

Newsletter

27th November 2020



Class News

Penguins and Puffins

Puffins and Penguins have had another busy week. As you have all seen on Tapestry we have begun to put together a virtual Nativity for our parents. The children have all tried on their costumes and the songs are sounding great. We hope to have the full show ready for the last week of term!

In Literacy we have labelled the different settings in the story "We're going on a Bear Hunt". The children have done this independently using their phonic skills. We are very impressed with how the children recall the letter shapes and segment the sounds to write a word.

In maths we have begun to separate the 'whole' into two parts. This is an introduction to Number Bonds. The children have enjoyed doing this practically with biscuits, fruit, cubes and even themselves. Have a go at splitting quantities into two separate parts and seeing if you can do it in different ways.

Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

This week KS1 have continued to look at the Gruffalo story. They have worked hard to learn the repeated words and phrases and many of them can join in with story when we read it as a class. They have looked at a description of the Gruffalo and have been able to use adjectives to describe it themselves. In maths, we have continued to look at money and recognise the value of the coins. Children have been combining coins to make different amounts and also finding different ways to make the same amount using the coins.

We have also looked at 'Dare to be Different' over the last couple of weeks. In our classes we have looked at what makes us all unique and celebrated our differences. The children have then created a piece of writing which explains this about themselves. Some of the writing has been added our whole school writing display.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

This week has been another busy week for all the Waterbirds children. In Literacy, we have continued to focus on adverts. We have looked at the features of an advert including alliteration, rule of three and rhetorical questions; edited and improved an advert and had a go at writing persuasive sentences ready to write their own next week. In Maths, we have revised taught methods. We have focused on written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication. In Science, the children have been exploring switches and building their own. In Challenge, the children have researched information on knights and had a go at sketching their own. Well done on a great week Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

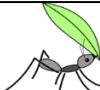
This week, year 5 and 6, have started planning their space-themed narratives in Literacy. As a class, they have listed lots of ideas for characters, setting and plot. We have focused on the characters this week, making detailed plans for how to describe them- working lots on 'show, don't tell' phrases. In maths, we have started our statistics unit, focusing on reading and constructing tables and line graphs. Eagles have been catching up with work on how to deal with negative comments on social media. They produced tweets, texts and email responses to bullying messages. The children were very good at creating confidence and clever responses. Kestrels and Hawks have been looking at parts of a plant and dissecting flowers in the classroom. We have started our end of term's assessments today- all the children have been very focused and tried their best. We will have a few more to complete at the beginning of next week.

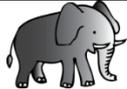
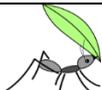
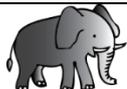
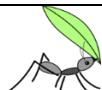
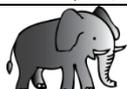
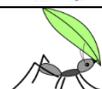
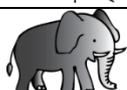
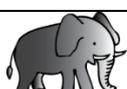
House Points

The house point totals so far this term are:

			
723	816	796	832

Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Lily		For being a great friend to everyone in Penguins class
Puffins	Ava		For gaining the confidence to share her ideas with her class
Robins	Lowen		For putting extra effort into his handwriting
	Isla		For creating a terrifying Gruffalo mask
Owls	Imogen		For showing determination and persistence in her learning
	Emily		For always being a kind and helpful Owl

Woodpeckers	James		For always being a happy and positive member of his class
	Finley		For showing determination in his learning
Kingfishers Teacher's choice	William and Oliver		For an outstanding effort and challenging themselves in every lesson
Kingfishers Children's choice	Jason		For being confident and challenging himself in maths
Swans Teacher's choice	Dylan		For working hard to improve the presentation of his work
Swans Children's choice	Kerr		For being a caring friend
Sandpipers Teacher's choice	Annie		For writing beautifully detailed sentences in literacy
Sandpipers Children's choice	Lucy		For being a nice friend and inviting children to play
Kestrels Teacher's choice	Louie		For beautifully presented work, especially in science
Kestrels Teacher's choice	Aurora		For great descriptive writing this week
Kestrels Children's choice	Tommy		For being a lovely friend
Hawks Teacher's choice	Brogan		For growing in confidence and for having a great work ethic
Hawks Children's choice	Eva		For always being a helpful, caring and funny member of Hawks
Eagles Teacher's choice	Isaac		For putting 100% effort into every lesson this week
Eagles Children's choice	Ella		For being a kind and caring friend and not leaving anyone out
Hive Special Award	Alex, Rhian and Jacob		For setting up a maths club to share their learning with the other children

Whole School News

News from the Hive

We have enjoyed our week in The Hive. The children have organised their own maths club, they meet in the morning and the more confident children help the less able mathematicians develop their mathematical skills. The club has been a great success and will continue for the coming weeks. We have a new member of staff:



Halima has been a very welcome addition to The Hive team and the children adore her already! Acorns Room have had a very crafty week: penguins by the score have adorned cards, book marks and pictures, they really do look very cute. Meanwhile, Pass the Pigs is the firm favourite game of the week, little pigs have trotted in great delight as the children keep score. Outside, the weather has not been kind, but not to be thwarted the children have enjoyed football, climbing and imaginative fantasy adventures even though the wind has nipped our cheeks and nibbled our toes, we have had great fun!

News from FOWS

Well done team Wheelock! We are so grateful for all of the donation to our Christmas Hamper raffle today. Another big shout out goes to the local businesses who have also donated some lovely prizes. Thank You.

The raffle will be drawn and winners announced on Wednesday 2nd December and can be seen via video on our Facebook page at 8pm.

Today FOWS will also be dropping off individual bubble Christmas trees and decorations. Normally we have a ginormous tree in the main school hall, but as the children are spending most of the time in their bubble areas we have decided to donate individual trees and decorations for these areas instead. We hope this starts to bring that Christmas twinkle into school.

Today is the last day for Mug orders/payments - unfortunately we will not be able to extend the deadline on this one.

Next on our Christmas calendar is the festive film night. Details of this event and how it will run will be sent out separately next week.

Dates for your diary

2nd December- raffle prize draw 8pm on our Facebook page.

14th December - reception film night

15th December- year 1-2 film night

16th December- year 3-4 film night

17th December- year 5-6 film night.

Keep safe and once again thank you for all of your support.

Parent Survey

Thank you to those parents who have returned your parent survey. The closing date for this was meant to be today, however, as we have only had 27 responses we are going to extend this by a

week in the hope of getting a few more responses. Please return your completed survey to the school office by Friday 4th December.

Inclusion Team

It was a very difficult challenge to pick the members of the new Inclusion Team due to so many brilliant responses from the Year 5 and 6 children. However, in the end five children were chosen for their brilliant ideas and fantastic ethos towards equality and inclusion. They are Iona, Yzabela, Macauley, Isabel and Jessica M.

Yzabela summed up the aims of the group really well when she wrote “I want to show the school that no matter what we look like or no matter what our religion or gender is, we are all a team!”

One of the first projects the group want to work on is purchasing a Friendship Bench where anyone who is feeling left out can go and sit and a member of the Inclusion Team can chat to them and help them to feel more included. They are currently working on some fundraising ideas and will be in touch soon.