

"Growing and Learning Together with God"

Spring Term 1 Value : Inspired Minds and Wisdom



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Mr Hart



We have had a significant number of children absent from school this week due to testing positive for Covid, something which many schools in the local area are also experiencing. I do thank parents and carers for being vigilant as this is the best way to keep infection under control and prevent the children from missing important learning time.

In school we are doing all we can to retain children in their class groups and we have restricted mixing and larger numbers coming together. Good hygiene and hand sanitising is obviously as important as ever and we are keeping learning spaces well ventilated to circulate the air.

Despite the absentees, including those with colds and tummy bugs, the classes have been hard at work and lessons and clubs have proceeded as normal.

This week I met again with the governors to discuss our data and provision in school. I thank them for their challenges, support and time to help drive our school forward.



Learning happens in many different spaces.....



Class Activities

Tiddlers & Minnows

The Tiddlers and Minnows have had an exciting week learning about the different fruits grown in hot countries and the importance of a healthy diet. They even got to try some of the fruit from their key story 'Handa's Surprise'; after trying all the fruit there was one obvious favourite and that was the mango.



In Maths, the Minnows have been learning all about the number 8 this week; they can recognise and identify the number and have explored the smaller numbers that make up the big number 8. The Tiddlers have continued their learning on 2D shapes by exploring the characteristics of a square, circle, and triangle. The Tiddlers have also enjoyed singing nursery rhymes and exploring instruments in their Phonics lessons whilst the Minnows have been busy learning new 'special friends' and continuing their work on segmenting and blending simple CVC words.

Sticklebacks

This week Sticklebacks have been thinking about what makes a good pet and what they need to provide to keep a pet healthy. They also designed their own pets.

Today, they listened to a song in music and then they used instruments to improvise some 2-note phrases.

They have enjoyed playing some maths games where they had to pick 3 numbers and then put them in order.

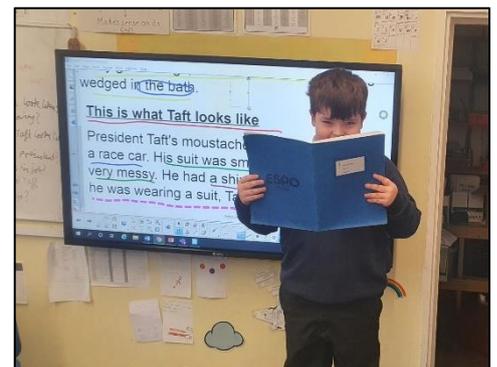
Seahorses



Seahorses have been exploring food chains and acting out being food chains in different habitats.

They have also been writing non chronological reports about President Taft

using complex sentences and, in maths, developing their understanding of multiplication and their times tables.



Stingrays

Stingrays have certainly been inspired this week when writing their own 'Escape from Pompeii' stories. They have used all the work they have been doing over the past couple of weeks and have created some great adventure stories using impressive vocabulary to engage the reader. Despite the cold, they all took part enthusiastically in their PE session, using lots of resilience to practise the tricky skill of passing backwards in Tag Rugby. In Maths they have been working on area and perimeter, using a mixture of practical and written activities.

Class Activities (continued)

Stingrays (continued)

Stingrays also completed an investigation into the shape and position of ears. They created cone ears and tested them out to see whether they could hear better or if it was more difficult. After looking at the inside of an ear they learnt sign language to say simple words and phrases.



Sharks

This week, Sharks have been planning and writing their own task for Heracles, where he has to defeat a new mythical creature that they have invented. The children are doing an excellent job of giving the reader clues about characters through the way they talk and act, describing settings using the different senses and choosing powerful verbs and expanded noun phrases to add detail and excitement to the plot. It has been lovely to see everyone's enthusiasm and focus on their writing: everyone has shown our values of Inspired Minds and Personal Success in English this week. Look out for our new class book, *The Untold Labours of Heracles*, hitting bookshelves soon!

In Maths Sharks have continued learning about fractions: how to multiply fractions by integers and find fractions of amounts. Year 6 have also learnt how to multiply fractions by fractions and how to divide fractions by integers and were pleasantly surprised by how easy these calculations were when they had spotted the patterns in how to solve them!

On Tuesday morning next week, Sharks will be taking part in the Big Schools Birdwatch for the RSPB. Children need to remember warm clothes on this day as we will be spending an hour outside bird watching!



'Child of the Week'

Tiddlers	Isla H
Minnows	Ellie M
Sticklebacks	Poppy S and Brody H
Seahorses	Amelie M and Oscar L
Stingrays	William K and Sebastian L
Sharks	Lorelei S and Daisy K



Super Sentence Writers :

Minnows	Amber B and George M
Sticklebacks	Connor D and Elizabeth C

Family Group Points : Unicorn

Whole School Attendance : 75.5%

Reading Workshop

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

Thank you to those families who joined our EYFS and Key Stage 1 reading workshop on Wednesday. We shared information about how phonics and reading are taught in school and how this is enhanced by the reading children do at home, especially using our new Book Bag Books 'matched texts' which help children to practise the specific sounds they have been learning in school. It is lovely to see so many families enthusiastically engaged in supporting their children's learning and we hope you continue to be impressed by the confidence, fluency and expression that children are showing during their home reading. As always, if you have any further questions regarding phonics or home reading, please contact class teachers.

White Rose Maths App



At school we have been using the White Rose Maths App with children in Key Stage 1; we find that it is very good, easy to use, and we would like to suggest it is used at home as practice. The link for the app is [1-Minute Maths | White Rose Maths](#)

Staff Car Park

Please can we remind you to be vigilant when dropping off and picking up children through the staff car park gates; younger children should not be running around the vehicles and sometimes a car will drive in or out while you are waiting. All those crossing the driveway from the main school entrance to the playground should also make sure that cars are not leaving the premises. Thank you.

We realise that masks are no longer mandatory but we would advise that, while cases are high at present, you do wear them within the school premises.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Jon Hart

Headteacher



Tuesdays – 3.30 to 4.30pm

Wednesdays – 3.30 to 4.15pm

Wednesday Lunchtimes

Thursdays – 3.30 to 4.15pm

Thursdays – 3.30 to 4.30pm

Friday – 1.00pm

Friday – 1.15pm

Wednesday 2nd February

Tuesday 8th February

Thursday 10th February

Monday 14th February

Wednesday 16th February

Thursday 17th February

Tuesday 1st March

Wednesday 2nd March

Tuesday 8th March

Tuesday 8th March

Tuesday 15th March

Wednesday 16th March

Wednesday 16th March

Mon 21st to Thurs 24th March

Wednesday 23rd March

Thursday 24th March

Tuesday 29th March

Thursday 31st March

Thursday 26th May

Tuesday 5th July

Tuesday 12th July

Football Club (Adam Bradley)

Years 2 - 6

Sewing Circle Club

Years 4 - 6

Boys Football Club

Years 5 - 6

MultiSports Club (Premier)

Years 1 - 3

Girls Football Club

Years 4 - 6

Stingrays – Swimming

Sharks – Forest School

Year 6 Hockey Tournament – 2.00pm

Vision Screening in Reception

Boys Football Match vs Marsh Gibbon – away

FoFS Valentine's Doughnut Sale after School

Boys Football Match vs Bure Park - away

Girls Football Match vs Marsh Gibbon – home

FoFS Pancake Sale after School

Boys Football Match vs Brookside - away

SEN Parent/Teacher Evening

Sharks Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Parent/Teacher Evening

Parent/Teacher Evening

Boys Football Match vs Langford Village - home

Year 5 Bikeability Training

NCMP Weights & Heights – Reception and Year 6

Girls Football Match vs Bure Park – away

Stingrays Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Girls Football Match vs Chesterton

Sticklebacks Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Seahorses Sharing Assembly 2.45pm

Tiddlers & Minnows Sharing Assembly 2.45pm