

Newsletter

9th October 2020



Class News

Penguins and Puffins

It's hard to believe that the children have now done 4 full weeks in school. We are so proud of how well they have settled and we have already noticed lots of changes in the children as they have adapted to new routines and experienced new learning. Well done Puffins and Penguins. ☆

This week in literacy, we have been writing simple labels; thinking about the initial sounds of new words and recalling the letter shape to write it. Some children are now beginning to segment words into separate sounds. Ask the children to have a go at simple words like cat, dog, hat, etc - using their robot hands to define each individual sound in order. E.g. "h-a-that"

In maths, we have explored different ways of sorting groups of objects. It is important that children can describe objects in relation to size, colour etc. so they can use these features to sort. Have a go at sorting a group of random objects and talk about things being the same and different.

Owls, Woodpeckers and Robins

In KS1 this week we have begun the story of Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson. The children have loved getting to know the characters of the story and singing the rhyme to remember the dolls. We have written descriptive sentences and labelled the dolls to show how they are all different. The children have also had a go at creating their own dolls.

In maths, we have begun to look at addition and subtraction and the children have been using part whole models to represent numbers. We have also looked at number bonds to 10 and 20 to help us with adding. Some children have begun to design their own paper doll to sew which they are really looking forward to.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

The children have enjoyed some fun and challenging activities this week. They have finished their castle booklets by learning about Motte and Bailey, Stone and Hogwarts castles. They displayed their work very creatively.

In Kingfishers, the children have discussed Patronuses and designed their own on Glow Draw. They have also shared happy memories which they would use to conjure their Patronus.

In Science, the children have investigated how states of matter can change by using water, balloons, a kettle and a mirror. The children have been working extremely hard in Maths. They have learnt how to use column addition, part whole model and how to estimate. In Literacy, they have started to plan their own informal letter. They are now excited to write their own letter from Hogwarts to a friend next week. Well done Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week year 5 and 6 have been learning all about how day and night are formed. They brought to the lessons lots of prior knowledge about shadows from their learning in year 3/4, and they were able to apply this to describing why the sun appears to move across the sky. The children have also been learning about time zones; using world maps to answer some time zone challenges.

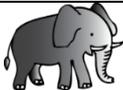
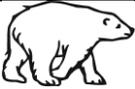
In maths, we had our final week on addition and subtraction - the children have been faced with some very tricky word problems! Next week, we will be moving on to our multiplication unit- so get practising those times tables! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their Literacy learning this week as they have been researching all the facts and emotions that went with the first ever moon landing. They have been challenged with putting themselves in the shoes of Neil Armstrong in order to write a diary from his point of view. They will be writing their final draft of this next week. Next week we will also be having a French focus in our topic lessons, so children have been reminded to explore their new Linguascope logs in their spare time.

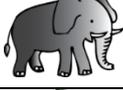
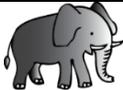
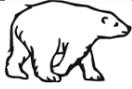
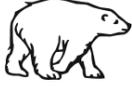
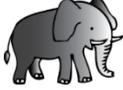
House Points

The house point totals so far this term are:

			
400	385	429	454

Praise Winners

Class	Name	Animal	Reason
Penguins	Isaac		For super progress with his phonics
Puffins	Darcie		For making new friends and always smiling
Robins	Roman		For having a positive attitude towards everyone in class
	Oliver		For challenging himself in Literacy
Woodpeckers	Amber		For showing great independence towards school and her work

	Archie		For having a more positive and calm approach to school
Owls	Lewis		For great concentration and applying new skills
	Mia		For super listening and concentration in lessons
Kingfishers Teacher's choice	Poppy		For outstanding effort and excellent focus all week
Kingfishers Children's choice	Isla		For taking risks and confidently contributing her ideas in class
Swans Teacher's choice	Lola		For working hard and building her self-confidence
Swans Children's choice	Megan		For working hard in all areas of her learning
Sandpipers Teacher's choice	Oskar		For being courageous and gaining confidence with his writing
Sandpipers Children's choice	Evie		For being a great friend and always helping her talk partner
Eagles Teacher's choice	Jasmine		For working hard on speaking clearly and at a steady pace when reading to the class
Eagles Children's choice	Isabella		For always showing kindness to others and cheering people up
Hawks Teacher's choice	Maisie		For showing resilience and not letting anything get in her way
Hawks Children's choice	Jack		For being a supportive and helpful member of Hawks
Kestrels Teacher's choice	Eoghan		For an amazing change in behaviour and attitude
Kestrels Children's choice	Henry		For being an excellent friend to all Kestrels

Whole School News

School Place Applications for September 2021

Applications for school places for September 2021 are now open.

The deadlines for these are:

Year 7 applications – 31st October 2020

Reception applications – 15th January 2021

Applications can be made at: <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/apply-for-september-2021-school-place.aspx>

News from the Green Team

Hello, we are the Green Team. We are a group of children who help our school community sustainability wise. This is a year 5/6 exclusive club with 25 amazing volunteers! We are based in Kestrels class as this is where our bin bags and impressive 7 litter pickers are stored. We are hoping to purchase a bug hotel and reach 30 volunteers before Christmas!

Katie, Year 6 This club has really helped me understand the meaning of the environment. I'm also one of the founders.

Amy, Year 6 Hi! I am an eco-enthusiast and also one of the main founders. I'm here to say, "We are helping one bag at a time."

Yza, Year 6 Hey, I love our country but not for our litter, so by helping you are restoring the place I love!

Grace, Year 6 Hi, my name is Grace and I love the planet we live in. I would hate to wake up one morning and hear there were no more fish in the ocean, which is why I do what I do.

Noah, Year 6 I love being a part of this great team because saving things makes me smile. A special thanks to the Year 5 volunteers who I know I can trust next year.

Junior Safety Officers' Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the Junior Safety Officers' poster competition. They have received lots of entries and judging is going to be no easy task! The winners will be announced next week.

Dare to be Different Day

Next week, 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.

