

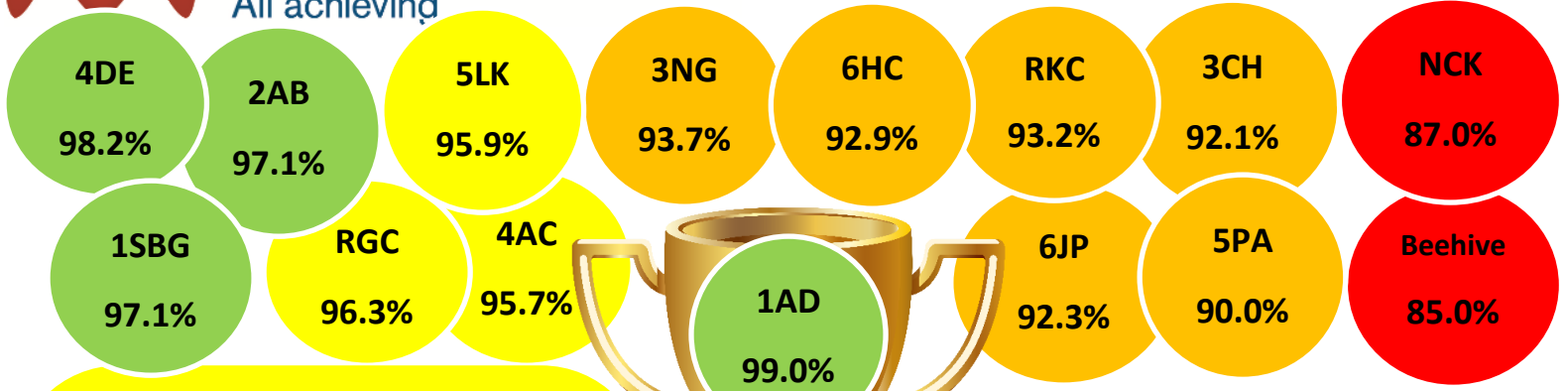


# Old Moat Primary School

All different  
All achieving

## Newsletter 16/02/2024

Next week we are on HALF TERM!



### THIS WEEK'S NEWS

**Contemplating** this short half term, we've done a lot at school: sporting fixtures, debating, trips to the library (Reception and Nursery's turns most recently), a careers fair, children speaking in the Town Hall and a whole selection of clubs going on ... and that's all on top of the daily hard work in classrooms. We think it's time for a holiday and wish you all an enjoyable half term.

Over the holiday, remember to pick up a book and Take Ten to Read - it's a cost-effective way of travelling to all sorts of other worlds, and gives mental health a boost! We will celebrate World Book Day next half term - watch out for the separate letter.

We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 26th February.

### WORD OF THE WEEK

#### Contemplate

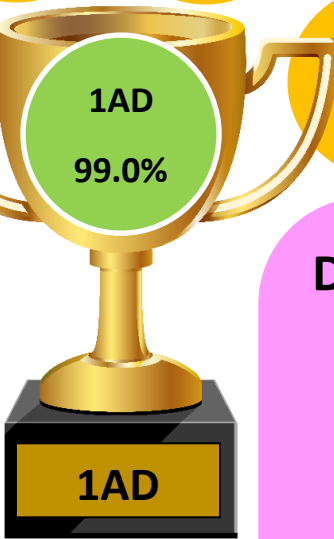
If you **contemplate**, you think deeply and at length.

He sat and **contemplated** the meaning of life.

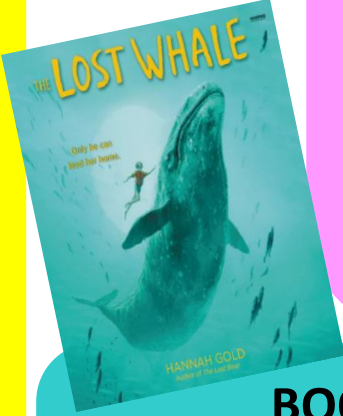
She **contemplated** the book in front of her.

**Contemplate** is the verb. Contemplation is the noun.

The children sat deep in **contemplation**.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGE  
**93.6%**



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### STAY AND PLAY

Wednesday 9:15am-10:45am

#### ENGLISH LESSONS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuesday mornings 9.15am - 10.15am

#### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (TODAY)

Half term

Friday 16/02/2024

#### HEALTHY EATING SESSION

Friday 01/03/2024

Come along and get some tips on healthy snacks and sample some delights from Hermine our lovely Chef

#### WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 07/03/2024

(dress in pyjamas or as a book character – letter to follow)

#### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Easter holiday

Thursdav 28/03/2024

### BOOK OF THE WEEK

A young carer is forced to travel to America for a few weeks when his mum's mental health takes a turn for the worse. He embarks on a journey that takes many twists and is accompanied by new friends - both human and animal. It's an engaging read for children in KS2 and will land in our library soon.

# THE ASTHMA WARRIORS

The Asthma Warriors had a visit from Claire Slattery, the Asthma-Friendly School's Lead, who was very impressed with their asthma knowledge and understanding, and their caring attitude to children with asthma that might need some support



# GREEN HEROES



Our Green Heroes have been busy planting Spring flowers

# OUR FUTURE ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS AT CONSTRUCTION CLUB



Old Moat have received the Young Carers' award!



JIGSAW CLUB TEAMWORK



P.E at Old Moat

Gymnastics across Old Moat has progressed so much this year, all lessons are structured, safe, informative and of course lots of fun!



# The Key Stage 2 after school Art Club

Creating art pieces for the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show.



PIC•COLLAGE

Year 5's topic this term has been partner work - under and over. They have been learning skills like how to leapfrog others safely and how to form strong arches and bridges.

# NURSERY VISITED THE LIBRARY



PIC•COLLAGE





Measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated

Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill

Your child is at risk of Measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination

2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection

if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible

If you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP

If you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected.

## FIND OUT MORE...



Dog safety advice



Sun safety advice



## Water Safety Code

<p>Stop and think – spot the dangers</p>	<p>Stay together</p>	<p>In an emergency: Float</p>	<p>Call 999 or 112</p>
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# E-safety

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

**AGE RATING**  
PEGI 7

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**  
Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

**PUBLIC SERVERS**  
Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

**ONLINE DATERS**  
These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

**IN-APP PURCHASES**  
Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.