

23rd February 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Spring 2, when we become '**Intrepid Explorers**' for our **geography half-term**. The topics and overarching questions that each year group will be studying are outlined below to facilitate home learning discussions, which we strongly encourage.

Year 1	Geography – All around the world. How can I find where I am in the world?
Year 2	Geography – Australia. Why should we visit Australia?
Year 3	Geography – Volcanoes. Are volcanoes dangerous?
Year 4	Geography – Rivers. Why are rivers important?
Year 5	Geography – Europe (Turkey). What would a holiday in Turkey be like?
Year 6	Geography – The Globe – mapping the earth. How is the north different to the south?

This week our word, expectation and breathing technique of the week are:

Expectation of the Week – **Listen respectfully and follow instructions**

Word of the Week – **Healthy**

Breathing technique of the Week – **Chocolate Breath**

It's been another fantastic week here at Daubeney, the week began with everyone enjoying their **Mapping Skills Day** as part of our geography curriculum. For those who are thinking what is mapping skills day, please access the link below for our Y3 example or speak with your child(ren) and get them to explain to you what they did and what they learnt! <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/year3/mapping-skills-day-1>

For those who have had a long relationship with Daubeney, you'll be pleased to know that we had **Mr Christopher Spencer** (a former teacher here at Daubeney from 1979 – 1984) returned to volunteer some of his time with us. Not only is he a former teacher here but he is also a local resident, adding credence to our Daubeney village ethos.

Monday also saw our inaugural '**Mystery Reader**' session. If your child is in Y3, ask them who was the mystery reader. For those who can't wait to find out, access the link below.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/year3/mystery-reader>

If you would like to surprise your child by turning up as a mystery reader you can either, email admin@daubeney.hackney.sch.uk expressing your interest or you could access the QR code in the dedicated

Mystery Reader letter shared previously and available via the link below.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/836#sitelive-viewer/>

Monday also saw us receive official confirmation that we are a **Prem Aware school**. A massive commendation must go out to **Sarah Twite**, one of our parent partners, for working with us to engage with the initiative and then to secure the Prem Aware school award under the guidance of Mr Dharma our magnificent SENDCo. To find out more, access the link 😊 <https://www.thesmallestthings.org/prem-aware-award>

Tuesday by comparison was a quiet day! 😊 However, on Wednesday we were all very excited to host a visit from the newly elected **Mayor of Hackney, Caroline Woodley, and Deputy Mayor Antoinette Bramble**.

That said, the children may have enjoyed the **movie nights** on Wednesday and Thursday more than the visit of our esteemed guests! Thank you to our **Daubeney village** members who made the movie night possible – many hands make light work! 😊

On the theme of many hands, we'd like to invite you to support us with our **Hop Garden revamp** (see poster below) **this weekend**. Please pop along and give of your time, it could be as little as half-an hour. Be the change you want to see in the world. A massive thank you to all the village members that came in on the 10th and 11th February – you did an amazing job and got us ahead of schedule! If you are unable to attend, but still want to show your support for this project, could you **please complete the questionnaire below** - it is about the trees, plants, flowers and shrubs that you/your child(ren) would like to see grown at the school.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeepfvCGhrvIn6Hjzn2PKoMAIVPwtV0bmoQLQVQfQODrbIpZQ/viewform>

As always, we'd like to usher you in the direction of our **online calendar**

(<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar>) so that you can look ahead and plan accordingly. Please note our upcoming **parent consultations** happening on **Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March**. Our booking system has gone live on our website and will close on the morning of Tuesday 5th March at 9:00 am.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/appointments/event?id=13> Please note that **school will close at 2pm on Wednesday 6th March** and there will be no After School Clubs, Wrap Around Care or Extended Day Care on that date.

Finally, with very mixed emotions I must inform you that **Mr Swarbrick has tendered his resignation** and will be moving on at the end of this half-term. Please do read his letter attached to find out more about the move. This came as a shock to us all at Daubeney, but it is a great career opportunity for Mr Swarbrick and as much as I will miss him immensely, I would never dream of standing in the way of someone's hopes, dreams and aspirations.

Yours sincerely,



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We are revamping our Hop Garden!



Dates: 10th Feb, 11th Feb

24th Feb & 25th Feb

If you can help please fill in our form!

You can click the link below

<https://forms.office.com/e/QpHV5GYe0x>

Or scan QR Code



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