

11th October 2019



This week we have been learning about the amazing Katherine Johnson, one of the most inspirational women in the field of astrophysics and mathematics. We learnt how she confronted racism and gender inequality at NASA back in the 50s. Top tip, if you haven't seen the film 'Hidden Figures', then please do! It is a remarkable story and a personal favourite.

Darwin: This week Darwin have been learning about Space shape and measure. We've been using tape measures this week to measure the children to see who is the tallest and who is the smallest. We have also been learning about shapes, we made shape biscuits then iced them and ate them at snack time. We have been very busy painting lots of different shapes to put up in our cloakroom. We have also been drawing around our feet using squares inside of footprints we counted to see who had the biggest feet.



understanding that we don't always count from one. Mrs Smith introduced us to our reading books this week so that we can share our love of reading at home.

Kandinsky: This week in Kandinsky, we carried out an experiment to test which everyday materials and objects are waterproof and which are not. We were all very good at making predictions and were able to explain our thought process. For example, "A brick will definitely be waterproof because bricks are used to build houses and we stay dry inside our houses". Once we had recorded our findings we discussed which item would be the best one to use for our STEAM challenge showcase. Prepare to be AMAZED!!

Seacole: In Literacy we have been developing our expanded noun phrases to describe Rapunzel's tower. We have been talking about what is the same and what is different when comparing illustrations of the tower to aid our vocabulary choices. We are working towards publishing our letters as the character of Rapunzel in our Golden Writing Books this week. In Maths we have



continued to estimate the position of numbers on number lines and also have been comparing and ordering numbers up to 100. In Fluency we have been counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 from any given number with increased speed. We have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Based on our STEAM challenge we have started to build our shelter based on our designs and Science investigations. Any plastic covering will be gratefully received to make it water proof please! We have thoroughly enjoyed working with the play leaders in Shakespeare as they have been teaching us new team games in the hall and outside in our P.E lessons.



Valentina:

Inspired by last week's visitor Valentina have been writing a non-chronological report about tarantulas during our English lessons.

We discovered a range of exciting facts, including that a Goliath Bird eater can grow up to 30 cm in length, and have identified many features of a non-fiction texts. In maths we have been learning to count backwards through negative numbers, linking this to our knowledge of temperature and freezing points. In STEAM we conducted an exciting scientific experiment where we made ice-cream! We learnt that salt lowers the freezing point of ice causing it to melt.

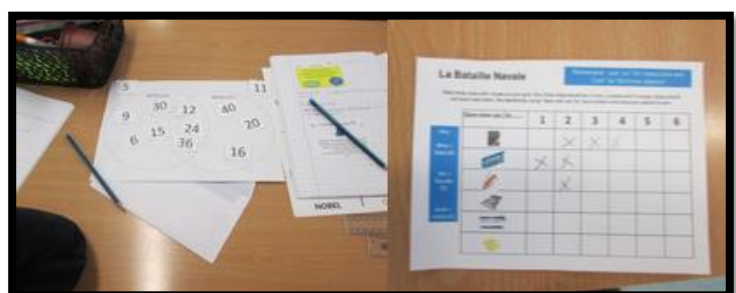
DaVinci: This week in maths Da Vinci class has been looking at rounding numbers to the nearest 10,100 and 1000. We have also started looking at counting forwards and backwards in negative numbers through zero. In fluency we have been working on our 8x tables and our new times table song.

In English, we have been looking at direct speech and speech marks. We had fun acting out the build-up to our mystery story called 'The Mystery at Sandy Cove'. We were asked to act out a part of the story using speech and dialogue. This then gave us some ideas on writing our own adaptation of the build-up part of the story.

We also had our second Ukulele lesson this week and have been focusing on following rhythms and staying in time with music. We were also super excited to take them home with us to practice!



Shakespeare: In Shakespeare class, we have been completing our second Golden Write. We have been writing formal letters to the Board of Governors in our Cogheart book to complain about the unfair treatment of Mechanicals within the school. The writing we have produced is fantastic so far with lots of ambitious punctuation! In maths, we have been looking at multiples, factors and primes. We are fantastic at spotting patterns and showing our common multiples and factors in different ways. In French, we played Battleships this week whilst also learning how to tell people how old we are. Finally, as part of World Mental Health Day, we have been wearing yellow and learning about the importance of having a good sleep. We even took part in a guided meditation to help us relax!



ALDI Stickers: If you are not already aware, Aldi are giving away 'stickers for schools' for every £30 spent in store. These stickers are giving all schools the chance of winning £20,000. We need your help in filling a poster full of 300 stickers by November 2019! Please bring these in if you do collect them, Thank you.

Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament: Some of the children in year 3 and 4 attended a football tournament held at Wykham Park Academy on Thursday. Two teams went and acquitted themselves brilliantly scoring lots of goals and winning several matches. Well done to all those involved!



Key Dates for your Diary:

- Monday 14th October – Parents evening, see sign up sheets in your child's classroom
- Tuesday 16th October – Parents evening, see sign up sheets in your child's classroom
- Tuesday 22nd October (time TBC) - STEAM Event
- Thursday 24th October, 3:05pm term ends
- Friday 25th October – INSET day, no children in school

Have a lovely weekend!

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team

 **STARS OF THE WEEK** 

Darwin: Lena	Cartwright: Ayden
Kandinsky: - Erza W	Seacole: Leighton M
Valentina: Loui	DaVinci: Travis K
Shakespeare: Aurelia	



WRITERS OF THE WEEK



Cartwright: Sara

Kandinsky: Ilaria W

Seacole: Ananya P

Valentina: Kacper

DaVinci: Lusko D

Shakespeare: Jeremiah



READERS OF THE WEEK



Cartwright: Arlo

Kandinsky: Bulou V

Seacole: Charlie R

Valentina: Lacie

DaVinci:Harley M-G

Shakespeare: Kayla



Please speak to the school office if you would like to volunteer to be part of either of these:

Parent Forum:

Termly meetings with the Deputy Head to discuss school operations, sharing ideas and driving forward parental engagement. Each class should have one Parent Forum representative. If more than one person per class volunteers then a ballot will be held to decide the representative.

Friends of William Morris:

Meetings held every 4-6 weeks to help organise and run events such as discos, the Christmas Fair and the Sumer fete. All volunteers welcome.



CLUBS

at William Morris
Primary School

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

Monday	Thursday
Netball (from 16/9) Yrs 3-6 (girls and boys) 3:15-4:00pm	Tag Rugby Club (from 16/9) Yrs 4-6 (girls and boys)
Dance (from 23/9)	Gardening Club – creating a sensory garden 3:15-4:00pm *now full*

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?**

All tuition books and diaries are also supplied free of charge by the service. To obtain an application form, please email MJmusicservices@aol.com or vices@aol.com

Disability football club

for boys and girls aged 5 to 8 years




Banbury United Football Club

New! Disability football club for boys and girls aged 5 to 8 years.

Frank Wise School astroturf, Hornbeam Close, Banbury. OX16 9RL

Sundays from 29th September 2019

12:30 until 1:30pm

For more information contact:

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