

7<sup>th</sup> February 2020



**Darwin:** Darwin have become builders this week, we have been making straw, stick and brick houses for our 3 little pigs. The children enjoyed collecting all the sticks from outside, some of our sticks were too long, so the children decided that they should make them shorter by breaking them. They worked really well as a team and did some really great problem solving and measuring. We have

been talking a lot about our feelings and how we feel. The children have been using the Zones Regulation to help them express their feelings. The class teddy was sad at school today and the children talked about how they could make him feel happy again.

**Cartwright:** This week Cartwright class have been reading the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. They have been discussing their favourite part and writing speech bubbles for the characters. They have also been talking about the materials used for the houses and why some were not suitable. The number of the week was 15 and the children explored it in various ways. In maths, the children have been investigating subtraction and practising taking away from a number. The children have also been printing and making their own pieces of art work.



**Kandinsky:** Kandinsky have been making and testing prototype axles and wheels, ready to build their vehicles for STEAM. We all learnt that for the wheels to roll in a straight line, the axle has to go through the centre of the wheel.



**Seacole:** This week we thoroughly enjoyed our pottery lesson and have been learning how to apply glaze on to ceramics to create different effects. In our Art lessons we have been making a ceramic collage of our school logo, so watch this space!

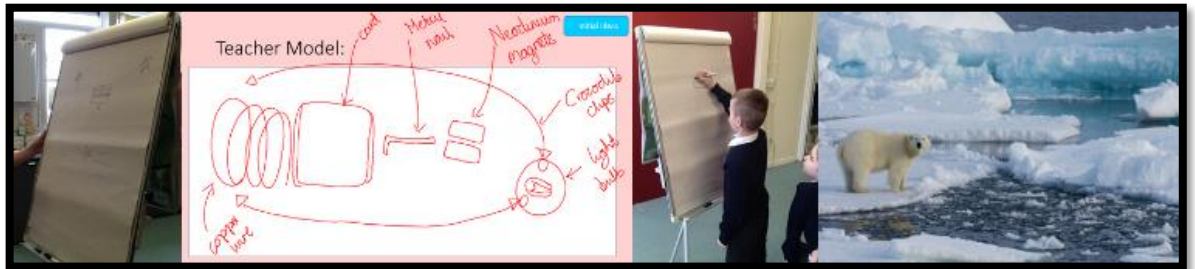
In Literacy we have started to use synonyms in our narrative openings and reflecting on our writing through self and peer assessments. We have been adding and subtracting two 2 digit numbers in our Maths lessons, focussing on using our preferred methods of calculating to explain our reasoning.



Our STEAM challenge has been to make paper helicopters and predict if they will stay in the air longer with or without paper clips and reflecting on how propellers aid flight.

**Valentina:** This week Valentina have worked really hard to show off their new maths learning when completing PIXL assessments. They all did very well and showed amazing resilience. I was blown away by the descriptive writing that they produced on the Iron Woman which included metaphors, similes and expanded noun phrases. During our STEAM lessons we have been on a mission to save the planet! After learning about the damage that fossil fuels have done to our planet we have investigated different methods of turning the turbine to replace the need to burn fossil fuels. The children then designed their methods of generating electricity by sketching an exploded diagram in their books. Ask you

children at home: Why do we need to find renewable methods of generating electricity?



**Da Vinci:** This week in Da Vinci class we have been looking at a Victorian newspaper article and have discussed the difference between fact and opinion. We then highlighted parts of an article which we considered to be fact and those that we felt were more opinion.

In maths we have been focusing on our 11 and 12 times tables and in STEAM we were testing different materials for their conductivity. We also began designing our torches and testing which materials would be best to use for a switch.

On Wednesday, Da Vinci class were very lucky to visit Westmoreland testing centre in Banbury. We were split into two groups and were able to see various experiments and saw how much force it takes to smash up different materials. We had a really good day and were so pleased to receive such wonderful goody bags!



**Shakespeare:** This week, Shakespeare class have been involved in two exciting trips. On Wednesday, the whole class visited Westmoreland Mechanical Testing Facility to be engineers for the afternoon! We were shown around the facility and watched lots of different demonstrations including putting tomatoes in liquid nitrogen and investigating how tensile different materials are. It has inspired many of us to become engineers in the future! Some



members of Shakespeare class also took part in a hockey tournament at BGN School on Thursday morning. They really enjoyed the challenge of playing against other schools and improving their skills.

**FAST sessions:** We are excited to be running FAST sessions with Cherwell District Council this term! The FAST activators will be running after school sessions for children and their parents/carers from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January where they will be delivering fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. The sessions are FREE and there is no need to book, but for numbers it does help to know who is coming. You can [click here](#) to sign up, then simply come along and take part in some brilliant sports activities with your child. We hope to see you there!

[Please click here to see the FAST newsletter for more information](#)

**Thrive Room Request:** If you are planning to have a spring clean, please could you consider donating any toys that are no longer required to help fill our Thrive room please? Any type of toy max 10cm in height would be greatly appreciated – for example: Little men, happy land, houses, animals, happy meal toys, Moshi monsters, little creatures, soldiers, cars, trains, puppets, cuddly toys too. Thank you.

### **Conduct at pick up and drop off.**

A polite reminder to all parents about being considerate towards one another in and around the school premises. Please model courteous and respectful language to each other in your interactions, especially when there are children around. We know that the drop off can be a great time to chat with other parents, but please be mindful not to block paths. Thank you for your support.

### **Cycling Profecianny**

We would love to run a cycling profecianny course in KS2. We asked a few months ago for volunteers, but didn't receive any offers, if this is something you would be interested in helping then please speak to the office.



# STARS OF THE WEEK



Darwin: Alice

Cartwright: Callan

Kandinsky: Lillie

Seacole: Harvey

Valentina: Antonio

DaVinci: Kyle

Shakespeare: Charlie

## Key Dates for your Diary:

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, STEAM Event
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February, last day of term (3:05pm finish)
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Parents Evening
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Parents Evening

Have a lovely weekend!

*Hiddleston*

*Julie Hiddleston and the school team*

Value of the month

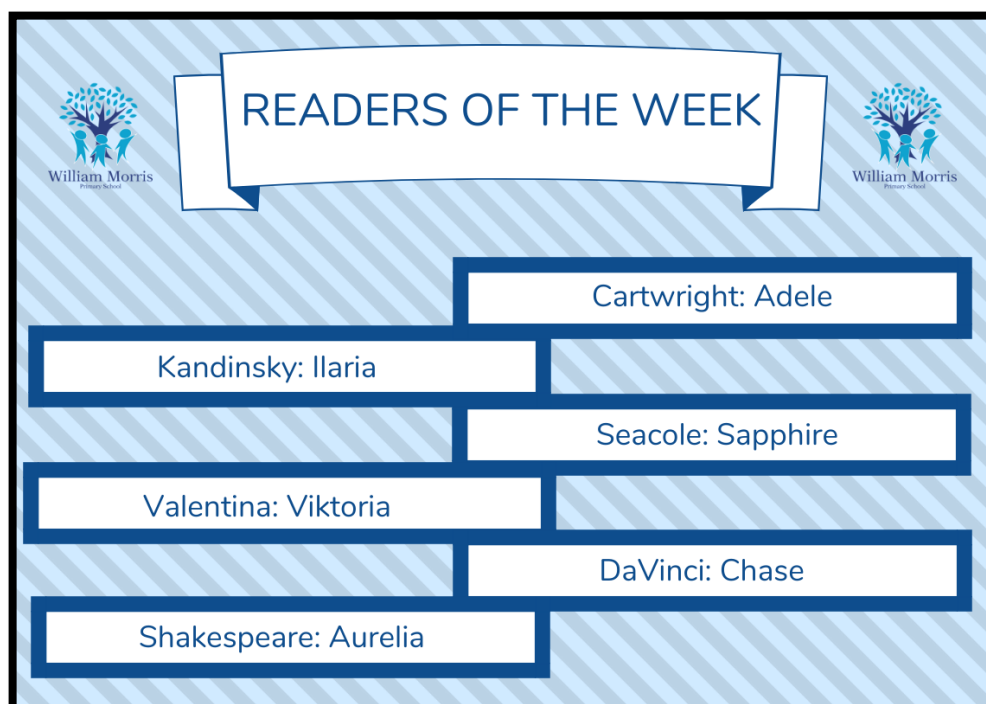
## DIVERSITY

*"It means understanding that each individual is unique, and recognising our individual differences."*



A yellow banner with a blue border and a white ribbon-style title box at the top center containing the text "Star Writers". The banner features the William Morris Primary School logo on both sides. Below the title, there are six white boxes with blue borders, each containing a name and a subject name, arranged in two columns. The background has faint circular patterns.

Darwin: Reuben	
	Cartwright: Ava
Kandinsky: Natalia	
	Seacole: Ananya
Valentina: Amy	
	DaVinci: Aiden
Shakespeare: Alfie	



A blue and white striped banner with a blue border and a white ribbon-style title box at the top center containing the text "READERS OF THE WEEK". The banner features the William Morris Primary School logo on both sides. Below the title, there are six white boxes with blue borders, each containing a name and a subject name, arranged in two columns. The background has diagonal stripes.

	Cartwright: Adele
Kandinsky: Ilaria	
	Seacole: Sapphire
Valentina: Viktoria	
	DaVinci: Chase
Shakespeare: Aurelia	



# CLUBS

at William Morris  
Primary School

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
<b>Dance</b> Miss O'Connor Nursery to Yr 6  <b>Hockey</b> Mrs Pemble Yr 2 - Yr 6	<b>Drama</b> Cherwell Theatre Company Rec - Yr6 £3.00 per session  FAST Activator Family Sessions – all years FREE Sign up here:	<b>Choir</b> Miss Jones Yr 2 - Yr 6	<b>Football</b> Mr Ryan Jones Nursery - Yr 6 £3.00 per session Starts 10/01/20

## 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 [MJmusicervices@aol.com](mailto:MJmusicervices@aol.com) or [vices@aol.com](mailto:vices@aol.com)

## GIRLS CRICKET

5 WEEK PROGRAMME FOR GIRLS  
AGED 8 - 12 YEARS OLD

**WHERE:**  
TUDOR HALL - SPORTS HALL  
BANBURY (OX16 9UR)

**WHEN:**  
MONDAY EVENINGS  
MARCH: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:**  
6:30pm - 7:30pm

PRICE  
£3/session

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place today



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