

Newsletter



11th September 2020

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

Well done Puffins and Penguins ☆ you are all doing so well.

We have been busy making new friends, learning new routines and having lots of fun. We have had a great PE session and also a fantastic morning in the woodland this week.

We have all made the front cover for our writing books. We have changed your child's story book and also added a book for you to look at together.

We have looked at our school 'animals' in the hall today. We will be focusing on their values during the next few weeks. See if your child can remember the four animals:



Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

This week KS1 have focused their writing around the book 'You Choose' which is a great story to get the children talking about their likes and dislikes. We have been working on sentence writing this week, looking specifically at punctuation and finger spaces. In phonics we have been revisiting some of our letter sounds and making sure we are forming our upper- and lower-case letters correctly. We have been sounding out words both within phonics and our writing lessons. In maths, we have looked at counting forwards and backwards, sorting objects into categories and representing numbers in different ways. KS1 enjoyed their first visit to the woodlands this week and they had a great time exploring with their friends- both old and new.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

This week we have all been continuing to enjoy our magical topic. The children have enjoyed making magical potions in science. Luckily, the invisibility potion was kept in the jar so we didn't lose any children. They can't wait to mix more next week. The children are loving listening to their class book, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, each day. They have used this as a stimulus for their writing. In literacy this week, the children have

written a range of noun phrases, adverbial openers and they have even had a go at writing sentences including a coordinating conjunction. Some children in Swans have had a go at coding and Kingfishers enjoyed making their new front covers for their topic books. Sandpipers have been thinking about how they could 'fill someone's cauldron'. They discussed how this could be done by being kind, saying nice things and inviting people to play with them. It's also been a busy week in maths. We have focused on place value and adding 10 and 100 to given numbers. Well done Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

In 5/6 this week, we have got stuck straight into work. We have all worked really hard in getting in to our new routine and have all enjoyed diving into our class books for guided reading. Our literacy this week has been focused on key SPaG elements of a description, which we are working up to writing. In maths, we have been recapping our understanding of place value and have been using this to solve a range of problems, including riddles and cross-numbers.

We have developed our understanding of the planets this week in science, by creating profiles on each of the planets in the solar system. The planets we paper mached and painted have been given their own identity this week too - these have all created a brilliant class solar system.

House Captains

Our new House Captains for this year have been announced today. They are:



Dragons:

Jack M

Daisy W



Griffin:

Maisie S

Cameron P



Phoenix:

Saif A

Grace F



Pegasus:

Aimee B

Alex B

Junior Safety Officers

This year's Junior Safety Officers are Noah M, Jess F and Joe N. We are really looking forward to all the exciting projects they will plan to help us all learn how to keep ourselves safe both in school, when we're out and about and at home.

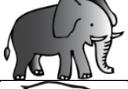
House Points

The house point totals so far this term are:

			
27	28	31	33

Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Marley		For being a kind friend
Puffins	Thomas		For being brave this week
Robins	Will		For working extra hard to learn his spellings
	Cameron		For working extra hard to learn his spellings
Woodpeckers	Oscar		For always having a positive attitude to learning
	Sophia		For settling in quickly and working very hard
Owls	Louis		For amazing independent writing
	Wendy		For having a great attitude in every lesson
Kingfishers Teacher's choice	Max		For setting an excellent example to others
Kingfishers Children's choice	Zara		For being confident and independent
Swans Teacher's choice	Matilda		For challenging herself in maths
Swans Children's choice	Jasmine		For putting her hand up and working hard
Sandpipers Teacher's choice	Jonas		For super detail in his writing

Sandpipers Children's choice	Eli		For helping his talk partner and looking after her
Eagles Teacher's choice	Alex		For being an independent and conscientious learner
Eagles Children's choice	Max		For a great start to his time at Wheelock
Hawks Teacher's choice	Isabel		For believing in herself and using this to help others
Hawks Children's choice	Lucas E		For pushing himself and achieving well in maths
Kestrels Teacher's choice	Katie		For settling in well to Kestrels class
Kestrels Children's choice	Grace		For looking after our school environment by organising a litter pick