

Dear Families,

Last week, our **Year 2 children continued their international work with our link school in America**. The 2 classes decide on an area to share for each video and, for this video, it is about weather. Please enjoy the videos by following the links below.

USA Weather Video: [UK video pen pals part 2 - YouTube](#)

Longlands Weather Video: [Longlands Primary School | USA Weather Video - YouTube](#)

Year 1 continued our visits to **Market Drayton library** last week and met Echo the Gecko. We love our visits to the library which give our children a much wider choice of books and recommend that you continue to visit the library with your children. The children can read different books for free which saves money for you but is also environmentally friendly. Using the library is also important for the town as it is a fantastic resource – by using it regularly, it helps to protect the library for the future.

Continuing with the book theme, we would like to say an **enormous thank you to David Wilson Homes** for their generous donation of £200 worth of books. We have been able to select books which support the topics that we teach in class as well as buying additional copies of a set of books so that we now have a whole class set.

IMPORTANT - Health Updates

Measles - Please read the advice below and ensure that you are immunised in order to **protect the children, yourselves and our wider community from measles**. On 22 January 2024, the NHS launched a catch-up campaign for missed MMR vaccines. The campaign will see all parents, guardians of children aged from six to 11 years contacted encouraging them to make an appointment with their child's GP practice for their missed MMR vaccine. It will target areas with low uptake of the vaccine with the health service contacting just over one million people aged 11 to 25 years-old in London and the West Midlands to invite them to catch up on their missed MMR vaccinations. For more information about vaccination, **please visit the nhs.uk website**.

Scarlet Fever – This is a reminder that we have had confirmed cases of Scarlet Fever in school.

Symptoms

The symptoms of Scarlet Fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On white skin the rash looks pink or red. On brown and black skin it might be harder to see a change in colour, but you can still feel the sandpaper-like texture of the rash and see the raised bumps. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

If you think you, or your child, have Scarlet Fever please alert the school and:

- see your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you or your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection.

Lisa Millington
Headteacher



This week at Longlands



Happy birthday to:

Mason Elm Lena Beech

UPCOMING EVENTS

March	
5 th	Year 2 swimming
7 th	World Book Day
8 th	Biggest Session Ever – Girls' Football Day
11 th	EYFS Animal in Hands Workshop at Longlands
12 th	Year 2 swimming
13 th	Sportability Cricket (The team will receive a letter)
13 th	Parents' Evening
14 th	Parents' Evening
15 th	Red Nose Day - Comic Relief
18 th	Year 2 Chester Zoo trip
19 th	Year 2 swimming
21 st	Sport Festival (The team will receive a letter)
21 st -22nd	Year 4 PGL residential
22 nd	Break up for Easter Holiday
w/b 25 th March and 1 st April	Easter Holiday
April	
8 th	Summer term starts

STAR OF THE WEEK

Acorns	Eric
Saplings	Tommy P
Fir	Rory
Willow	Evelyn
Maple	Charlie
Rowan	Jessica T
Elm	Johnathan
Beech	Mia
Oak	April

