

In the news this week...

The school has been very busy this week with our Show and Share events. We hope that you enjoyed having this opportunity to share in your child's learning journey. I have received some very positive comments from parents over the last few days. Parents have verbally passed on their thanks, shared the joy that their children have shown when sharing their learning and have expressed how pleased they are that their children are thriving. It is so lovely to receive this positive feedback. I would like to capture these comments in writing and be able to pass them on to school staff, who work so hard for the children. It really does make a difference to staff well-being. This afternoon, we will send an email entitled "Show and Share feedback", if you would like to share your feedback with us by replying to the email, I will ensure that your comments are passed on to staff.

This week, we would like to celebrate Melissa and Livvy's wonderful writing about Cressida Cowell's "How to train your dragon". As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, the children have been comparing the film with the original text. Here are their completed pieces.

How To Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

'How To Train Your Dragon' is the first book of a twelve book series, as well as the first film of a trio of movies set in the Viking ages. 'How To Train Your Dragon' is about a Viking boy called Hiccup Horrendous Haddock The Third, who is the son of the Chief of the Hairy Hairy Tribe. He goes on many adventures which include venturing inside a dragon's mouth while hanging on a stick spear, praying to Odin for help with his trusty dragon Toothless by his side. On the way, he makes new friends and many enemies. There are many differences between reading the book and watching the film. By reading this report you will only encounter a few of them.

Firstly, in the film, viewers are introduced to Astrid, who does not appear in the novel. Astrid is included as a love interest for Hiccup and indeed 'Snaklout'. She is a fierce warrior and a big character because she is a positive role-model for young girls. In the film, Astrid is the first to know about Toothless (after Hiccup) with she does not tell anyone. Sadly, she is not in the novel.

Secondly, there is a significant change in Toothless. In the novel, he is an extraordinarily small dragon. This changes in the book when he is a huge 'Night Fury' that Hiccup can ride. However, Hiccup cannot ride Toothless in the novel as he would most definitely squash him.

Thirdly, the difference between Fishlegs is huge. In the novel, Fishlegs is a weak, weedy boy with poor eyesight and an allergy to large lizards. Whereas in the film he is a fit Viking novice who bristles on ruffling about dragons and their status. He is also part of the 'noisy' gang along with Astrid, Snaklout, Ruffnut and Tuffnut. Fishlegs' dragon in the novel is a calm, placid animal called 'Horrorcrust'. However in the film he owns a dragon called 'Meatlug'. In contrast, Meatlug can easily lose her temper and gets boiling brown.

In conclusion, you should be persuaded that the film is better than the novel because it possesses more action and the novel does not include a female character. Also the film has a more intense build up, creating more tension and makes you want to keep watching. In contrast, the novel has humour that the film misses. Overall, I believe both versions have their merits and I enjoyed both the film and the novel.

'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell: the book and the film

'How to Train Your Dragon' is a very different story to the plot of the film. In the book, Hiccup must find a good dragon and train it well. In the film, however, Hiccup must kill a dragon but he convinces the village that dragons are good. Both the stories have a huge dragon at the end but the purposes are quite different and the book's dragon is more interesting.

Firstly, the characters have been developed from the book by the film and are quite different. The main character, Hiccup, is very different apart from his appearance but in the film he has a love interest called Astrid. Hiccup's dragon, Toothless, is a green, small, common or garden in the book, although in the film, he is a huge, black Night Fury. Gobber is the novice of the tribe in the book but in the film he has a bad for a head, a wooden leg and a stone tooth. Fishlegs in the book is weedy and has allergies whereas in the film, Fishlegs is fit and seems to have absorbed 'How to Train Your Dragon'.

Secondly, the dragons and the way they are treated are different. In the book, dragons are treated inferior and are usually about the size of a small dog. In the film, dragons are pets and most of them are huge. In the book, they look like dragons in the film but they are not like them. However, in both, dragons are not treated a lot above their owners.

Thirdly, the plot is altogether different but you can slightly see the signs of the book when you watch the film. First of all, the film starts with a battle between dragons and Vikings. The novel starts with the first part of the DIT book (a book to get a dragon and train it), therefore becoming part of the tribe. Secondly, Hiccup captures Toothless and goes to train him, however in the novel he has a hard time training Toothless. Thirdly, the stories get on a roll and the excitement begins...

In conclusion, I firmly believe the film has more action but the book is more interesting. The film has a battle, fire and romance, like most films but the book has drama and in the first one, no girl interest.

The film has not quite as good a storyline as the book and less humour. Overall, the book is better developed and more fun to read than to watch.

by Melissa de May

In Saplings, the children have been looking closely at bears. This week, they have discovered how tall bears are and have created a measure to show their height.

The children have also been exploring texture. They found and used different materials and tools to create the texture of the bears fur, claws and eyes and have created these wonderful, very detailed pictures. Here

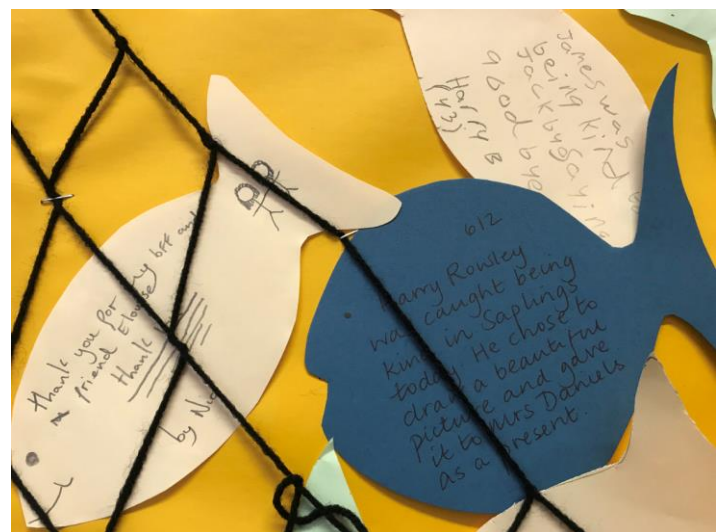
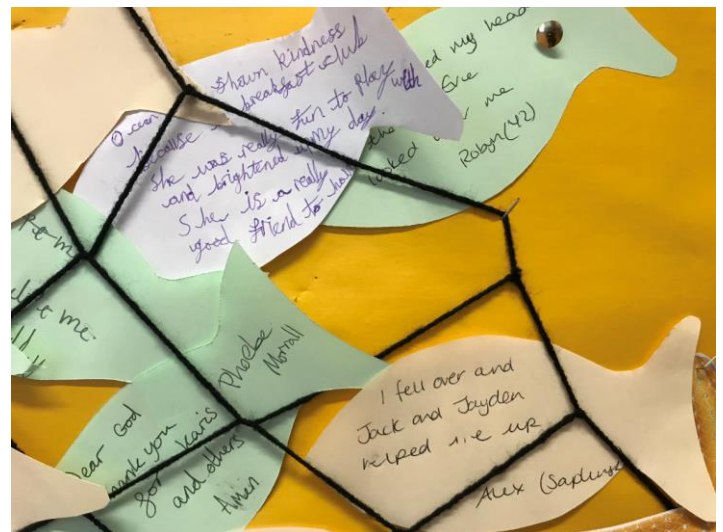
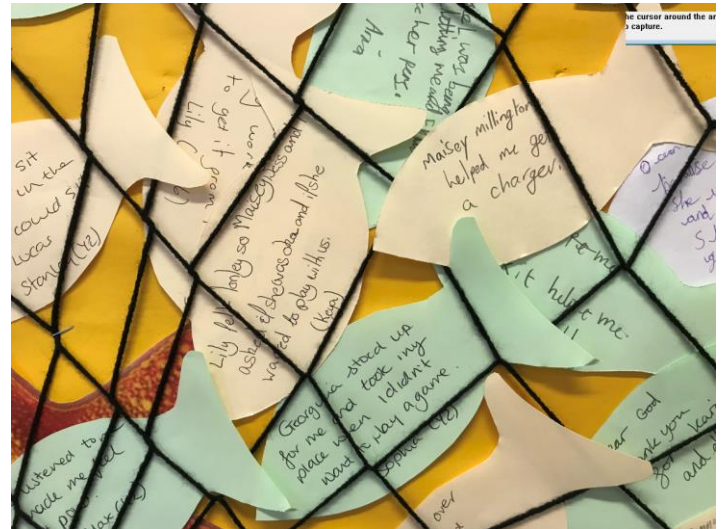
are some that we would like to share with you, created by Matilda, Harry, Fleur, Halle, Treyon and Ivy.



Across the school, we have been thinking about our school vision and 1John 3:18

"Don't just talk about love, put your love into action, then it will truly be love"

We have been challenging the children to 'catch' each other being kind and to share these kind acts on our worship wall.



Collective Worship

Next week, we will be exploring the teachings of Jesus by discussing and reflecting on the Sermon on the Mount. We will be thinking about the good that we can do and how we can let our lights really shine out.



Salt and Light

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Next Week

Mon	3:15 Football v Crockam Hill 1pm KS2 Silver Screen time
Tues	Year 5 and 6 to Safer Internet workshop.
Wed	1pm KS1 Silver Screen time
Thurs	
Fri	9am Writers Day at Radnor House 2pm PTA Meeting Last Day of Term

Attendance Ted Winner	House Cup Winner
Beech 99%	Dover

	Oscar W, Jake G, Joe M, Harry M, Alfie L, Ferin O, Nelle W
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