

"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

Another lovely busy week in school, with lots of learning in every class, has ended.

I have met with our Diocesan Adviser who is most supportive of our schools development. In addition, I have met, virtually, with the Bicester Headteacher Partnership group and facilitated a well-being mentoring group for Oxfordshire headteachers to share good practice. Furthermore, I have met with our Safeguarding governor to discuss practice and protocols.

We are arranging what events we can for the end of term :

Sports Day will be on *Friday 2nd July* and unfortunately, after much deliberation, we will be unable to invite any spectators to this event. Our guidance is that to ensure the safety of our staff and pupils social distancing would prove almost impossible so we have decided to put our focus into ensuring that the pupils enjoy the day by supporting each other in their designated bubbles and having fun within our Covid restrictions.

In contrast, our **Leavers' Service** is to be held off site at our village Chapel and the church protocols can apply. Therefore, on *Thursday 22nd July* we will be welcoming Year 6 parents to join us for this service. This will be a lovely time to recognise our older pupils' journey from Primary School to their Senior School.

We will, of course, keep you updated with any further Government or DfE guidelines.

Class Activities

The **Tiddlers** and **Minnows** have worked really hard this week on their Topic subject. They have been finding out facts about different types of sea animals; they have learned about different fish like seahorses, clownfish and pufferfish, and the various marine mammals such as dolphins and whales. They were able to remember a great deal of information and have loved sharing their facts with each other.



The Minnows were then given the challenge of writing a fact about one of the animals they have been researching; they all did a great job of recalling their finger spaces and full stops. In Maths, the Minnows have been learning about halving a number of objects and they have started learning about odd and even numbers which they will continue to be taught about next week.

The Tiddlers have really impressed everyone with their knowledge and understanding of numbers up to 5 when learning all about the number 1.

This week the **Sticklebacks** have been writing persuasive texts about Javan rhinos and have been thinking carefully about how they can be protected from extinction.

As their track and field session with the Premier coach has been postponed the children did their own activities on the field and also started their sport's day practice.



In RE, they have finished their unit on prayer in Islam and have designed their own prayer mats.

During the week **Seahorses** have shown amazing personal success in multiplying 2 digit numbers by a 1 digit number. They have also been typing non-chronological reports about chameleons as well as developing their teamwork skills playing a version of rounders.



Class Activities (continued)

This week *Stingrays* have been looking at a new picture book to inspire their research as to why it is important to protect the rainforests from further destruction. They really enjoyed looking closely at the illustrations to see how the author had added extra hidden details to help them work out the message in the book.

In Maths they have been working on their formal calculation methods, looking at efficient ways to multiply 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers by a single digit.

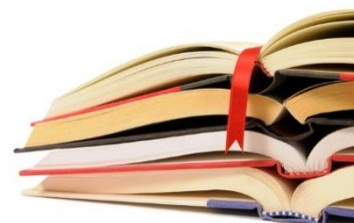
Although it was very hot, they all enjoyed their first orienteering session in PE where they started to develop their map reading skills by creating funny faces!

They have also started a new topic in Science called 'Life Explorers' in which we are addressing body changes and puberty. Our first task was to sort the gestation cycles of living things - with many of us intrigued by some of our findings!

Sharks made the most of the lovely weather at the start of the week with some outdoor learning in Maths (using footballs as decimal points to help them multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000) and in Science (making human models to represent how light travels reflects off objects into our eyes to enable us to see); they also enjoyed an afternoon in the outdoor area for their marble treat.

Well done Sharks for their excellent learning all term to earn such a fun treat! The excellent learning has continued this week as Sharks have done a great job learning to convert units of measure in Maths.

Sharks also had an unexpected 'visitor' this week when they discovered a princess sleeping in their book corner looking for new stories which would save her life! After Scheherazade told Sharks one of her stories, they promised they would send her more stories soon which she can tell to her husband, the Caliph of Baghdad.



Child of the Week

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

<i>Tiddlers</i>	Ava E
<i>Minnows</i>	Aria R-B
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Frances C and George H
<i>Seahorses</i>	Shay D and Jack M
<i>Stingrays</i>	Megan P and Sebastian W
<i>Sharks</i>	Jimmy S and Charlie N



<i>Super Sentence Heroes in Minnows</i>	Teddy C and Connor D
<i>Super Sentence Heroes in Sticklebacks</i>	Oscar L and Lucas P

<i>Family Group Points Winner</i>	Griffin	<i>Overall Attendance</i>	96.16%
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Enrichment Sessions



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It has been another active week for the children. They have all had the chance to develop their field athletic skills taking part in a carousel of activities led by our Premier Sports coaches. They worked on their jumping and throwing skills this time - watch out Tokyo, here we come!



Unfortunately the Enrichment Day for the Minnows, Sticklebacks and Seahorses, which was re-scheduled for today, has been postponed for another day as the conditions are too wet and rainy.



Drowning Prevention Week aims to equip everybody across the UK and Ireland with the skills and knowledge to make the right decisions about water safety.

Swimming isn't just a critical lifesaving skill; it's a skill that opens up a lifetime of fun and adventure in and on the water and in the past year many young people have missed out on the opportunity to swim, leaving a dramatic gap in school swimming and water safety education.

Drowning is one of the highest causes of accidental deaths in children and it is the mission of the Royal Life Saving Society UK to cut down the number of drownings that tragically occur each year.

We are supporting this quest and next week will be using teaching ideas, resources and activities in each class to engage our young people in essential, life saving water safety lessons.



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Other Fritwell News

Two of our children have submitted piano exams as a video recording of scales, technical exercises, and three pieces, with exceptional results.

Jamie Mc achieved Grade 1 piano DISTINCTION, and

Evie Mc achieved Grade 5 piano DISTINCTION – a brilliant result as Grade 5 requires a lot of maturity to convey the music.

Well done to you both!

We wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Jonathan Hart
Headteacher

• Upcoming events •

Mon 21st to Thurs 24th June

Mon 21st to Fri 25th June

Mon 28th to Fri 2nd July

Thurs 1st July

Fri 16th July

Tues 20th July

Thurs 22nd July

Year 5 Bikeability Training

Drowning Prevention Week

Sports Week & Sports Day (*no spectators*)

Year 6 Football Tournament at St Edburg's

Year 6 Outing

Year 6 Presentation

Leavers' Service

