

"Growing and Learning Together with God."

Autumn Term 1 Value : "Respect and Compassion"



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from the Head

How good it has been to be back in school with a full complement of pupils and staff this term! I must congratulate all of them, and parents, for complying with restrictions to make our environment safe and secure for all.

We have welcomed new staff members to the team and have worked hard on an intensive catch up programme of key skills for the children, to address the loss of learning during the year. They have risen to the challenge and have been amazing.

I would also like to congratulate those who have submitted some excellent homework projects; the teachers and I have appreciated the work put into them.

Both staff and children seem exhausted at this point of the term and I hope that everyone can enjoy some relaxing time with families next week, ready for a busy time leading up to Christmas.

I would like to thank the Governors and FoFS for their continued efforts and for the creative way that they are still managing to function effectively.

Nationally, a selection of schools are being visited by the Health & Safety Executive to ensure that all Covid provisions are in place. We have been advised that on Thursday 5th November they will be here from 1.15pm and will observe our pick up arrangements.

Class News

This week the **Tiddlers** and **Minnows** have shown such bravery by standing in front of the class and sharing their homework with everyone. Miss Williams was very impressed by all the wonderful tractors, cow sheds and bread! In Maths, the Minnows have been working hard to deepen their understanding of patterns and the Tiddlers have been using nursery rhymes to practice counting on their fingers. A very busy week to end this term.



Sticklebacks finished their investigation on measuring their hands and feet and they found out that the people with the biggest feet didn't necessarily have the biggest hands. They also finished their RE unit and made a collage of their thoughts on what Christians think God is like. Some of their ideas are in the photo below. Thank you to all the children who have sent in their project homework. Mrs Ejioгу is enjoying sharing these in class and will finish looking at them today.



The **Seahorses** class has been looking at the life of Harriet Tubman, an American political activist in the 1800s. The children have also been using different methods to add and subtract using exchanges, and have written formal letters complaining about umbrellas.

Class News continued.....

Stingrays have been busy being creative this week. They have all produced some fantastic moonscapes inspired by the work of Alan Bean - the astronaut who painted the moon. They used various collage techniques to create an effective background and then added a pastel sketch of an astronaut or moon buggy. All the children have also shared their homework projects. It has been lovely to see how confidently they shared their work with the rest of the class, listened respectfully to each other, and then asked and answered some very challenging questions.



This week, as well as doing a great job of their assessments, **Sharks** have also been creating art that is 'out of this world!' Everyone has used marbling to create a swirly blue and green image to represent the Earth, and has also designed their own piece of space art, inspired by the work of astronaut-turned-artist Alan Bean.

Child of the Week

Tiddlers

Max Mooney

Minnows

Benjamin Cook

Sticklebacks

Eva O'G and Louise F

Seahorses

Florence E and William C

Stingrays

Megan P and Jamie Mc

Sharks

Rowan L and Ella S



Family Groups Winner : **Unicorn**

Weekly Attendance : **Seahorses**

This & That

Bible Stories

Reverend Helen Barnes has been recording weekly Bible stories which can be found on our school website under Class Pages, RE Resources.

Safety

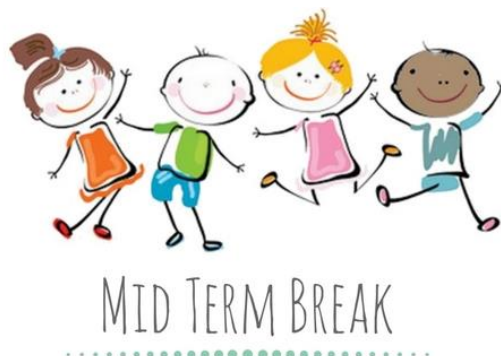
We are very aware of the increasing Covid cases in Oxfordshire and we ask that, to ensure that we are able to continue our daily lives and our school may stay open, we all adhere to the latest Government guidelines over half term. Please do take care and stay safe.

Times Tables Rockstars and Maths & Spelling Shed

Information about Times Tables Rockstars and Maths and Spelling Shed can now be found under the Class Pages tab on the school website.

St Olave's Competition

This week you would have received an email about the Modelling and Colouring-in fundraiser being led by the church; please do try and get your children involved and show off their creativity!



After Half Term

School Drop Off

We have noticed that the line up outside the front of the school in the mornings is becoming very untidy, with children running around and mixing with others. If you do leave your child there while you take a younger sibling to another class, please remind your child that he/she is to stand still in the line until the gates are opened. Thank you.

Virtual Life Education Bus

In past years we have always been visited by the Life Education bus, which parks at the school and is visited by each class where a number of talks and fun-filled activities take place. On 6th November this year we will be having virtual workshops for the children, focusing on mental health and wellbeing.

I wish you all a relaxing break and an enjoyable time with your families.



Best regards,

Jonathan Hart
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Fri 26th October

Mon 2nd November

Wed 4th November

Thurs 5th November

Fri 6th November

Fri 27th November

Start of Half Term

Back to School

Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisations

Health & Safety Visit

Virtual Life Education Bus

Non-School Uniform Day for Secret Present Rooms