

# Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> November 2020



## Class News

### Penguins and Puffins

We have all enjoyed lots of different Nursery Rhymes this week. Each day we have had a new one to focus on, singing, drawing, writing and even acting them out. We have even had an indoor and outdoor stage to perform them on. Thank you for taking up the challenge to send us a video clip on Tapestry - we have enjoyed watching them this week. On Thursday, we did 'Old Macdonald' in the woodland and made some animal homes/shelters for the toy animals using natural resources

In Literacy, we have focused on writing a simple sentence. When writing a sentence, the children have a lot to remember - Capital letter to start, using finger spaces, full stop at the end, tricky words, using our phonics to segment new words and then remembering what the sounds look like to write them!!! We were really proud of all the children this week.

In Maths we have enjoyed sequencing familiar events. We have used pictures to order our day and talked about our day using the language of time - first, next, last, after, before, later etc. Please look out for our time challenge on Tapestry this week.

### Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

This week Robins and Owls have been working hard in school, looking at the story The Gruffalo. They read the story out loud and joined in with words and phrases. The children have been identifying rhyming words as well as expressing their feelings about the characters. In maths, they have been looking at money. They identified coins and combined the coins to make different amounts. On Monday, the children wore odd socks for anti-bullying week. In class, children also drew a picture of what makes a kind friend and nominated a kind friend within the school.

Woodpeckers have been working hard at home this week. They have also been looking at the story of The Gruffalo and have completed tasks linked the story. The children have also had time to think about what makes a good friend and have drawn a picture to show this. We will share these when we are back in school next week.

### Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

It's been another busy week for all of the Waterbirds. In Maths, they have been continuing to focus on multiplication. The children have learnt the short method for multiplication and how to use it when problem solving. In Literacy, we have started our new writing focus, advertising. The children have started to think about different adverts, the language they use and how they persuade people to buy certain things. As part of the Challenge curriculum, the children have learnt about castle jobs. They were very intrigued to find out about the gong farmer. In Science, the children have continued learning about all things electrical. They identified different parts of a circuit and even built some of their own. They were

extremely excited when their circuits worked and their bulbs lit up. With this month being Anti-Bullying Awareness month, the children thought about how they could help stop bullying. They each completed a puzzle piece with their pledge on. These will then be added to a display in school. Well done Waterbirds on a great week!

### Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week in 5/6 we have been developing our understanding of the features of dialogue. We have focused on the Book Club book, 'Toys in Space', and have created a short puppet show to retell the story and inferred the characters personalities through the descriptions and speech within the book. In maths, we have continued our work on division, learning to give remainders as decimals and the year 6s have continued their work on long division.

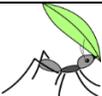
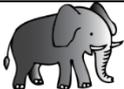
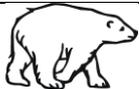
With this week being Anti-Bullying Week and their theme of 'United Against Bullying', we have discussed what bullying is, the behaviour, impacts and resolutions towards it too. Each member of the classes has created a jigsaw piece poster on this, which will be used to create a whole school display to promote this message.

### House Points

The house point totals so far this term are:

			
<b>681</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>786</b>

### Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Indiarna		For great progress with her phonics
Puffins	Jasmine		For being a good friend
Robins	Sam		For knowing all the coins and adding up different amounts of money
	Emelia		For being brave and overcoming her worry about her new glasses

Owls	Amelia		For becoming an independent learner
	Isabella		For being a kind, helpful and happy owl
Kingfishers Teacher's choice	Ellie		For gaining confidence in herself, sharing her ideas and answering questions in class
Kingfishers Children's choice	Noah		For being an outstanding friend and being kind to everyone
Swans Teacher's choice	Willis		For fantastic creative writing
Swans Children's choice	Ashleigh		For making good choices in her friendships
Sandpipers Teacher's choice	Jemima		For working hard to improve her spellings and sentences
Sandpipers Children's choice	Emmie		For being a kind and caring friend and inviting children to play with her
Kestrels Teacher's choice	Lucas		For really challenging himself in maths and showing great determination
Kestrels Children's choice	Chloe		For being a kind and wonderful friend to all Kestrels
Hawks Teacher's choice	Tyler		For believing in himself and showing determination to succeed
Hawks Children's choice	Brandon		For having a positive and enthusiastic approach to his learning
Eagles Teacher's choice	Isabella		For great progress in the presentation and content of her written work

## Whole School News

### News from the Hive

We started our week with a movie themed quiz and we learned the importance of listening to the question being asked! Following that, we enjoyed a rather competitive game of Bingo, with eyes down for a 'full house' the children listened intently for their numbers and excited gasps filled the air every time they found a match.

Acorn Room have used junk modelling to create elephants and sharks, milk cartons, glitter and cardboard have been brought to life! Our quiet time has been used to complete jigsaw puzzles and beautiful coloured pictures have surprised excited parents. The Hama Beads are always a firm favourite. Another great week in The Hive.



## **News from FOWS**

WOW! - We've had such a great response to the Class Christmas mugs. Please remember, all orders MUST be in and paid for before 27th November. We can't take any orders after this date.

Which brings us nicely onto the Christmas Hamper Raffle.

As you will have seen, raffle tickets have been sent home with your children this week. Please return completed stumps in a sealed envelope with the correct money and pop them in the collection baskets by each classroom door.

All tickets need to be in again by the 27th November. If you would like any more tickets please contact us [fowscontact@gmail.com](mailto:fowscontact@gmail.com) or via our Facebook page.

Our Christmas Raffle is an excellent fundraiser each year with prizes kindly donated from local businesses. We know that this year has been challenging (to say the least) for local businesses and so we agreed not to approach businesses this year for donation prizes.

We still really wanted to run the raffle so decided to create Christmas food and drink hampers instead.

On **Friday 27th November**, We will be having a **non-uniform day**. Normally we ask for a donation for the Tombola however, as we are unable to hold the Merrie Market this year, We are asking for a festive food or drink item instead. This could be anything christmassy such as - mince pies, Christmas puddings, Chocolates, biscuits, mulled wine, hot chocolate etc.

Please can we just ask that items that are donated are in date and don't need to be refrigerated.

Please kindly bring all food/drink donations to the collection table that will be set up on the playground on the morning of the 27th Nov. We will then divide up all the donations into lovely hamper bags as prizes for the raffle. Raffle will be drawn and winners announced on Wednesday 2nd December via video on our Facebook page at 8pm.

We will be sending out details regarding the Festive film night and the Woodland Grotto in the next couple of weeks.

### **Dates for your diary**

27th November - Last date to order/pay for Christmas Mugs

27th November - Last date to return raffle tickets

27th November - Non-Uniform day - In exchange for a festive food or drink item.

2nd December - Raffle Draw video 8pm on our Facebook page.

As always we would like to thank you for your continued support in helping to raise funds for our wonderful school, Have a great weekend.

### **Inclusion Team**

Lots of children in Years 5 and 6 have been writing letters this week – applying to be members of our new Inclusion Team. This group are going to be looking at how we promote the values of the Inclusion Act throughout our school and our curriculum and thinking of creative ways to ensure that everyone feels welcome and represented in our school. I will let you know next week who has been selected for the team.