their fractions unit looking at comparing and ordering mixed numbers and adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

In Computing, the pupils have started their unit on Lego robotics where over the next few weeks the children will code and programme the robots to do different tasks.



## Year 6

In PE, the children have been exploring different techniques to develop their dance skills using cannon, unison and different levels to create a final piece inspired by skydiving formations.

Watercolour experimental studies in the style of American Artist Abby Diamond have been the focus in art - these are the results mounted in our sketchbooks.



## Year 7

In English, the pupils have continued their work on persuasive arguments using the AFOREST acronym - for example facts, opinions and rhetorical questions. They have started to plan their persuasive argument about the effects of violent video games.

Grid method drawings of Totem Poles faces in preparation for 3D Totem Pole designs have driven the learning in Art.

## Year 8

In English, the pupils have been planning for an extended piece of writing either of a setting or story opener for a dystopian text applying their prior learning on figurative language to create mood and atmosphere.

In Science, the pupils have been exploring the relative energy in different foods, initially looking at nutrition tables and then by carrying out an investigation involving burning the food and analysing the relative mass before and after.

All that is left is to wish everyone a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker