

"Growing and Learning Together with God."

Summer Term 2 Value : Community, Citizenship and Service



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mr Hart

Welcome back to you all for our final term of a very strange academic year. This promises to be a really busy and enjoyable term with great learning and social events planned to motivate our children.

For the time being please may I remind everyone to adhere to the social distancing rules on entry and exit. Hopefully these will be reconsidered in the future as we receive further guidance from the Government and the Department for Education.

May I also urge you to check school information regarding our Summer school uniform to ensure that our children look as smart as possible, something often commented upon by our community and visitors to school.



It is very sensible for children to have a sun hat or cap in school and to apply suitable sun protection cream prior to coming to school in order to keep protected over these lovely sunny days.

During the holidays a friend of the school has planted up some flower pots at the entrance and in our courtyard and we really appreciate these colourful additions which enhance our surroundings.

We would also like to thank Dave Napper and Primrose Garden Centre for their very welcome donation of a shade cloth, which now covers a portion of the Early Years outdoor area.

Class Activities

The **Tiddlers** and **Minnows** have had a great first week back at school! They were very excited to have a Forest School session with Mr Pemble at the beginning of the week and it did not disappoint. The children had a great time playing some games on the field before entering the wooded area and then had to go and find some natural treasure; the children found some very interesting sticks, stones, and plants which they got to share with the whole class.



They have also begun Their new topic 'Under the Sea' by investigating rock pools and finding out which sea creatures might live in them. We know that rock pools are homes for small sea creatures like crabs and starfish but would not be a suitable place for big sea animals like sharks and whales to live. In Maths, the Minnows have really impressed me with their doubling knowledge and the Tiddlers have been working hard to really extend and deepen their counting skills.



This week the **Sticklebacks** have enjoyed playing in the sunshine in their outdoor area. They have started a new picture book about rhinos and they read information about them and then wrote an informative paragraph.

In Art they have been making clay models of their favourite models and in science they designed their own safari tours and thought about which animals they might see. Mrs Blake also taught them some map reading skills in their new PE unit on orienteering.

The **Seahorses** have been adding and subtracting fractions in Maths and reading their new book 'Chameleon's Crazy Colours'. The children have also begun to explore the desert biome, looking at a collection of plants and animals that have common characteristics for the environment in which they exist. In PE they have been working on their 'long barrier' in Rounders by keeping their eyes on the ball and their hands in the correct position.

Stingrays have picked up where they left off before the holidays, showing great focus and demonstrating good learning behaviours. In Maths they have been working on multiplying and dividing both whole numbers and decimals by 10 and 100, engaging brilliantly in the practical part of their sessions and concentrating quietly on their independent tasks.

In Art they explored the painting 'Surprised' by Henri Rousseau and created their own 'team interpretation, with each pupil painting one small part of it. In Science they tested to find out if feathers can really keep a bird warm, and sketched reptiles and birds.

They had a great discussion in Class Worship about pollution in the oceans with many of the children promising to be better at recycling.

Class Activities (continued)

This week **Sharks** have been learning about Baghdad, the capital city of the Islamic Empire during 'The Golden Age of Islam.' They read a letter from the Caliph explaining what made Mesopotamia a good location for the city and compared living in ancient Baghdad to living in England during the Dark Ages.

Sharks have also explored European geography as they used atlases to locate all of the countries taking part in the upcoming Euros. Learning about the Euros fit well with Sharks' topic of Diversity, as this is the first year that there will be a female referee and a female commentator for the finals. Inspired by UEFA showing equality and respect, Sharks showed great Respect and Compassion in our PE lesson where the keen footballers in the class started to coach their less experienced classmates ahead of our own House Euros competition.

Child of the Week

Well done to the following children for working extra hard this week :

Tiddlers	George M
Minnows	Brody H
Sticklebacks	Isabelle B and Lucas P
Seahorses	Rupert R and William C
Stingrays	Charlie N and Asta H-E
Sharks	Melissa B and Daisy K

Super Sentence Heroes in Minnows	Esmee O and Jude R
Super Sentence Heroes in Sticklebacks	Madeleine F-R and Rose K

Family Group Points Winner	Griffin	Overall Attendance	99.14%
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FoFS 5p Jar Competition

Before half term the 5p jars were collected from each class and counted during the break.

The winner is the **Tiddlers and Minnows** class!

Well done to all those who contributed towards the competition.

A total of £379.00 has been raised for the school – a very impressive amount indeed!



Forest School

This term other classes will be enjoying Forest School with Mr Pemble on Tuesday afternoons.

Please make a note of your child's class dates so that they bring in to school their suitable kit on that day :



Seahorses
Tiddlers and Minnows
Sharks

Tuesday 15th and 22nd June

Tuesday 29th June

Tuesday 6th and 13th July



To coincide with **National Thank a Teacher Day** on Wednesday 23 June 2021, Oxfordshire County Council is asking for messages of appreciation for teaching and support staff, highlighting their dedication, inspiration, assistance, and overall greatness!

During the past year staff have worked tirelessly to provide lessons and resources, in many cases remotely, and this is a way to publicly to show huge appreciation for them.

Oxfordshire County Council would be glad to receive short contributions (Twitter-length) from children, parents or guardians who wish to say thank you in any way they see fit – comments, poems, or other...

If you would like to take part in this please send to SchoolImprovementTeam@Oxfordshire.gov.uk by **Friday 18th June**.

On *Thank a Teacher Day* a selection of the tributes will be shared on the Council website and on social media, using the hashtag **#ThankATeacher**

Enjoy the sunny weekend!

Jon Hart

Headteacher

Upcoming events

Mon 14th June

Tues 15th June

Mon 21st to Thurs 24th June

Mon 28th to Fri 2nd July

Fri 16th July

Tues 20th July

Thurs 22nd July

Enrichment Day – track and field

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Year 5 Bikeability Training

Sports Week & Sports Day

Year 6 Outing

Year 6 Presentation

Leavers' Service

All PE kits and trainers into school

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At present no parents allowed on site