



The Drake News

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Where a World of Opportunity Awaits

Radio Drake



Eloise, Julian and Olive delve back into the world of Harry Potter this week. As well as analysing 'The Prisoner of Azkaban', they discuss their favourite magical transport method and even recite the Hogwarts song!

Follow the link to listen -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CRYjLp7qcYM3NsnKFyS9R-01w1ceHnjA/view?usp=sharing>

Every Day Matters



It is a statutory requirement for children to attend school every day.

This week's winners are...

King with 98.3%

Back to Colchester! Kamkwamba Class Dive Deeper into Roman Britain



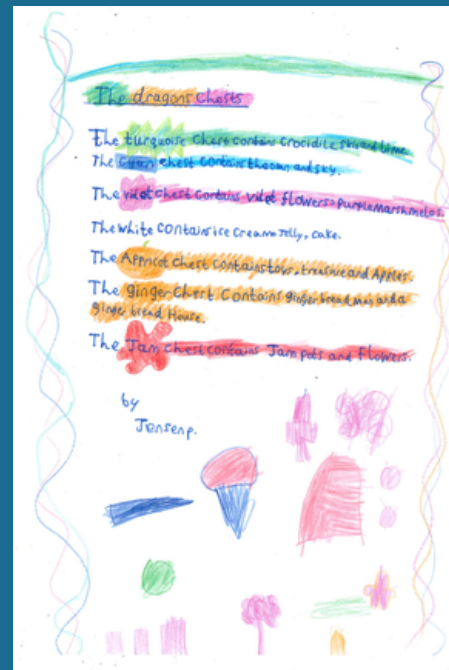
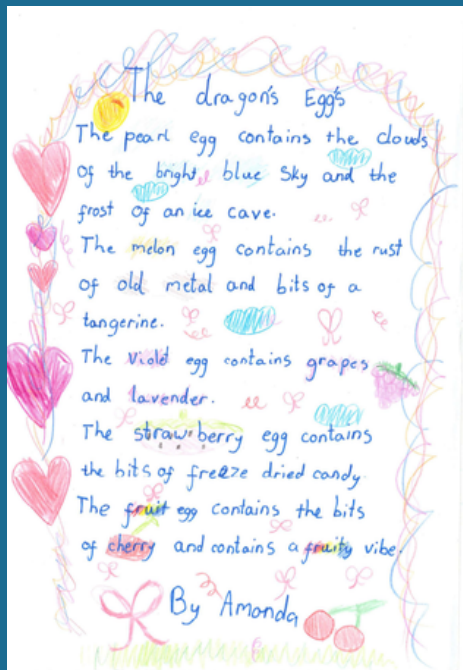
I liked looking at the chain mail armour, it was so heavy! - Ralph

My favourite bit was going under the castle into the vaults - Poppy

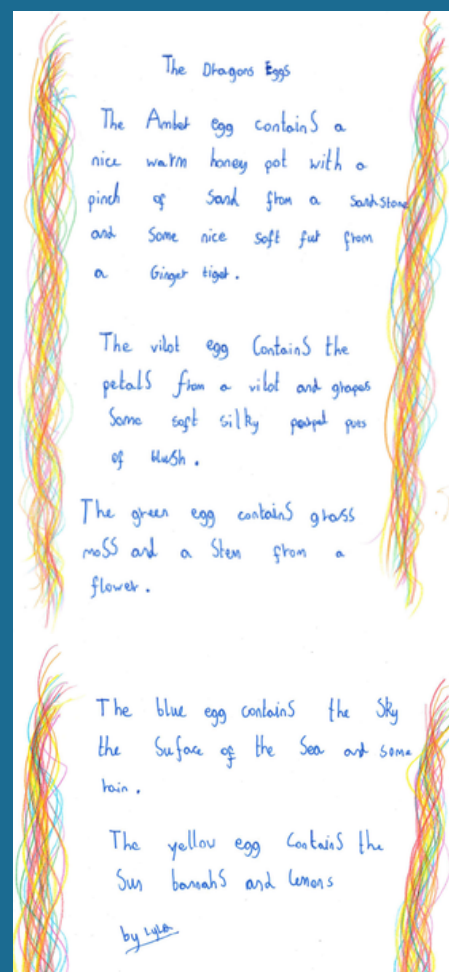
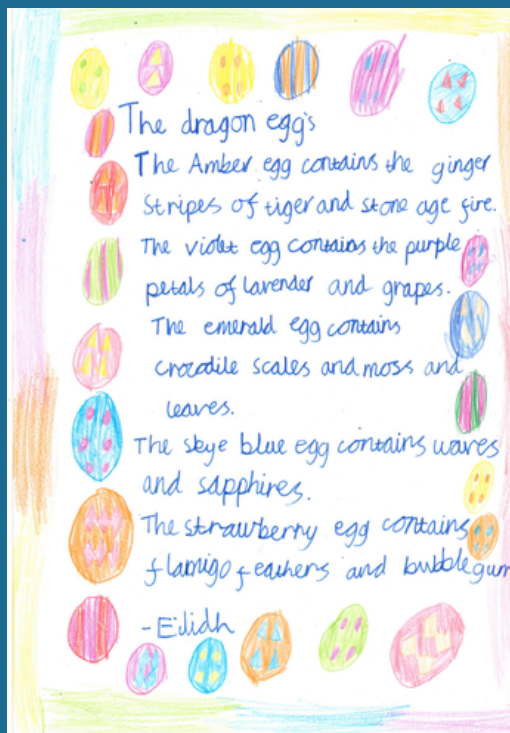


Kamkwamba class had a brilliant day at Colchester Castle, learning all about the Roman invasion of Britain, Roman daily life and the Iceni revolt led by Boudica. The children behaved respectfully in the museum and demonstrated fantastic team work when working in groups to construct their own model Roman villa. There was lots of curiosity whilst exploring the galleries, with children asking some great questions. Further highlights of the day included opportunities for dressing up and role play, the interactive chariot-racing simulation and of course the story tour in the Roman vaults beneath the castle. We are looking forward to continuing our learning on the Romans in school throughout the rest of this half term!

Year 3 Breathe Fire into Their Dragon Poems



Year 3 have been writing dragon poems in English. To inspire their ideas, the children read the beautiful story 'Tell Me a Dragon' and collected a range of descriptive words and phrases. Working together, they created a bank of colour synonyms to help make their writing more vivid and imaginative. Then they drafted and edited their poems, before taking time to polish and publish their final pieces. We are very proud of their creativity and hard work!



Helping Our Garden Grow: A Big Thank You to Our Families



A huge thank you to everyone who has kindly donated plants for our outdoor area – we really appreciate your support! The children have absolutely loved getting involved, learning how to pot plants, deciding where they should go, and understanding why it's so important to handle them gently and care for them properly. Everyone had a turn helping – whether that was patting down the soil or choosing the perfect spot for each plant!


We still have a few tyre planters left to fill, so if you're able to donate any more plants, we would be very grateful if they could make their way to Reception!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

UK Health Security Agency

Tick Awareness

Be tick aware



- 1 Use an insect repellent that prevents ticks
- 2 Wear long sleeves and long trousers to prevent direct skin exposure
- 3 Keep to clearly defined paths and avoid brushing against vegetation
- 4 Check for ticks on young children, including around their heads and necks
- 5 When you're back indoors, check for any ticks on you, your children and pets
- 6 If you find a tick, safely remove it as soon as possible

Earth Day

We have been learning about Earth Day in school and exploring the small actions we can all take to help protect our planet.

Small actions make a big difference! Let's protect our planet by recycling, reducing waste, and planting more trees.

Love the Earth, it's our home!

