

14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Darwin:** This week Darwin have been learning new nursery rhymes, we have been exploring Miss Polly had a Dolly role play where the children have become doctors. They have enjoyed singing the song and acting out parts of the nursery rhyme.

The children have been rescuing the pigs from being stuck in the mud, they enjoyed feeling the texture “it’s slimy” and “it feels cold”.

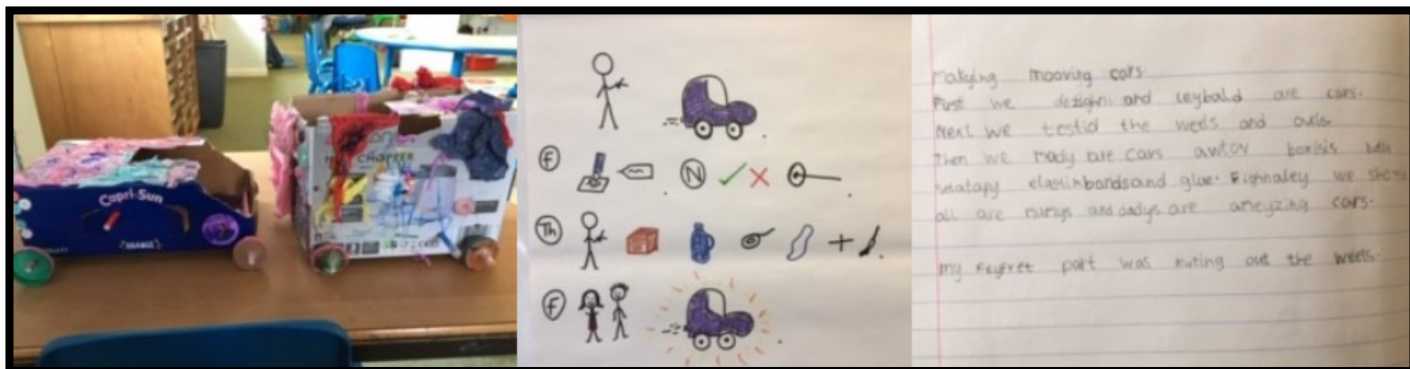
We really enjoyed showing all of our STEAM work to our parents and carers. We have been working really hard making our bridges and beds.



**Cartwright:** This week, Cartwright class have been innovating the story of The Three Little Pigs. They have changed parts of the story to make it their own. They have also discussed which material they would like to build a house with. The number of the week was 16 and the children explored it in various ways. In maths, the children have been investigating subtraction with a particular focus on one less than. The children finished off the STEAM investigation and enjoyed showing off what they had learnt during the STEAM showcase.



**Kandinsky:** Kandinsky have had a wonderful last week. They have been amazing engineers and enjoyed applying their skills to making moving cars. They were all able to show the value of the month teamwork as they worked collaboratively on their cars. All children wrote a recount of making their cars using a Talk 4 Writing story map. Have a lovely break over half term!



**Seacole:** Seacole worked hard to present their STEAM showcase this week and displayed the value of team work to complete our challenge. Thank you to everyone who turned up to see our flying fleet of aeroplanes. We enjoyed watching everyone testing out our investigations of attaching paper clips to paper helicopters and pegs to straw planes. The pupils have been developing their oracy skills when reflecting on their learning in STEAM. In Literacy we have been publishing our narratives based on The Big Friendly Giant and reflecting on our individual writing targets. In Maths we have been solving subtraction calculations crossing the tens boundary using 1 and 2 digit numbers, proving our calculations using number lines.

We have reflected upon how we can keep ourselves safe when using the internet for Internet Safety Day. Seacole have worked hard this term and I wish everyone a happy half term.



**Valentina:** This week Valentina were super proud to show off their learning in the STEAM showcase. We have worked so hard over the course of the half term as engineers, finding more sustainable and environmentally friendly methods of generating electricity. We made hydroelectric generators, lemon batteries, wind turbines and solar ovens. It has most certainly been a week of success. I was extremely impressed with Valentina's golden writing where they build suspense within a fantasy story and described characters and settings in detail. In maths this week we have been learning to round numbers to the nearest thousand after discussing how this school could be useful to us in everyday life.

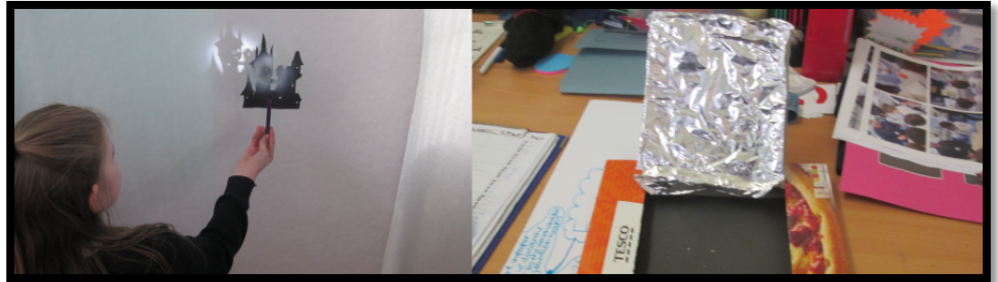




**Da Vinci:** This week in Da Vinci class we have been learning about the 5 Ws and have been identifying them in newspaper reports. We have also looked at the difference between direct and indirect speech. In maths we have been focusing on our times tables and have been doing lots of practice this week. We also finished designing and decorating our torch and prepared for the STEAM event on Wednesday.



**Shakespeare:** This week, Shakespeare class have been completing our newspaper reports. We have based these on a book or subject of our choice including Gangster Granny, Harry Potter and even the world's largest pizza from the Guinness Book of Records! We also finished our solar powered ovens and put these on display during the STEAM showcase on Wednesday afternoon. We really enjoyed telling our parents all about the work we have been doing this half term and using all our key scientific vocabulary.



**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.

**Cold and Wet Weather:** As we have experienced some very cold and wet days and there are weather warnings in place we would like to remind parents of the importance of appropriate winter wear. Coats are a 'must have' item every day even if you travel to school by car or if the weather feels milder in the early morning. Solid school shoes that do not leak, tights or trousers with regulation school uniform. If you require any assistance or support with winter clothing please contact Megan Evetts she may be able to help.





## Key Dates for your Diary:

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February start of term
- 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*

 <div>READERS OF THE WEEK</div> 	
Kandinsky: Ilaria	Cartwright: Kit
Valentina: Elsie-Lou	Seacole: Orlagh
Shakespeare: Severyn	DaVinci: Sarah



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Darwin: Caelan

Kandinsky: Emily

Valentina: Seb

Shakespeare: Jack

Cartwright: Oscar

Seacole: Noah

DaVinci: Cody



## Star Writers



Darwin: Jesse

Cartwright: Kade

Kandinsky: Idris and Malaikha

Seacole: Freya

Valentina: Mikaila

DaVinci: Nilofar

Shakespeare: Jasmine



# 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	<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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Book your place today

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