

Newsletter

5th March 2021



Return to School

We are very excited to see all children on Monday 8th March. A letter was sent out at the end of last week from the Trust and a letter was sent from Mrs Sweeney yesterday with information about next week, along 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!

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

We have had a great week pretending to be a vet! In school the children have enjoyed playing in our 'Vets' role play area - the pets have been so well looked after! It has been great to see the children at home setting up their own imaginary play areas too - well done.

In Literacy we have thought about what a vet does. Using the story "Mog and the V.E.T." as a focus, we have talked about different animals and why they may need to go to see the vet. We have then written sentences about the sick animals. The children are working really hard remembering capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and using their phonics too.

Our maths focus has been 2D shapes this week. We have explored shapes in our environment and made animal pictures using shapes. We have been very impressed with how well the children can describe the properties of the shapes. We have made the link between 2D and 3D shapes by looking at the shape of the faces on 3D shapes and used them to print the 2D shapes.

World Book Day was brilliant this year, the children in school all dressed up - thank you to our parents for supporting this. The 'reading den' challenge was also great to see.

As we come to the end of remote learning, The Reception Team would like to thank all our families for their ongoing support and engagement with their child's learning journey. Tapestry has been invaluable for sharing our learning and allowing communication and feedback between home and school. The children have worked really hard. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday. We understand that the children are excited and eager to return but equally it will be an anxious time for some. Our focus for the first couple of weeks will be settling the children back into a routine, friendships and well-being.

Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

Well Robins, Owls and Woodpeckers, we have come to the end of home learning and are ready to get back into the classroom. I know everyone is super excited to see their friends and teachers. We can't wait to see all your faces on Monday morning. World Book Day was on Thursday, all the costumes, both in school and at home, were amazing. We had superheroes. Willy Wonker, a few Disney Princesses and even an enormous crocodile! The children talked about their costumes and talked about their favourite stories. In literacy, the children used their descriptive language skills to describe the many animals that appear in the story. The write about the naughty tricks the crocodile played on the other animals and wrote the story using lots of different conjunctions. In maths, the children have been looking at time this week, practising reading clock faces and adding hour and minute hands to clocks. We talked about why it's important to know how to tell the time and that it is a skill to be practised. It's been incredible to see the range of creations you've made over lockdown and how incredible your imaginations are! What a creative group of children we have in KS1. Give yourselves a huge pat on the back, you should be very proud.

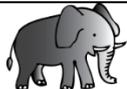
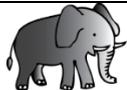
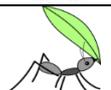
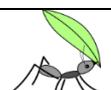
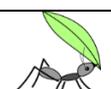
Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

It's been another busy week in Waterbirds, both at home and in school. In Literacy, the children have been looking at prepositions and describing a cave using our senses. They have written a descriptive paragraph about a cave from 'How to Skin a Bear'. On Thursday, the children celebrate World Book Day, dressing up as their favourite book character, building their own reading dens, designing book covers and book marks and sharing their favourite books on the class Zoom call. In Maths, the children have been learning about 2D shapes including different types of triangle. They have also completed an arithmetic test. In Individuality this week Waterbirds have been thinking about what makes us happy. They have shared this with their grown-ups and on Zoom and thought about what other people liked about them. In Community, the children have been learning about French foods, designing their own French breakfast menus. We look forward to seeing you all in school next week!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week the children have been researching an area of Aztec life and then generating a PowerPoint, poster, leaflet etc to show their learning. We have seen some excellent informational texts and were really pleased with the standard and effort shown. During maths, Year 5 have continued to look at angles. They have worked extremely hard to find missing angles and also to develop their understanding of how to use a protractor. Year 6 have been ploughing through their SATS workbooks. We are really proud of how independent you have been during all of your tasks. In our topic sessions, we have seen a range of Aztec temples being built this week. There have seen Lego, Minecraft, clay and sketched temples. Towards the end of the week, the children have been looking at chocolate and developing different recipes. In the key worker bubble, the children have made chocolate chip cookies as an end of lockdown treat. We can't wait for Monday when we can see all of Year 5 and 6 in person rather than over zoom. Well done for all of you online learning. You have all been absolute superstars and we are immensely proud of you and all of your learning. The class padlets have kept us entertained and wowed with everything that you have been doing! Thank you to all of your parents too. Your help and support for your children has been fantastic and appreciated. We know it hasn't always been easy but from Monday normality will resume! Bring on Monday- we've got this!

Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Penguins		for being a great team and working hard together
Puffins	Puffins		for being a great team and working hard together
Robins	Dexter	 	for always being so positive on zoom calls, always joining in and sharing with enthusiasm and his incredible crocodile costume creation
Owls	Daisy		for growing in confidence
Woodpeckers	Amelia		for always taking pride in her work
Kingfishers	Kingfishers		for working hard throughout home schooling, always trying your best and keeping Mrs Pickles and Mrs Harling smiling
Swans	Alfie L		for consistent effort with this home learning
	Lucas R		for a cheerful smile and happy face on Zoom calls every day
Sandpipers	Lucy P		for continued creative work throughout home learning
Kestrels	Grace Fisher		for embracing online learning and adapting to every challenge
Hawks	Rhian Hughes		For working hard and challenging herself over lockdown
Eagles	Amy Douglas		for embracing online learning and adapting to every challenge