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Reading Update

At the end of Key Stage 1, a child who can read at 90 words a minute is considered to be a fluent reader. Most of our year 2 children recently completed a reading fluency assessment to see how many words they could read in a minute. Parents should now have received the results of these assessments. We have also sent you a list of ways to help you support your child with their reading fluency at home. If you need any more information about reading fluency, please arrange to speak to your child's class teacher.

Art House

Last week, the children in year 4 visited the Art House in Wakefield. They went to look at its new, winter exhibition, Paradise Carpet, by the British Muslim artist Zarah Hussain. In their religious education lessons, the class have been learning more about Islamic artwork. After the visit, Chase said, "I recognised symmetrical and repeated patterns in the artwork. This was similar to other Islamic art that we had seen before. I also saw that the artist had used vibrant colours, such as green, blue, gold and white, in her work." Harper added, "I liked the use of geometric shapes and I think this made the carpet a peaceful place to sit or pray on."

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%. Congratulations to years 2 and 4 for having an attendance of more than 99%!

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
93.9%	95.9%	99.3%	97.4%	99.3%	94.6%	93.1%	96.3%

Word of the Month

We must allow our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word that is displayed in the classroom. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in December:

- Year 1 - review
- Year 2 - strict
- Year 3 - peculiar
- Year 4 - poignant
- Year 5 - elation
- Year 6 - nefarious

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

