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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As always, I do hope that this newsletter finds you safe and well.

Thank you so very much for your kind words and positive feedback following my video message to you all last week. Your thoughtful, caring responses were all very much appreciated and I was heartened to hear how positively the message was received.

On the back of your feedback I will be including more video messaging during the coming weeks and keeping all communications as brief as possible wherever I can. So this week, please find below a link to a message for your children from Miss Garrett and I; we hope that they enjoy viewing it as much as we enjoyed making it!

Finally, I shared this picture from Charlie Mackesy with the staff this week and thought that some of you might be needing to see this today too.



**Have a restful weekend all, away from your laptops.**

**Take care, stay safe and be kind x**

**Karen Slade**

**Slade Stream Link > Mrs Slade and Miss Garrett's message to the children**

**<https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/9fdd130f-b4da-4f3e-bb14-ab2d421222e8>**





# This Week at Slade

## Welcome to Slade, Saivarun

A very warm welcome to Saivarun, who officially started at the school this week following the completion of his family's house move, joining Gnome Class remotely and joining in with our Year 2 learners on the Microsoft Teams learning and registration with Miss Taylor.

We look forward to the time when Saivarun and the rest of his class can meet together safely in school and we look forward to a long and happy relationship with Saivarun and his family as we welcome them all to Slade.



## Are Your Details Up-To-Date?



**It is always important that we have the correct and up-to-date contact details for all of our parents and carers, even more so now the school is remote learning.**

We have had several incidences recently where we have been unable to reach a child because contact details were incomplete, this is often because they are staying at a second home with a parent we do not have contact details for. Please make sure we have the full details of anyone your child stays with.

**You can check the details we have and update them yourselves via the Arbor App, or by emailing us via [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk).**

## Focus on Year 4

**This week, we are delighted to share some of the home learning from Year 4 classes, Phoenix and Sphinx.**

Thankyou to Mr Duffin and Miss Lipman for letting us take a peek in to their Teams files to see these, and many more, examples of beautiful and thoughtful creativity happening in school within the critical worker bubble and at home as part of lockdown remote learning.







# Around School

## Happy Birthday

It is not possible to share birthday greetings at school at the moment, so continuing a popular feature of our summer lockdown newsletters, we would like to say happy birthday to the children celebrating this week, the teachers are not missing out on any homemade delights in the staffroom as there are no staff birthdays this week!

Saturday 23 January: Oliver (Hydra)

Monday 25 January: Francesca (Phoenix), Zahra (Wyvern)

Tuesday 26 January: Bonnie (Wyvern)

Wednesday 27 January: Ivy (Sphinx)

Thursday 28 January: Ruby (Elf)



## Oak Academy Free Library and Author of the Week

**How are you getting on with our Reading Bingo challenge? There's more help in finding your perfect read and/or inspiration courtesy of the national online classroom, the Oak Academy, in close association with The Literacy Trust who this week launched a free virtual library.**



In addition to the library itself, every week up until the February break a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

You know that we are proud of our own school library in where a love of reading is nurtured, which alongside the pure pleasure of getting lost in a good story or immersing yourself in facts about your favourite subject can also enrich children's literacy skills, academic achievements and most importantly, their mental wellbeing.

**Visit the National Literacy Trust Oak Academy Virtual Library here: <https://library.thenational.academy/>**

The Literacy Trust and Oak have collaborated with brilliant publishers and inspiring authors and illustrators to ensure that the books and activities in the Virtual School Library will support children's wellbeing through reading.

This week's star author is Jacqueline Wilson who helped launch the project to the national media.

You can read The True Story of Tracy Beaker for free and download activities especially selected by Jacqueline.

**<https://library.thenational.academy/spend-time-with-tracy-beaker-and-jacqueline-wilson/>**



In our summer lockdown newsletters, we followed the Literacy Trust as they put together resources for parents, carers and children who are learning at home together. The words for Life website is available for everyone to use and includes pages and links for children from newborn through to 12 years.

There is a special section on Winter with book recommendations, quizzes, reading tips and giveaways.

Reading means many things. When you are actually 'in' the book, before you pick a book up or once you have finished a story there is: chatting, listening, making, playing, watching or writing that can be done to fully enhance the enjoyment for all of the family.

**There is this and lots more to explore, just take a look here: <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/>**

**If your child is 13+, check out the Zone In pages just for them at <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/zone-in/>**

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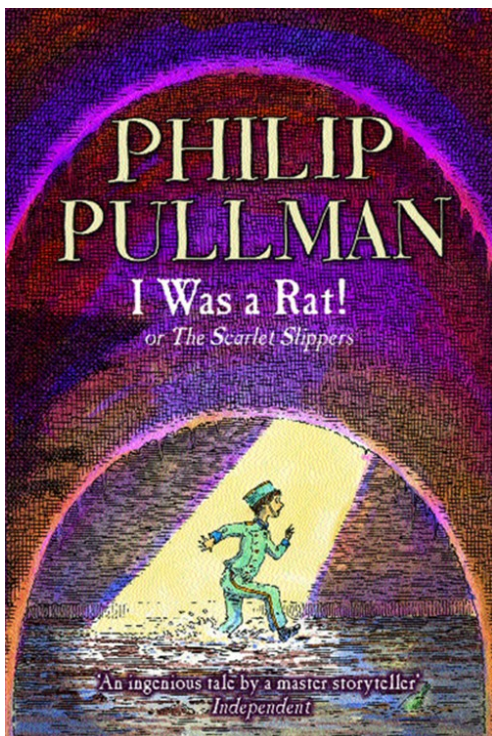


# Reading Corner



## Mrs Mawson's Book of the Week

### *I was a Rat! by Philip Pullman*



When a small boy turns up on Bob and Joan's doorstep unable to say much except 'I was a rat', the kindly couple adopt him.

It seems strange but Bob reads about odder things every day in his newspaper. To them, the sunny little chap is Roger, and he's trying hard to adapt to human life. But when he gets lost and ends up on the run, other people, egged on by their newspapers, are quick to see him as the Monster, a rodent fiend who could terrorise the town. Only a friend in a very high place could save Roger from the authorities who are determined to exterminate him.

Cleverly weaving elements of the Cinderella story into a subtle parody of modern times, master storyteller Philip Pullman has created a gallery of fascinating characters from the virtuous to the villainous, in a book which will grip every reader who picks it up.

## Reading Bingo

Congratulations to Tim in Year 3 and Ted from Year 5 for being the first to complete a line of their bingo cards. We will hear from them in next week's newsletter.

We are already looking forward to hearing of more reading successes to share with the school during lockdown.



**Miss Hall took our Year 2 Critical Worker bubble out of the classroom on Wednesday.**

They made and hung Ice Sculptures, two of which you can see here - Can you see what they have encased inside ice inside these sculptures?





# PTA News

Shop locally and help out the children at Slade. The PTA are pleased to be supporting local business, The English Beagle, who will donate 15% of the sales value you spend with them by using the code SLADEGREEN at checkout. Take a look here and at <https://theenglishbeagle.com/>



## LOCAL COMMUNITY

Since the 1st lockdown of 2020, each one of us has experienced change to our way of life. So too have local businesses as well as schools and nurseries in their fund raising abilities.

It is times like this that local communities and businesses are coming together to support each other and a chance to build new relationships.

The English Beagle is joining forces with your school to raise funds for the PTA or other fund raising avenues chosen.



Here at the English Beagle comfort is key in each piece made. The product range includes leggings and skirts for babies, children and ladies, including maternity pieces. Bright and fun prints are used for the children's clothing, while prints used for ladies and maternity pieces are both classic and bold ensuring longevity within the wardrobe. Each piece is lovingly handmade in super soft cotton single jersey or French terry; Making these items perfect for rough and tumble play or working with ease in a busy woman's life.



## HOW IT WORKS

With each purchase on The English Beagle website, 15% of sales will be donated to the chosen charity.

Use code : SLADEGREEN at checkout.

Will not work in conjunction with any other promotional code. /Donation only made when code is supplied. / Donation valid for all products across website. /Valid until 15 July 2021.



# Focus on Year 3



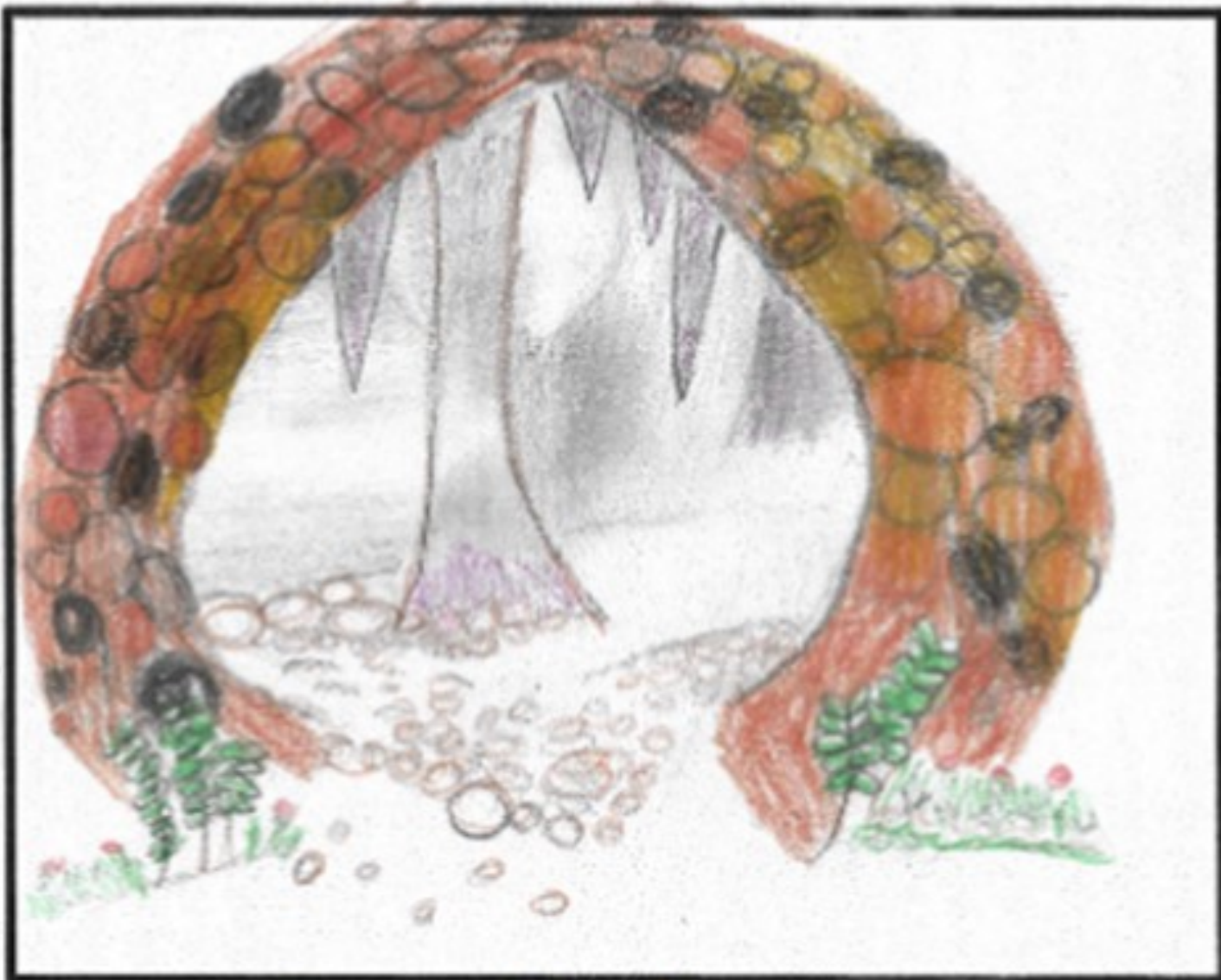
Since the start of the 2021 lockdown, Hippogriff and Pegasus classes have been writing and illustrating warning stories based on an Icelandic folk tale about Stone Trolls.

Mrs Berrill explains:

'As a year 3 team we have been overwhelmed by the commitment the children have given to this extended writing project and we are so proud of them for their perseverance and attention to detail. We are also grateful to our fantastic Year 3 parents who have been so supportive and have given their children the time and resources needed to produce their beautiful story books. Here is just one example of the many wonderfully written and illustrated stories we have seen this week. Well done Year 3!'

## THE CAVE TROLLS

written by: Akshara



ILLUSTRATIONS BY Akshara

First Published January 2021





# Yr.3 Icelandic Folk Tales

## THE CAVE TROLLS



Long ago in the beautiful country of Canada - near the steep and dangerous mountains in the sparsely populated village of Ribblehead, there lived an ugly and dreadful band of trolls and were hunted and captured by humans.



The dreadful band of trolls hid in the deep and shadowy caves surrounding the village. All trolls knew never to come out in the open when it's snowing otherwise they will turn into ice creatures and melt away in the sunlight never to be seen again.



One bright morning, two of the mischievous trolls from the band called Malham and Aysgarth woke up and heard their stomach rumble and make loud noises. The day was bright and sunny so they planned to venture out to the river and catch some nutritious salmon to feast on.



# The Cave Trolls



Upon reaching, they saw there were three little boys crying, and one of them had fallen into the river. There was no grown up to help the little boy so malham said "lets save the boy". Aysgarth looked up at the sky which was now turning dark, and the weather was getting chillier by the second. Despite the weather turning chillier, both trolls decided to save the little boy from drowning and jumped into the gushing river.



Malham and Aysgarth rescued the boy and reached the river banks. ~~At~~ of a sudden it started to snow heavily and they shrieked in terror. Before they could run ~~at~~ and find shelter underneath the trees, poor malham and Aysgarth turned into ice creatures waiting for the sunlight to come and melt them away and both trolls





# Slade Stats.

Over a school year, we are due to be open for 190 days which equates to 380 sessions (morning and afternoon.)

Attendance is affected if a pupil is not present at school for any whole session including registration.

The class with the best attendance each week will win Attendance Ted.

## Attendance Target.

97%

## Attendance This Week.

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%

## Attendance This Year.

97.3  
%

Registers are taken 10 minutes after the school gates close for your child's yeargroup.

It is important that the children are at school on time every day to prevent disruption and upset to their day and for the rest of their class and to prevent unnecessary crossing in to bubble groups by adults escorting late children.

Punctuality Pup is awarded to the class with the best punctuality each week.

## Pupils late this week.

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Find out the winners of Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup every Friday afternoon on [Twitter](#)












# Dear Parents & Carers

Every parent and carer is entitled to access our Slade App and desktop dashboard from Arbor. By signing up you will be able to access personal information relating to your child as well as a one station stop for finding all of our communications to you personally, your child's class or yeargroup as well as all school letters, payment for special lessons and school trips and booking for parents evenings and all ticket events at school.

**All we ask is one thing: please take the time to read emails sent to you, we try to make sure that everything you are sent relates to your child, so nothing is irrelevant. If you would like further information on any email we send, please contact the class teacher or the school office for assistance.**

We also encourage you to follow us on Twitter, we post reminders, useful information, live updates from school and other community events of interest.

Don't miss out, or let your child miss out, please keep up to date with everything Slade via Arbor and Twitter.

Date of Communication	Subject	Sent To
Monday 18 January	Monday Morning Assembly ▶	All School 
Monday 18 January	COVID-19 Close Contact 10-Day Isolation Notification	Affected Bubble 
Monday 18 January	Boots	Year 2 Bubble 
Wednesday 20 January	Reading Bingo Success for Tim and Ted	
Wednesday 20 January	Lockdown Reading Tips & Bingo Card for Year 1 and 2	Key Stage 1 Parents 
Wednesday 20 January	Lockdown Reading Tips & Bingo Card for Years 3-6	Key Stage 2 Parents 
Friday 22 January	Invite to Coffee and Catch Up at 2	All School 

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## COVID-19

If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19 you should:


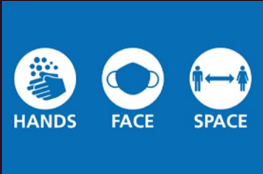
- Stay at home, do not attend any other place out of the household. This applies to everyone in the household. Telephone 111 if you require advice
- Get a COVID-19 test for the symptomatic person, via the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website
- If the test comes back with a positive result, inform school immediately so we can invoke suitable measures. This can be via email if out of office hours, during the weekend or in the holidays: [C19@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:C19@slade.kent.sch.uk)

Any group who is sent a 10 day self isolation notification should continue their home learning via the Microsoft Teams page, accessible though the school website and Teams App.

Please contact the class teacher via the class email address if you have any questions about this home learning.

**Tonbridge, the rest of Kent and the whole of England is now operating under Lockdown conditions**

**Please follow the law and stay home unless totally necessary. Click here for the guidance**







# For your Diary

## Next Week :

Day	Event
Monday 25 January	<b>National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams</b> The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children*
Tuesday 26 January	<b>National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams</b> The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children*
Wednesday 27 January	<b>National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams</b> The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children*
Thursday 28 January	<b>National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams</b> The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children*
Friday 29 January	<b>National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams</b> The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children*



\* Including vulnerable children and families. Places must be booked and approved in advance via [office@slade.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk).

***In accordance with Government Lockdown guidance, please stay at home where at all possible .***

## Extra Curricular Clubs Next Week :

MONDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3
TUESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3
WEDNESDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3
THURSDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3
FRIDAY	All Clubs, Extra Curricular Activities and Narnians Wraparound suspended in Term 3

## Further Ahead :

Until Notified Otherwise	<b>National Lockdown - Remote Registration and Learning via Microsoft Teams</b> The school building is closed to all pupils except to valid Critical Worker's children*  * Places must be booked and approved in advance via <a href="mailto:office@slade.kent.sch.uk">office@slade.kent.sch.uk</a> .  <b><i>In accordance with Government Lockdown guidance, please stay at home where at all possible .</i></b>
Monday 1 February - Friday 5 February	<b>Children's Mental Health Week</b> 
Tuesday 9 February	<b>E-Safety Day</b>
Friday 12 February	<b>Last Day of Term 3</b>
Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February	<b>February Break - School Closed</b>
Monday 22 February	<b>First Day of Term 4</b>
Monday 1 March - Friday 5 March	<b>Book Week</b>
Thursday 1 April	<b>Last Day of Term 4</b>
Monday 4 April - Friday 16 April	<b>Easter Holidays - School Closed</b>
Monday 19 April	<b>First Day of Term 5 - Summertime at Slade!</b> 

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