

Newsletter

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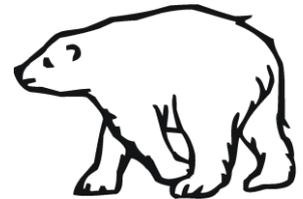


Return to School

We are very excited about the news that school can reopen for all children on Monday 8th March. A letter will be coming out from the Trust later today and I will write to you next week with a link to the updated risk assessment and some reminders about the routines and controls that will be in place to ensure the reopening is smooth and safe for everyone. We can't wait to see all the children in person – and I'm sure you all can't wait for a break from Zoom!

Mrs Sweeney and Mrs Byrne's Polar Bear Challenge – Speak Out and Stay Safe!

Congratulations to Mia in Year 4 who was the winner of the Polar Bear challenge – the crocheted polar bear was delivered to her this afternoon. It was a very difficult decision as there were so many fantastic entries. The names of all the entrants will be put on a special polar bear poster and will also be used to make our Speak Out and Stay Safe booklet which will be shared with all the children to make sure everyone knows how to get help if they don't feel safe.



Class News

Penguins and Puffins

This week, the children have looked at the role of an astronaut. The children listened to information on Tim Peake and what he had to do to become an astronaut. We asked the children to create their own helmets so they could become astronauts too. We saw so many interesting helmets with lots of creative materials added.

For the literacy we asked the children to think about flying through space with their helmets on and recording what they could see. We were so impressed with the children's phonics and their letter formation. In maths the children began looking at 3d shapes. The children used lots of language about how the shapes looked; if they could roll them and if they could stack. The children worked through lots of practical tasks to create models and towers. We were very impressed with how the children found lots of 3D shapes at home. In the week we asked the children to listen to their environment and say the sounds they could hear. It's been so nice with the warmer weather this week to get outside and be busy.





Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

Well done woodland birds on a brilliant first week back after half term. Our focus this week has been the story, "The Way Back Home". We started off listening to the story and talked about all the nouns and verbs in the text. We ended up with some incredibly long lists of actions and objects. We had a focus on handwriting this week, looking at cursive writing, size of letters and ascenders and descenders. The children used these words to create interesting sentences in their best handwriting. They also used speech bubbles to create a conversation between the boy and the Martian. We had some funny, entertain chats between the two main characters. The children imagined the Martian had gone off on another adventure and wrote a postcard to the boy telling him what he was getting up to. We have learnt lots about space this week; creating a range of posters and models of the solar system. This week, we finished off our shape topic and practised some of our mental maths and arithmetic skills. Everyone has worked incredibly hard this week, whether at school or at home. It's amazing to see how many of you are having a go at making dinner this week!

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

This week year 3 and 4 have been working extremely hard. In Literacy, they are continuing to read the book 'How to skin a bear.' They have answered comprehension questions; used personification; found new vocabulary and even had a go at creating a 'Missing' poster. In Maths, we have focused on money. They have converted between pounds and pence, added and subtracted amounts of money and some even spent money at their own shop. The children have also enjoyed learning all about France. Using atlases and ICT, some children found rivers, towns and famous landmarks in the country and plotted them on their maps. The children have been great polar bears this week by turning negative thoughts into positive ones. They discussed how this could help their own mental health and also what makes them unique.

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week, year 5 and 6 have started their new topic on the Aztecs. We have learnt all about the social hierarchy of the Aztec society. The children have used this research to write a diary from the perspective of an Aztec citizen- for example 'A day in the life of an Aztec priest'. As the week continued, the children also learnt all about Aztec religion

(creating their own gods/goddesses fact cards) and about the creation and use of the Aztec sunstone (creating their own sunstone designs). In maths, the children have been learning all about types of angles, angles of shapes and using a protractor. We would also like to say a big well done to the children for tackling 'active and passive voice' in their SPaG at home. A super week of remote learning! Keep it up...it's almost over 😊

Parent and Staff Games Night

It was lovely to see those of you who were able to join us for last night's parent and staff games night. Huge thanks to Mrs Williams and Carys for organising and running the quiz. Next week's quiz is going to be hosted by Mrs Harling – she says please don't be put off joining in by the fact there will be a geology round!

If you are able to join us, we'd love to see you at 7.30pm on Thursday 4th March using the link:

Topic: Parent and Staff Games Night

Time: Feb 4, 2021 07:30 PM London

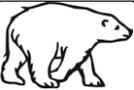
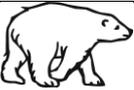
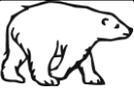
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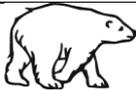
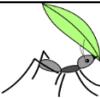
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Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Orla		for being a confident member of our class and making new friendships
Puffins	Teddy		for all his hard work added to tapestry this week.
Robins	Evie		for challenging herself by working independently on her maths and persevering even when it got tricky!
Owls	Sebastian		for showing independence and determination when writing a postcard.
Woodpeckers	Cerys		for having a conscientious attitude to all areas of learning.
Kingfishers	Sophia		for outstanding effort and improving her confidence in all areas of the curriculum.
Swans	Jasmine		for a much improved, happier entrance into school these past few weeks.
	Mia		for being a great hardworking Swan and a role models to others.

Sandpipers	Ivan		for taking responsibility for his own learning by continuing to work hard and participate in everything while away in the Philippines.
	Megan		For working hard and for impeccable presentation.
Kestrels	Sienna		for truly symbolising what it is to be a Wheelock pupil, representing all our school values.
Hawks	Daisy		for being a fantastic member of Wheelock, displaying all the attributes of our school values.
Eagles	Harvey		for super effort in all his work, participation in zoom calls and interventions