

7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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We have also been learning about the new Value of the Month, which is 'Inspiration' and thinking about what could inspire us in school. I wonder who will get a wristband this month?

## Value of the Month:

**Inspiration** - the process of being mentally stimulated to do something creative

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**Kandinsky:** Kandinsky have been discovering about carnivals linked to our new topic Rio De Vida. We have been reading and reciting carnival poems and exploring different features of poetry. In Geography we have been learning how to use globes and world maps to identify the different countries where carnivals take place. We have started to draw and paint some of the amazing carnival costumes we have seen.

In P.E we have been improving our relay skills ready for sports day as well as practising jumping over hurdles in our teams. In our "Votes For School" lessons we have been talking about how mistakes help us learn and reflected on how we can inspire each other as part of our new value of the month.

**Seacole:** Welcome to the last term of Year 2. How time has flown! Seacole class have got stuck into their learning this week and have really wowed me with their attitude to our new topics. Next week we are taking part in a planting day at People's Park and for this we have had to design a flower bed based on Banbury and the park over the last 100 years. The children have been busy designing the flower bed this week and we are in the process of making our centre piece for it. Because of this great trip, in English this week we have been learning all about Banbury and how it became the town we know. As a class we have looked at photos and maps of what it used to look like and we have found out lots of great facts! Why not ask your child what Banbury's first name was? In maths we are looking at different ways to read scales and we are starting to explore temperature. We are also focusing on our times tables and have had great fun beating our Times Table Rock Stars scores. In our PSHCE lessons we have been exploring the different emotions we may feel and what 'zone' we might be in at different points of the day. Finally, we have been inspired by Valentina's class assembly to 'pay it forward' and have been discussing what kind acts we can do throughout the day. WOW what a great first week back!



**Valentina:** Valentina have absolutely loved starting off their new topic, Heroes and Villains. We have been learning about Martin Luther King Jr and have talked about civil rights and how different groups of people are affected around the world. In English, we read a new version of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Then, we decided what we would change about the original story and we have starting writing our own versions. We have been solving money problems in Maths and working on our written reasoning skills. We managed to get our class assembly about Inspiration together in record time after half term, and everyone wrote their own lines about what has inspired them in their learning this year so far. Everyone performed their lines perfectly to the school, and then we showed one of our favourite videos which has inspired us to be kind to one another.

**DaVinci:** It has been lovely to see the children come back to school so refreshed after having enjoyed their half term holiday. This week we have been looking in maths at conversions between units of measure. We looked at converting mm to cm, cm to m and also m to km. In our English work, we have been looking at the vocabulary we will find in our new book (the title of which is being kept a secret from the children currently!). We've spent several lessons really getting to grips with the interesting choice of vocabulary our new author chooses and we have been giving our words a monetary value depending on their importance (a theme in our new book). In our PE lessons, the children have enjoyed getting in some practice ahead of their Sports Day later in June, focusing on running technique both for short distances and for longer ones.



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**KS2 Production:** Preparations for the Key Stage 2 production are well underway. Parts have been allocated and we have had several reads of the script. We are all VERY excited. On Friday we started designing and making our costumes and thinking about how to make the backdrop and props. Our STEAM skills that we have developed during the year are definitely going to help us. We are writing non chronological reports about pollination, researching a chosen flower and collecting lots of interesting and new information. During our maths lesson, we are exploring algebra.



Some of the class attended a cricket tournament on Thursday, the first time William Morris have entered. The children had superb sporting attitudes and we were very proud of them. Thank you to Miss Price and Mrs Kidley who attended the tournament with the children.

**Sports Day:** On your marks, get set, go! Sports Day, our summer term highlight, is quickly approaching. The children have already been practising their running, jumping and throwing in their PE lessons. This year the whole day will take on a sporty theme; during the morning the children will be taking part in a carousel of activities representing their house teams. This will be followed by a **picnic lunch at 12pm, which parents are warmly invited to**. Following the picnic will be a series of competitive sprints, involving all the children, which we would welcome you to stay and support for. There may even be a chance for a parents' race! So please do come and join us from 12pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Just a note that nursery children will be 'sorted' into houses soon, this will mean that they can easily join in with the older children on Sports Day. You will be informed what house and colour as soon as possible. For those children starting with us in Reception next year, now may be a good time to purchase a PE top in their house colour ready for next September – you can order them on the shop on School Money and collect from the office. This is **not**

**compulsory** however and certainly not for any children who will be going to other schools or staying in nursery for another year.

**Sarah Obinna:** Hello and thank you to everyone who has welcomed me at William Morris, I am starting to get to know all your inquisitive children and the friendly staff. I look forward to the coming weeks where I shall be putting more faces to names and finding out more about the exciting learning that takes place here. Many thanks, Mrs Sarah Obinna

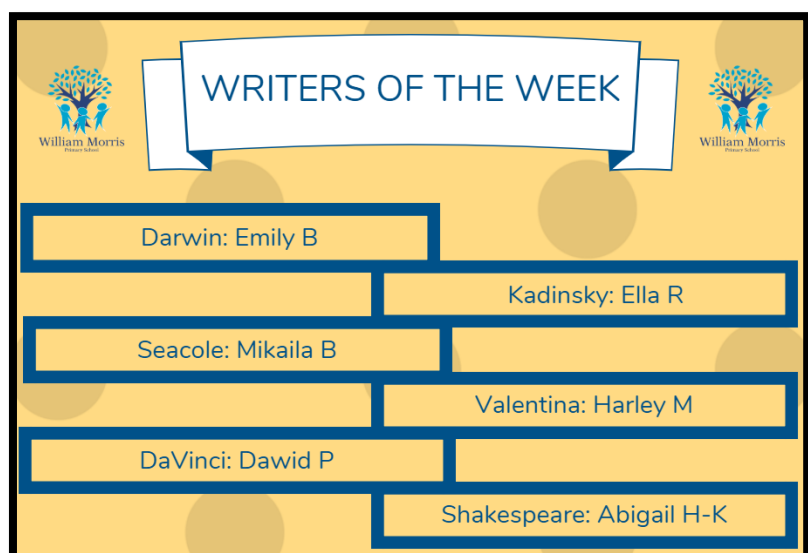
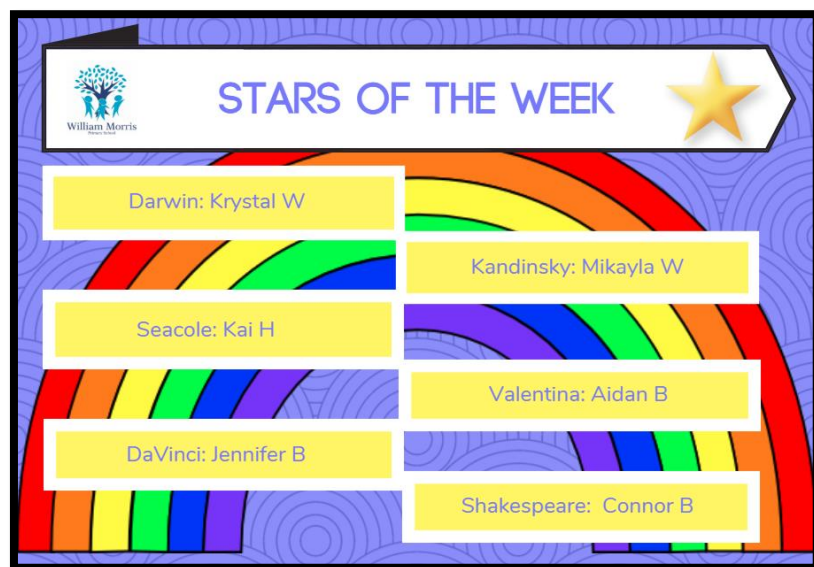
### Key Dates for your Diary:

- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 8:45am, Parent Forum
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Summer Fayre
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, INSET Day – no children in school
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Sports day & Family Picnic
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, move up day: this is when you will have an opportunity to meet with your new teacher for next year and the children will spend the morning in their new classes
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 Takeover Day
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, School Production (Key Stage 2 only)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, Reports out to parents
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, Family BBQ
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, last day of Summer Term 2 – **1pm finish**

Have a lovely weekend!

*Hiddleston*

*Julie Hiddleston and the school team*





# CLUBS

at William Morris  
Primary School

All clubs for this term run from 3:15-4:15pm

Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Choir Yrs 3-6  Free of charge	Football £3 per session  Rock Stars Club Yrs 2, 3 and 4 only Free of charge	Dance Club £3 per session

## Free Trial Piano Tuition

Studies show that time spent at the keyboard improves mental health: people who make music experience less anxiety, loneliness, and depression. Playing piano has also been shown to be a great source of stress relief, and provides ample opportunity to bolster self-esteem. It is also a widely used form of therapy for Attention Deficit Disorder. **Not sure if your child will take to it? Why not try a month's tuition FREE of charge?**

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