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## Half Term Newsletter

### Message from the Head

Despite being a short half term, it has been jam-packed! Walking around the classrooms has been an absolute joy - the children are engaged and ready to learn in all of their lessons. Our Cogan gameshow Reasons 2 Remember is also showing that the children are retaining the sticky knowledge they have been taught. Year 5 children have not only impressed staff in the classroom but also in the swimming pool! I had the pleasure of watching one of the lessons and was so proud of the resilience that children showed whilst overcoming fears and learning new skills. Children also were able to learn the new skill of bowling when Sonic visited the school last month. We have been extremely lucky to have experiences and prizes donated by Superbowl UK to share with our children and their families. Next half term looks like another busy one with Young Voices, World Book Day, Year 2's trip to the beach, and the Year 6 residential!

Thank you once again for your support - it really means a lot to the staff here at Cogan! Enjoy your half term!!

### EYFS

EYFS have had a very busy half term. We have special visitors; the Fire Brigade who brought a fire engine and let us spray the hoses, a pet guinea pig whilst reading the story *Hairy Maclarey's Rumpus at the Vets*. We also had an amazing opportunity to do some bowling with the Superbowl, a huge thank you to Mr Hill for organising. We are very proud of all the children who have also been working really hard in all other areas of the Curriculum!

### Year 4 are times table champions!

This term, Year 4 have been working extremely hard preparing for their Year 4 Multiplication Check (MTC). The progress that they have made in recalling facts for all tables up to their 12x tables is phenomenal. We've even had some pupils recognised regionally in mathematics app Sumdog's Yorkshire and Humber maths contest. Keep up the great work Year 4!

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## Year 5 swimming

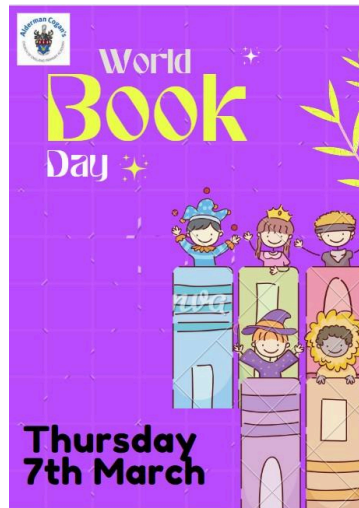
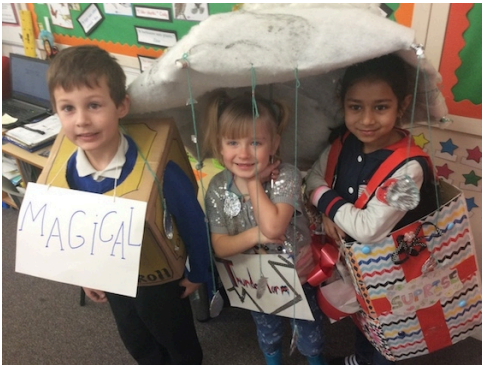
What a fantastic time we had at our swimming lessons this half term. Before we went, there were certainly very mixed feelings among the children but everyone tried their absolute best and everyone achieved something. Many children swam for the first time and ended the 2 weeks with no flotation devices at all! Some children showed great encouragement and support for their team mates. For many, this was an opportunity to be responsible and independent and everyone really shone. Well done Year 5; we were (and are) so proud of you.

## World Book Day!

Dress as a word!!

This year, our theme for World Book Day is 'dress as a word'. The theme is aimed to encourage the children to think out of the box and be creative while helping to extend their vocabulary. They could choose the word 'red' and dress in the colour.

We have left some examples below for inspiration. The day before, the children will bring home a template 'my word is...' card. This is to be brought in to spark conversations about what word they are dressed as.



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## Superbowl Visit

Our school's development plan focuses on attendance and behaviour and this can be supported through TikTok. The school has benefited from sponsorship from several companies, including SuperBowl UK. We have been provided with free passes to be given to children in return for 100% attendance and day-long VIP passes for children displaying positive behaviour given out at the discretion of the school.

Children recently enjoyed an action-packed morning of bowling, creating memories that will last a lifetime. The launch of our behaviour and attendance initiative also included a wonderful visit from a blue friend and Britain's Got Talent's Tommy J.



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## Important dates Spring term 2

Date	Event	Additional information
Friday 9th February	School closes for half term	School closes at 3:15pm
Monday 19th February	School reopens	School re-opens at 8:45am
Monday 19th February	Young Voices Singing	Young Voices singing in Sheffield
Thursday 22nd February	EYFS Stay and Play	Every week 2:15-3:15
Thursday 29th February	Yr 2 Bridlington Trip	Year 2 external visit to the beach. Please see your child's class teacher should you need further info.
Wednesday 6th March - Thursday 7th March	Parents' Evening	Parents and carers will meet teachers in the hall. Booking information to follow.
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day	Further information to follow
Monday 11th-15th March	British Science Week	More details to follow
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief	Red nose day
Monday 18th March	British Heart Foundation Assembly	Our pupil fundraising committee will be hosting the British Heart Foundation to launch a school-wide sponsored run/walk/jog in April! More information to follow next term
Wednesday 20th March - Friday 22nd March	Year 6 Residential	Robinwood Activity Centre. Children enter school via the hall doors at 8:45am. Coach to depart @ 9:15am from Southcoates Lane (near the corner shop)
Friday 22nd March	World Maths Day	More details to follow
Friday 22nd March	School closes for Easter	School closes for Easter at 3:15pm