

Newsletter



13th November 2020

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

We have had a busy week in Puffins and Penguins. We have included two different 'Celebrations' this week. We continued our work on Remembrance - painting poppies, listening to Mrs French playing the 'Last Post' and making a huge wreath on the woodland floor. We have also looked at the Hindu Festival of 'Diwali' - making Rangoli patterns and a beautiful Diwali light.

In Literacy we have thought about ourselves; what we look like, what we are good at and why we are all special. We have used our phonics to write key words and done a piece of writing that will form part of a whole school display. In Maths we have focused on 'One less' - we have used real objects, cubes and pictures to tell a story. The children are getting really good at knowing that, for example, "One less than 5 is 4". Well done Puffins and Penguins.

Next week is 'National Nursery Rhyme Week'. We will be focusing a different rhyme each week and will be updating tapestry with each one every day. This week's challenge is to perform your favourite Nursery Rhyme; either one your own or as a family - you could dress up or add props!! and then upload a video onto Tapestry.



Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

This week in Key Stage 1 we have continued to look at the story Room on the Broom. The children have really enjoyed this story and this week they have had a chance to create their own beast and magnificent broomstick like the ones in the story. In maths, we continued to look at addition and subtraction and it's great to see the children picking up the skills really well and beginning to use them independently.

This week we also 'Showed Respect' for Remembrance Day. The children discussed the meaning of Remembrance Day and why we remember each year. Children then designed poppies, poppy wreaths and other arts and crafts linked to the day. The children were also very respectful when carrying out the minute silence on Wednesday.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

All the children in Waterbirds have worked extremely hard this week. In Literacy, they have written their own non-chronological reports on a chosen animal. We were very impressed by their vocabulary choices and their use of learnt skills. In Maths, we have been focusing on multiplication and division. Using songs, repeated addition, arrays and known multiplication facts, the children learnt and used their 4 and 8 times tables. They especially enjoyed the 8 times table song.

In the wider curriculum, children took part in the two-minute silence for Remembrance Day and then created a piece of artwork in order to show respect. As part of the Individuality curriculum, the children wrote a piece of writing about why and how they are unique. They thought about their special talents and what makes them different from others. In Creativity, the children listened to two pieces of music from Harry Potter discussing the tempo, pitch and dynamics of it. They even had a go at re-creating it on a glockenspiel. Well done this week Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

In year 5 and 6 this week, the children have been writing their own non-chronological reports based on global warming. We have been impressed on the level of discussion around this topic this week. The children are working extremely hard every week on weekly SPaG focuses including parenthesis, relative clauses and working through the word classes.

In Maths, we have started work on division. The children have been learning to divide by 10, 100 and 1000 and have started work on short division. In Science, the children have been revising their knowledge on parts of a plant and their flowers and their functions.

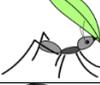
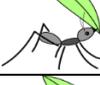
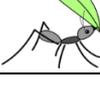
The children produced some lovely artwork to commemorate Remembrance Day, ranging from painted silhouettes to stain-glass window poppies. We are currently working on a book list to send home to support parents with advice on reading books for the year 5 and 6 children as requested from parents evening- watch this space!

House Points

The house point totals so far this term are:

			
587	681	650	682

Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Jacob		For always making good choices and being so polite
Puffins	Franki		For super writing all about herself
Robins	Chloe		For taking on some really tricky challenges in maths
	Will		For supporting his talk partner all week
Woodpeckers	Sophia		For working hard and showing good maths skills this week
	Lily		For working hard and showing good maths skills this week
Owls	Arabella		For working hard and showing a great attitude in class
	Ted		For trying hard, showing great concentration and making Mrs Forrester smile
Kingfishers Teacher's choice	Skye		For showing a mature attitude and excellent focus in her learning
Kingfishers Children's choice	Alfie		For being an excellent role model: always kind, thoughtful and caring
Swans Teacher's choice	Kayleigh		For working extra hard in maths with multiplication
Swans Children's choice	Finlay and Lucas		For being great role-models to other in our class
Sandpipers Teacher's choice	Harry		For creative writing when describing his feelings about a piece of music
Sandpipers Children's choice	Pippa		For being caring and thoughtful and inviting people to join in her games
Kestrels Teacher's choice	Adam		For believing in himself and showing increasing confidence
Kestrels Children's choice	Jessica		For working so hard to organise the allotment
Hawks Teacher's choice	Bethan		For working hard and pushing herself in literacy
Hawks Children's choice	Dylan		For consistently challenging himself and taking part in class discussions

Whole School News

News from the Hive

We began our week by choosing team leaders. The children love having responsibility in The Hive and take their role very seriously: the team leaders help to organise games and they can award stars! There are also mentoring roles for children who have a particular interest, such as football and they help 'coach' the younger children to improve their skills. In other news, beautiful bouquets of poppies have appeared as the children used junk modelling skills to make poppies from recycled plastic bottles. It is amazing how creative the children can be. In addition to the junk modelling, Acorn Room have made their own air-drying clay. Just a few ingredients and some squishing later some beautiful Diwali inspired tea-light holders are waiting to be decorated. Overall, a fantastic week in The Hive!



News from FOWS

NEW FOR 2020 - CLASS CHRISTMAS MUGS!

We are delighted to have been able to produce Christmassy themed Mugs, lovingly created using the children's fingerprints.

Mugs will be £5 each or 3 for £12 and you can order as many as you like, they'll make great Christmas presents and help raise much needed funds for the school at the same time!

To order mugs please email fowscontact@gmail.com with the following information

- child's name
- class name
- year group
- number of mugs you would like to order.

Just like the hoodie/T-shirt orders, all payments must be made electronically. We will share the details when you place your orders.

To make sure the mugs are ready in time for Christmas, we need to have all orders in by 27th November - we unfortunately won't be able to take any orders after this date.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!

Tickets will be making their way home with your children in the next few days.

As we can't go into the school reception area at the moment, we will be placing a FOWS box at each classroom door. Please return all completed ticket stumps and the correct money in a sealed envelope and pop it in the box before the 27th November. There will be more information on the raffle next week.

Date for your diary - non uniform day Friday 27th November.

We hope your all keeping safe - FOWS

Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

As next week is National anti-bullying week, on Monday 16th November, the children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks. This is to remind us that we should celebrate our individual differences.

The Junior Safety Officers are also planning to give out "Everybody's Friend" awards next week to children who have been nominated by adults and children as exceptional role models of kindness and inclusion.