

22nd November 2019

Darwin: This week in Darwin we have been working on our light and dark display, the children have enjoyed being creative. We have been talking about our class rules, we must have kind hands and feet, we must do excellent sitting and listening. We have been playing lots of different turn taking games. The children have enjoyed spreading their own butter on to their toast, which they loved in this cold weather. Please bring in your class jar if you haven't already - thank you.



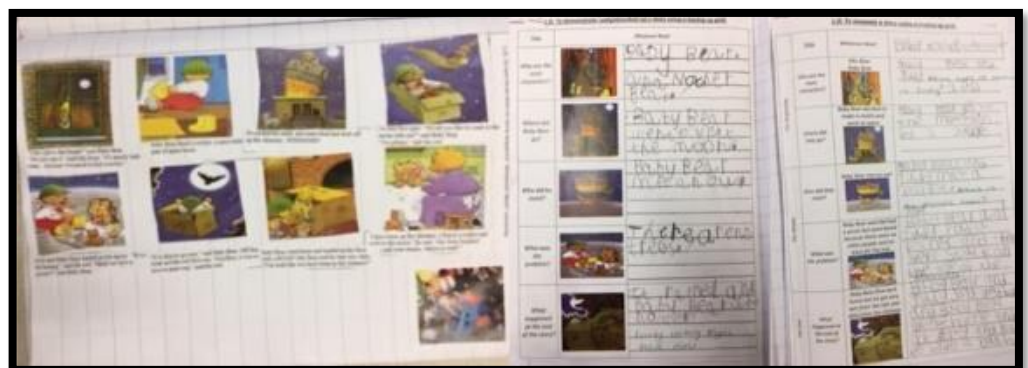
Cartwright: Christmas has officially begun in Cartwright class this week as we have been singing and signing, but we won't give too much away as all will be revealed!

The children are showing excellent grit and determination this week as they plough on with their learning despite their many coughs and colds.

This week we are continuing with our

morning phonics and exploring the number 8 in maths. Thank you again for all of your contributions, the children are having a great time. If you have any girl\boy spare socks and pants we'd appreciate them in our class. Many thanks, have a great weekend.

Kandinsky: This week in English Kandinsky have enjoyed the text 'Whatever Next'. They were able to recall the story in the correct order to create a story sequence. Children then boxed up key information from the text and used this to write Baby Bear's next adventure.



Children had amazing ideas and I would like to share a snippet of one with you. "Baby Bear travels to the jungle in a helicopter that is powered by coconut juice."

Seacole: Seacole showed the true value of responsibility today as well as determination when we attended the BGN Yr 2 Multi Skills Festival. All of us took the values of determination and team work responsibility. We may not have won all of the heats but everyone was impeccably behaved and we were a credit to William Morris. Well done!



We will be performing our class assembly about Responsibility on Friday and have been reflecting on the question, "How do we treat the earth?" All of the class have become more confident to speak in front of a large audience and I am positive will perform well. We particularly have enjoyed learning our assembly song, "Responsibility" and identifying what we do both at school and home to demonstrate this value.

We have also been working hard to publish our non-chronological reports about the Great Fire of London and reflecting upon our writing targets. In Maths we have been identifying lines of symmetry in shapes and pictures and also using 3D shape nets to create Tudor houses. We are looking forward to visiting Banbury Fire Station next week as part of our STEAM topic. Apart from learning more about fire safety in the home, we hope to replicate the Great Fire of London by setting these houses on fire and seeing how without fire breaks fire very rapidly spreads. The video will be shown on Friday 13th December as part of our STEAM showcase in the hall at 2.30pm. Further details will follow.



Valentina: Valentina came to school on Monday so excited after our fantastic Roman Workshop on Friday! The children worked alongside a professional production artist to create their very own Roman artefacts ranging from model boats, villas, swords and armour. During the workshop the children developed their sketching skills, painting skills, and learnt how to shape and strengthen 3D structures using a range of techniques. We spent the rest of the week discussing which technological advancements which took Britain from living in caves during the stone age to the buildings that were constructed by the Romans. In maths,

we have been using a range of concrete and pictorial representations to add and subtract from 3 digit numbers. In English, the children have shown off their descriptive skills by writing some excellent golden writes on the volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

DaVinci: This week in DaVinci class we have been writing character descriptions for the heroes and villains in our myths. We have looked at improving our writing using relative clauses and adjectives. In Maths we have been looking at factors, factor pairs and products and how best to represent number sentences using counters and arrays.

On Wednesday Da Vinci took part in CPR training where we learnt what to do in an emergency and how to use a Defibrillator. We had great fun taking part in the interesting training and it inspired many of us to become paramedics!



In STEAM we looked at maps of the UK and were asked to work out the modern-day names for some ancient Roman cities. We also looked at the various technology and buildings that the Romans brought to Britain and how Roman towns and cities were laid out. We then designed our very own Roman town!

In PE we have been learning how to play bench ball and have been improving our throwing and catching skills. We have also started hockey and despite the cold weather have braved it out onto the field to learn some passing and dribbling.

Shakespeare: For the newsletter this week, the children in Shakespeare have written about their week!

"On Wednesday 20th November, Shakespeare class visited St Joseph's Primary School for a Tag rugby competition. Everyone showed great sportsmanship during their games. There were six teams in total and we played five matches. Every single player tried their best and didn't give up!" - Finley

"On Wednesday 20th November we had an assembly led by some engineers from Westmorland, who came in to talk to us all about what they do in their jobs and why it is so exciting. Westmorland is a company working in Banbury who test materials to make sure they are safe. They take materials from really large things like planes and test it in their laboratory. Hopefully, lots of children are inspired to become engineers too!" - Nida

In addition to all of these exciting visits, Shakespeare class have also been visited by the author Philip Ridler. He has been sharing his new book with us all and introducing us to all the fantastic characters!

Film Club: A big thank you to the Friends of William Morris who arranged a Film Club on Tuesday after school. It was a fantastic evening spent enjoying a film, munching popcorn and eating chips! The children thoroughly enjoyed it and are eagerly anticipating the next one already!



Key Dates for your Diary:

- Wednesday 11th December KS1 (Year 1 and 2) Nativity (1:30 and 5:00pm)
- Thursday 12th December, Nursery and Reception Christmas production at 1:30pm
- Thursday 5th - Christmas Family Disco
- Thursday 19th December, **1pm end of term**
- Monday 6th January, beginning of Spring Term

Christmas Lunches:

16th December – Nursery and reception

17th December – Year 1 and 2

18th December – Year 3 and 4

19th December – Year 5 and 6

Parents are invited to come and eat Christmas dinner with their children. Please note that due to capacity within our school hall we can only admit one parent per child. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a lovely weekend!

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team



STARS OF THE WEEK



Darwin: Alfie S

Cartwright: Frankie A

Kandinsky: Anna G

Seacole: Lukka B

Valentina: Erin D

DaVinci: Olivia B

Shakespeare: Noel L



READERS OF THE WEEK



Cartwright: Kade H

Kandinsky: Krystal W

Seacole: Amelia D

Valentina: Tommy F-L

DaVinci: Jakotay H-K

Shakespeare: Alfie H



Star Writers



Cartwright: Stanley W

Kandinsky: Ryan B

Seacole: Ella R

Valentina: Olivia N

DaVinci: Kyle S

Shakespeare: Finley B



CLUBS

at William Morris
Primary School

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

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Netball (from 16/9) Yrs 3-6 (girls and boys) 3:15-4:00pm	FROM JAN 2020 NEW Drama 3.15-4.15pm	Tag Rugby Club (from 16/9) Yrs 4-6 (girls and boys)	FROM JAN 2020 NEW Football 3.15-4.15pm
Dance With Miss O'Connor	£3.00		£3.00

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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