

Newsletter



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Class News

Penguins and Puffins

What a fantastic first week back! We are so proud of Puffins and Penguins - they have all come back to school with a big smile, they are so pleased to see each other and are excited to learn. Thank you parents again, for your on-going support - you have all done an amazing job.

In Literacy this week we have recapped some of our phase 3 sounds - ai, ee, igh, oa and oo. We are focusing on the children using these sounds in their writing and spotting them as they read new words. Our book this week has been 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson. We have talked about how our Mum's help us at home and the children have written a sentence all about their Mum. The children have also been busy sorting a surprise for all our Mum's - look out for something special at pick-up today!

In Maths we have been playing lots of number games to consolidate numbers to 10. Counting, reading numerals, representing numbers with objects and also finding different ways to make 10. The children have really impressed us with their amazing number knowledge and the ability to explain and reason when talking about numbers - Well done Puffins and Penguins.

Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

Wow! What an incredible first week back! It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces coming through the school gate on Monday morning. The children have missed their friends and the classroom during this period and the teachers have missed all the children. They settled back in beautifully and have made us all very proud - well done! This week, we have been looking 'Not Now Bernard.' We began by listening to the story and discussing the various parts of the text and its characters. Then, we moved on to sequencing the story and recording the key events. We used a range of descriptive words to create expanded noun phrases to talk about Bernard's monster. The class then created their own terrifying monster using paper plates and different, crafting materials. The children loved using their imaginations and creating a sticky mess in the classroom. To finish the week, we have looked at how the characters feel in the story and how the pictures help us to figure out what is happening. In maths, we began fractions, looking at wholes and parts of objects, amounts and numbers. We have looked at halves and quarters and whether we can identify them as being equal or unequal. The most important thing this week, is the children having time to reconnect with their friends. They've shared stories about their experiences and played with their classmates. Well done woodland birds.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

It has been lovely welcoming the children back to school this week. We are overjoyed to have them all back in the classroom and enthusiastic about their learning. It has been an extremely busy week as the children have started their new topic, 'Voracious Vikings!' This week, they have learnt about where the Vikings appeared in history and even plotted key Viking events on a timeline. The children have also learnt all about Viking gods. They loved learning about who the Vikings worshipped and what they believed in, especially because the Vikings link very closely to their favourite Marvel characters. In Literacy, the children have enjoyed learning all about the Viking myth, 'Odin creates the world.' They have written expanded noun phrases to describe the worlds, used prepositions and have independently written their own version of the myth. In Maths, we have focused on geometry. The children have identified and drawn quadrilaterals, drawn lines of symmetry on 2D shapes and reflected shapes across a mirror line. The children have also been set a challenge this week. Their task is to run the same distance that the Vikings travelled when they sailed from Sweden, Norway and Denmark to Scotland. This equates to 1409 laps around the school track! The children loved taking part in this challenge and can't wait to beat the Vikings over the next few weeks. Well done Waterbirds on a great first week back.

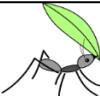
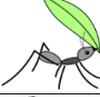
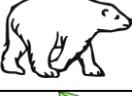
Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

We have had such a fantastic week having all our year 5 and 6s back in school. The children had opportunities this week to renew their friendships and have lots of fun and laughter playing a range of games from the well-being box and outside in PE sessions. In Literacy this week, we have been creating dialogue for scenes out of the picture book 'Tuesday'. The children were tickled by the idea of flying frogs at night. We started our week with a rather amusing lesson acting out the story. In Maths, the children have been revising the work on fractions completed at the beginning of lockdown- equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions. The children have absolutely blown us away with their progress on this from when we last saw them. Next week, we will be looking at multiplying fractions, dividing fractions and finding fractions of a number. In topic, the children have created their own Aztec masks and plotted geographical information related to the Aztec location.

The Hive

We have had a fantastic week in The Hive and have thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The children have opened their own café and served all manner of delicious drinks and snacks, they have been exceedingly creative and we have all loved their creative play. Snakes and Ladders is the game this week, the competitive streak has shown itself with the competitors and many a snake has brought about our downfall! Our craft topic has been 'Mothering Sunday Zines' the little folded books have delighted us all and I'm sure they will be gratefully received. Outside, the new bandstand makes a magnificent backdrop to our football games and clambering climbing play, the weather had been lovely and we appreciated the sunshine while it lasted!

Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Imogen		for confident and fluent reading
Puffins	Edward		for confident and fluent reading
Robins	Holly		for a determined attitude to all her learning
Owls	Ruth		for coming back to school with a fantastic attitude and being ready for learning
Woodpeckers	Neve		for having a calm and conscientious attitude to learning
Swans	Blake		for working hard in groups and developing some lovely writing
Sandpipers	Lily		for working hard in every lesson and always trying her best
Kingfishers	Max		for amazing use of descriptive language in literacy
Kestrels Teacher's Award	Aurora		for coming back with an excellent attitude to learning
Kestrels Children's Award	Jess		for having a new found determination after lockdown
Hawks Teacher's Award	Daniel		for being a great role model and supportive member of Hawks
Hawks Children's Award	Bethan		for being a kind, helpful and fun friend
Eagles Teacher's Award	Isabelle		for making us all proud of how she has shown belief in herself on her return to school.
Eagles Children's Award	Isabella		for always being there for Eagles- both helping with work and to cheer them up.

