

Newsletter

2nd October 2020



Class News

Penguins and Puffins

Puffins and Penguins have had another busy week. In Maths we have explored the 'Number 5'. Using linking cubes, we have discovered that we can make 5 in lots of different ways. It doesn't matter what the arrangement looks like, it will always be 5 if we don't add any more or take any cubes away.

In Literacy we have used our tricky words, 'no' and 'I' to help us write a simple sentence. The children are really enjoying our phonics sessions and are picking up lots of new sounds. Don't forget to keep looking at your phonics book to go through your sounds at home.

In the woodland this week we took some litter-pickers and bin bags with us and had a little tidy up! We all got our green challenge stick for looking after our woodland. Well done Puffins and Penguins.

Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

This week in KS1, children have continued to look at the story of Handa's Surprise. They have retold the story through freeze frames and drawings. From this, they have been able to plan their own story about surprising a friend or family member. The children have worked really hard on their stories this week and they are sounding great.

In maths we have finished off our unit on number and place value with counting in steps of numbers and using number lines. This will take us nicely into next week, where we will start to look at addition and subtraction. As a Key Stage, we have also been thinking about games we enjoy playing on the playground and remembering some of the fun things we do with our friends.

We would also like to send a reminder about naming your child's uniform. Please make sure that all jumpers, cardigans, coats and PE hoodies have your child's name clearly written or placed inside. If the item does become lost, it will find its way back to the child if it is named.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

Waterbirds children have been very busy this week. They have been continuing with their 'A Magical World' topic by looking at different castles. This week they have found out about stone castles and how they differ from the Motte and Bailey ones they focused on last week. In science, they conducted an experiment looking at how a solid could change to a liquid. They enjoyed using chocolate to test this and were extremely excited when it melted and changed state. In maths, the children have been taught two different methods for addition. We started off by looking at the star bursting strategy and then they learnt how to partition numbers and add them together. They enjoyed both methods and we were very pleased with their confidence and perseverance. In literacy, we have been continuing to look at letters. The children have read a model letter, answered questions about them and identified different features. Great work this week Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week, year 5 and 6 have been reading 'Orion and the Dark' in Literacy. The children have been exploring their own fears, creating emotion freeze frames, 'fear wheels' and organising emotion vocabulary; thinking carefully about the shade of the synonym. In Maths, we have spent a week securing addition and subtraction knowledge, including work on estimating and inverse operations to check our answers. Next week, we will be moving on to mental strategies and word problems.

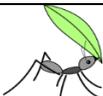
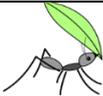
Linking to our focus text this week, the children have learnt all about the 'Life and Death of a star'. The children have created their own timeline of what happens to stars. This week the children have explored 'Linguascope' on Ipads. This is a programme we are using to support French learning. Children have their logins and can use this website at home to continue their French learning.

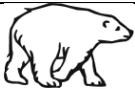
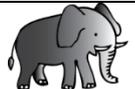
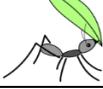
House Points

The house point totals so far this term are:

			
263	264	292	308

Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Harley		For working really hard to learn to write his name
Puffins	Mason		For settling into school so well
Robins	Harper		For super writing
	Harry		For his great African necklace
Woodpeckers	Kaiser		For working hard in lessons and having more confidence to have a go
	Mikey		For taking on maths challenges really well

Owls	Layton		For trying really hard with his story writing
	Mya		For trying hard with her writing and having a great attitude to her work
Kingfishers Teacher's choice	Aurora		For believing in herself more and growing in confidence
Kingfishers Children's choice	Georgee		For being a kind and caring friend
Swans Teacher's choice	Mia		For having a fantastic attitude and working hard in all lessons
Swans Children's choice	Tilly		For being kind to all her class mates
Sandpipers Teacher's choice	Henry		For continuing to strive towards his goal of achieving a pen licence
Sandpipers Children's choice	Ivan		For being kind and thoughtful and making his friends laugh
Eagles Teacher's choice	Izzy		For always taking on challenges with a positive attitude and trying her best
Eagles Children's choice	Ethan		For improving his handwriting, detail and overall focus in lessons
Hawks Teacher's choice	Aaliyah		For consistently taking pride in her work
Hawks Children's choice	Charlie		For pushing himself and working hard
Kestrels Teacher's choice	Yzabela		For a wonderful piece of descriptive writing
Kestrels Children's choice	Chloe		For always being helpful and contributing in class

Whole School News

Junior Safety Officers' Competition

The Junior Safety Officers are running a competition for children to design a poster about healthy handwashing. The posters can include tips, techniques and pictures on the best way to wash your hands in order to keep them clean and help you stay healthy. The closing date is Friday 9th October. The winning poster will be displayed around school, and of course, there are some great prizes for the winners in each age group.

Dare to be Different Day

On Friday 16th October, we will be marking Dwarfism Awareness Month by having a Dare to be Different Day. Children are invited to come to school with crazy hair to celebrate our individuality and differences.



Hot Meals

Now that we have been open for a couple of weeks and are starting to get used to the new routines, we are keen to give the children an opportunity to eat a school dinner in the hall each week. This will help to develop the children's skills such as carrying their tray, eating at a dining table and using a knife and fork, and will also give them an extra break from their classrooms.

From the **week beginning 5th October**, each Team Bubble will have one day a week when they can eat a hot meal in the hall:

- Reception** – **Tuesdays**
- Years 1 and 2** – **Wednesdays**
- Years 3 and 4** – **Thursdays**
- Years 5 and 6** - **Fridays**

The same meal choice will be served each day for the week, so all children have the chance to try each option, then the following week there will be a new option. We have been asking the children about some of their favourite meals so that we can make sure that as many children as possible will opt for a hot school dinner on their day.

In order to make this as covid-safe as possible, we will ensure that:

- Only one Team Bubble eats in the hall each day
- Children will sit in their own classes when they are in the hall
- Tables and seats as well as touch points will be sanitised between uses
- Children will be supervised by staff from their team bubble

Children who are not eating in the hall will still be able to order a school grab bag in the morning and these will continue to offer a hot or cold option.

Lunches do not need to be pre-ordered, but please ensure that there is enough credit on your child's account whenever they wish to order a meal.

A menu has been sent home this week so you will know what meal options are coming up each week.