

Newsletter

11th December 2020



Class News

Penguins and Puffins

Puffins and Penguins have had a great week. I think our favourite part was in the woodland on Thursday! We enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies around a campfire to celebrate our final woodland session of the year.

We enjoyed the animated film 'The Snowman' at the start of the week and have enjoyed snowman related activities in our provision. In Literacy we used our phonics skills to label the different parts of the snowman and we have all made a snowman to bring home.

In Maths we have focused on the numbers 9 and 10. Using a 'ten frame' the children quickly realise that if it is full we have 10, and if there is one space we have 9! The children have enjoyed representing 9 and 10 with different objects on ten frames.

We hope you enjoy our virtual Nativity performance of 'We're going on a baby hunt' that has been added to Tapestry this morning

Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

This week, KS1 have continued to look at the story of the Bear and the Hare. As well as understanding the story, the children have been learning the song with Makaton actions. We will record the children singing this song next week and put it on the class pages for you to see. Children have also begun to learn times tables this week. They began by looking at equal groups of numbers before thinking about multiple groups of numbers. We then worked up to them using these strategies to learn the times table sums.

Children in Years 1 and 2 have been really enjoying hunting for our school elf. Each day, the children get a photo of the elf around school and they have to work out where he is hiding. They are doing really well with working out where he is and fingers crossed the classes will get their treat from the elf next week.

Next week, the children have lots of fun activities to look forward to such as craft mornings, film night, Christmas lunch and a pantomime! KS1 have worked so hard this term and the teachers are very proud with how far they have come. We are looking forward to sharing these Christmas treats with them next week.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

Well done Waterbirds on another fantastic week. This week, the children have been very creative. They have practised their sketching skills by drawing a castle and worked in a group to learn and perform a Christmas poem. In literacy, the children have started to learn about poetry using the poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. They have learnt how to use alliteration, similes and metaphors to make their writing imaginative. They are looking forward to writing their own poems next week. In Maths, we have been focusing on

coordinates. The children have found, plotted and created their own coordinates. They enjoyed revealing the Christmas images and creating their own for their partner to solve. Great work Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

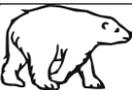
This week, year 5 and 6, have been very busy with lots of different activities. In literacy we have been finishing our space-themed stories, where the children have worked extremely hard on the detail of their descriptions. In maths, we have been interpreting clocks and timetables. We asked that over the Christmas holidays, the children continue to secure their knowledge on 12hr and 24 hr clocks. In Science, the children have been observing the changes to their cress seeds investigation, deciding on the best conditions for plants to grow and discussing any anomalies in observations. Outside the core subjects, we have been practising our carols ready to go and spread some festive cheer to the residents of Lightley court next week. We have also been practising and making props for our own little Christmas pantos, which each class performed to year 5 and 6 today. The children have had lots of fun with this and made us all laugh. Finally, we all would like to say a big thank you for all your kindness and support during this term. Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

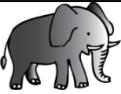
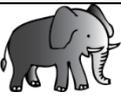
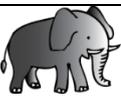
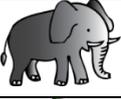
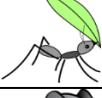
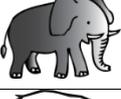
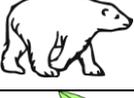
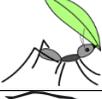
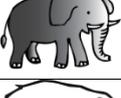
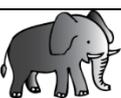
House Points

The house point totals so far this term are:

			
820	915	903	953

Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Aurora		For showing lots of independence in her writing
Puffins	George		For a brilliant and creative attitude to learning
Robins	Will		For showing great maturity in all areas of school

	Poppy		For showing great maturity in all areas of school
Owls	Bella		For working hard to produce wonderful writing
	Daisy		For always being a reliable helper in the class
Woodpeckers	Eden		For trying so hard with her times tables
	Isla		For showing a mature attitude to being in year 1
Kingfishers Teacher's choice	Lyra		For being a friend to everyone: always kind, helpful and caring
Kingfishers Children's choice	Leoni		For being an outstanding role model to everyone in the class
Swans Teacher's choice	Sam and Cooper		For fantastic language choices which paint a picture in the reader's mind
Swans Children's choice	Poppy		For showing kindness towards all members of Swans and being a fantastic role model
Sandpipers Teacher's choice	Liam		For working hard in literacy and creating some fantastic sentences
Sandpipers Children's choice	Jonas		For being a helpful and supportive talk partner
Kestrels Teacher's choice	Brody		For having a really positive week and not being afraid to step out of your comfort zone
Kestrels Children's choice	Jacob		For showing great bravery
Hawks Teacher's choice	Teddy		For working hard and contributing well in class
Hawks Children's choice	Charlie and Jack		For including everyone in the woodland and being kind
Eagles Teacher's choice	Isabelle		For setting, meeting and going beyond her own targets. Super personal achievements this week – we are very proud!
Eagles Children's choice	Whole class		For coming together to put on a show and making people laugh

Whole School News

Junior Safety Officer News

As part of anti-bullying week, the Junior Safety Officers decided to present “Everybody’s Friend Awards” to children in school who show all the qualities of a supportive and inclusive friend. They invited nominations from children and teachers and today have presented the twelve winners who received the most nominations with their awards.

Congratulations to:

Billie	Puffins
Lily	Penguins
Poppy	Robins
Cerys	Woodpeckers
Jack	Owls
Annie	Sandpipers
Freddy	Kingfishers
Kayleigh	Swans
Rory	Eagles
Lexie	Kestrels
Isobel	Hawks
Miss Warburton	Hawks



Change to the last day of term

Following the release of guidance from the DfE this week, our last day of term will now be Thursday 17th December. The children will still return to school on Tuesday 5th January as planned.

News from the Hive

The weather has been chilly and drab; the rain has buffeted the Hive windows and fog has threatened our outdoor activities but the children haven’t complained. Inside, we have been too busy to notice! The children have enjoyed painting their little clay sculptures and have set about bringing cats, snowmen and other little creations to life, the air dry clay has been a huge success! Our Christmas display is well underway: cheery candy canes, the largest we’ve ever seen, enjoy pride of place whirling on the wall. Their Christmas splendour has been infectious, Christmas cards and pictures have been folded, glittered and coloured and the winner of our Christmas Creation Competition has been announced. In other news, an elf has moved into The Hive (just for the season) we have had such fun watching her antics and after a quick postal vote we have called her Judy. We have practised our public speaking skills at messages time, the children love to share their news and thoughts for the day and our session often includes words of encouragement for the day. A fantastic week in The Hive!



News from FOWS

The Christmas countdown is on!

As we approach our last week at school we still have lots of lovely things to look forward to.

Next week we have our fabulous festive film night. As mentioned in the email, due to bubbles this will be spread over 4 days:

Monday 14th – Reception

Tuesday 15th – Years 1 and 2

Wednesday 16th – Years 3 and 4

Thursday 17th – Years 5 and 6

They will run straight after school and then you collect your children from their normal classrooms at 4.30pm. (Please follow the one way system).

We will be providing the children with a yummy festive snack and drink (if your child has any dietary requirements please let us know ASAP via email fowscontact@gmail.com).

There is NO charge for this event this year as we wanted to make sure all children are able to attend and enjoy!

The FOWS Festive fairies will be working their magic this weekend for a wonderful woodland surprise next week. I'd like to give a huge thank you shout out to Dave our amazing school caretaker who has been working tirelessly to create what will be a magical area in the woodlands amongst other things over the last few weeks. His help has been invaluable and we couldn't have done it without you!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and looking forward to the final festivities at school next week!!