

"Growing and Learning Together with God."

Summer Term 1 Value : Confidence, Self-Belief, and Endurance



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Dear Parents and Carers,



Message from Mr Hart

It has certainly been a changeable week with the weather but that has not dampened the enthusiasm of our children, especially during Forest School activities. The children have now completed their class assessments and staff will be using this information to carefully plan bespoke learning opportunities for the pupils in their bubbles.

With the ongoing unseasonable weather and current restrictions it is hard to think of Sports days and end of term celebrations. However, we are still planning these events as we know how important they are to the childhood memories that are treasured by all.

One or two parents have asked about the arrangements and I understand that people do need to know as far in advance as possible if they need to book time off work.

At the moment the directive from The Department for Education and Oxfordshire County Council is that these events can only be staged in school without any spectators and that class bubbles must be maintained. Obviously, as the restrictions are gradually being lifted throughout society in general, we are hoping that we will be able to welcome back to special events our parents, carers and friends, if the school guidance allows.

I will keep you up to date and informed as soon as we have received subsequent information. I do thank you for your patience regarding this important issue.

All classes have enjoyed NSPCC's "Number Day" today, as part of their Speak out. Stay safe programme. If you wish to donate towards this very worthy cause please go to the link <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/ways-to-give/donate/> to do so. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



Class Activities

The **Tiddlers** and **Minnows** have had a very exciting week. They started this week by reading their new story 'The Knight who wouldn't Fight'. This began their learning all about knights; so far, they know that knights were hired by Kings or Queens for protection and that one of their most important jobs was to protect the castles. The children's favourite part was watching a video about jousting!



They also started their Forest School learning this week and, despite the miserable weather, they managed to have a great time exploring the woods. They're keeping their fingers crossed for some sunshine next week though!

The class really enjoyed completing Buddy's challenge today where they had to guess which 2D shape Buddy was hiding from them.



This week the children in **Sticklebacks** have been writing newspaper reports about the dolphin rescue from 'Dolphin Boy'. They came up with their own headlines using alliteration and then they thought about who they might interview to find out more, if they were real reporters.



They have had a busy week enjoying Forest School, their PE session with the Activators, and exploring their new resources in the outdoor area. They have also been building dens.



The **Seahorses** have covered a number of topics this week. The class filmed weather reports for cities located in a rainforest, which were very well done. They have also written instructions with prepositions for how to tidy a house, linked to their class book 'The Tin Forest', and in Maths they have explored fractions.



Class Activities (continued)

Although this week has been a day shorter **Stingrays** have still managed to cram a lot in. They have used their new story 'The Shaman's Apprentice' to help them work on improving the quality of their sentences by adding 'fronted adverbials'.

In Maths they have continued to deepen their understanding of 4 digit numbers, looking at a variety of representations and ways to partition the numbers.

Mr Probert and Mrs Churchill continue to be impressed with their musical skills in the brass sessions - they are certainly progressing quickly through the notes. Their French lessons are helping us to learn the names of French cities and what shops we might find there.

The class have also learnt some basic First Aid during PSHE this week via the Red Cross website. Some of the children were very keen to continue this at home so please find the link here <https://firstaidchampions.redcross.org.uk/>



First Aid Champions.

[Learn basic first aid - teaching resources | First aid champions](https://firstaidchampions.redcross.org.uk/)

Use this resource to teach first aid.

Welcome to First aid champions, a new first aid teaching site for learners aged 5-18. First aid education is now on the RSE and health curriculum in England, and First aid champions can be used by all schools in the UK to teach the skills children and young people need to save a life.

firstaidchampions.redcross.org.uk

Sharks enjoyed celebrating 'Star Wars Day' on May the 4th by learning how Yoda moves the subject, verb and object in a sentence to create his distinctive speech patterns, and they also coded their own Star Wars games during a special computing lesson.

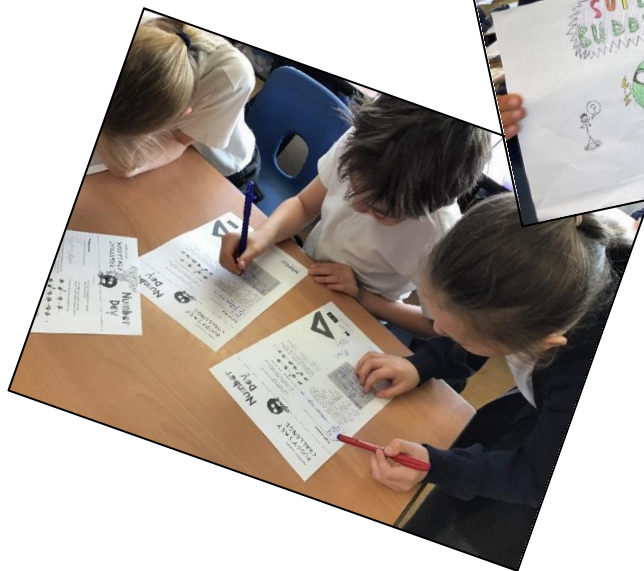
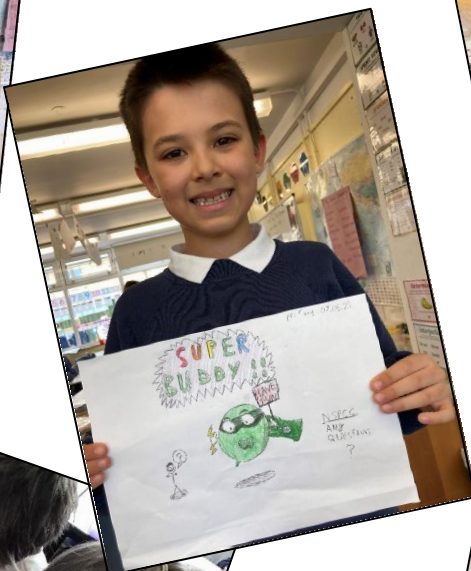
In Science, they had to be electricians, fixing the problems in incorrectly designed circuits, while in History they experienced what it might have been like as a trader on the Silk Road; they worked hard to make their products like silk, perfume and glass and then traded them with neighbouring cities, haggling to get a good deal and trying to avoid being swindled!



Pictures from NSPCC's Number Day



Pictures from NSPCC's Numbers Day (continued)



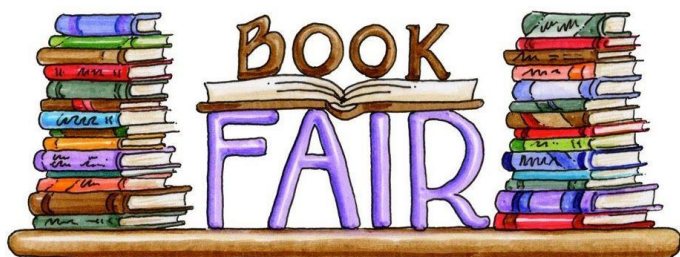
Child of the Week

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

<i>Tiddlers</i>	Harlan E
<i>Minnows</i>	Esmee O
<i>Sticklebacks</i>	Connie L and Rose K
<i>Seahorses</i>	Sam G and Elexa S
<i>Stingrays</i>	Eviana M and Pixie-Li N
<i>Sharks</i>	Florian R and Katie T



<i>Super Sentence Heroes in Minnows</i>	Grace M and Brody H
<i>Super Sentence Heroes in Sticklebacks</i>	Esmé B and George M



The Travelling Book Fair is back! On **Wednesday 12th May** until the following Wednesday 19th we shall have the book cases in school and class bubbles will be able to view the books on the shelves.

Of course it has to work differently this year as people cannot enter the school and so it will all take place virtually. Next week you will be sent an order form on which you can view all the available books and you will be able to purchase any book online. *The order form must then be returned to the office* so that the book can be given to your child, or re-ordered if stocks have been depleted on the shelves.

Look out for the email and step-by-step guide; we hope that you will support us as the school receives free books as commission from sales!

Hexagon Wall



During the term children in each class are chosen to receive a coloured hexagon for demonstrating one of the school's six values and these are placed on a wall in the school hall. The wall is now full and therefore each class will be able to select a treat for everyone to enjoy, for example, watch a movie or play board games for the afternoon. Well done Fritwell!

Other School News

Website

The school website is presently being updated and you will now find a lot of class information under the specific Class Pages. They will also provide key details pertaining to each class which may be useful for planning weekly activities.

Seahorses Music Therapy

On Tuesday the children in Seahorses will be starting weekly 'Music for Wellbeing' sessions provided by a teacher from OCC Music. These sessions offer an opportunity for everyone to make music together in a relaxed and fairly unstructured way, focussing on enjoyment, positive social interaction, self expression and emotional wellbeing.

Music Exam Results

A few of our children have recently taken their 'Digital Assessment' piano exams and have gained the following results :

Zoe W	-	Initial piano DISTINCTION
Sam G	-	Grade 1 piano DISTINCTION
Emilia G	-	Grade 2 piano DISTINCTION
Audrey L	-	Grade 2 piano DISTINCTION

Well done Fritwell superstars!

Finally.....a few Reminders

Uniform

Most of our children do wear the correct uniform and look well turned-out coming in to school. However, we have noticed tracksuit pants or leggings being worn as trousers and varieties of boots as school shoes, to name a few deviations. Please do make sure that you have the correct uniform for your children so that we remain a smart and disciplined school. FoFS do hold a selection of second hand clothes which you can purchase for a small donation. We also reiterate that no nail varnish or jewellery should be worn to school.

PE Kits

All PE kits are to be brought into school on Mondays, regardless of when your child's class PE takes place. These are to remain at school all week and taken home on Fridays. If your child does Forest School please do not forget to send in the appropriate kit on that day.

Old School Lane

Please remember that no cars are to be driven up or parked in Old School Lane where the Sharks children enter and leave the premises. We have recently had a complaint about traffic and we do wish to remain on good terms with the village community.

Thank you all for your support.

We look forward to another active week!

Enjoy the weekend,

Jonathan Hart

Headteacher