

6th March 2020

CORONAVIRUS SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCEDURE - IMPORTANT

The school has been planning and preparing for the possibility of a school closure, it is better to be over prepared than under prepared! The school will follow advice from the Department for Education, Public Health England and GLF Central Team before any decision was made. Should the school have to close, teachers are preparing electronic packs of work which would be delivered using Class Dojo or Tapestry on a daily basis. **Please ensure that you have all downloaded and are familiar with the following: Tapestry (nursery and reception parents), Class Dojo (Year 1 - Year 6), School App, Email and Website access.** If you have any problems accessing any of these, please speak to someone in the office.

We ask that you do not discuss the possibility of school closing with your children, this is for your information only. It could cause them to become unnecessarily alarmed. We are teaching children to be hygienic and to understand that this is a problem for grown-ups so they don't need to worry.

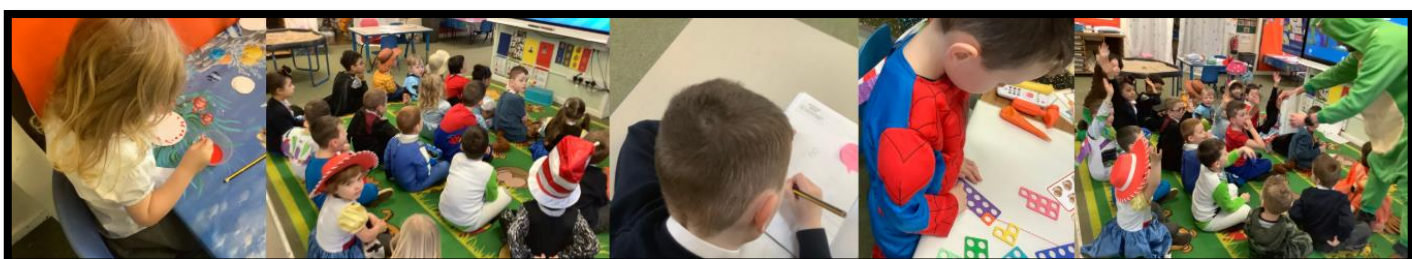
Darwin: Darwin have been enjoying lots of different stories this week, they all enjoyed dressing up as their favourite characters for world book day. The children have been learning about why it's important to wash their hands when playing outside, after using the toilet and before they eat.

Thank you to all the children for donating their old toys to nursery, the children have enjoyed washing them "we are spring cleaning".

We have also been practicing writing our numbers this week.



Cartwright: This week Cartwright class have been reading the story, 'The Dot' by Peter H. Reynolds. The children had a discussion about self-belief and what they think they were good at. They then created some art work taken inspiration from the story. In maths, the children have been learning about comparing numbers using the terms, 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'equal to'. They were then given the opportunity to investigate and compare numbers independently. It was World Book Day this week and the children dressed up as story book characters and enjoyed having a day celebrating the importance of books.



Kandinsky: Kandinsky all looked AMAZING in their World Book Day costumes. I am very proud of how respectful they were to our guest reader who read us a brand-new book! We had a fun filled day listening to stories written by Julia Donaldson, drawing our favourite characters, designing book marks, performing a story and buddy reading.



Seacole: We had a fantastic World Book Day and thoroughly enjoyed our mystery guest reader reading, 'The Bear Under the Stairs'. We have been reflecting on why we enjoy reading, discussing favourite authors and sharing our books together. Thank you to everyone who came to Bedtime and Biscuits and for making the effort to dress up. In Literacy this week we have been developing our reading comprehension skills using inference and quickly scanning a text to find evidence to support our answers.



In maths we have been applying our mental arithmetic skills to solve number problems in our maths booklets. We have been identifying multiplication facts and repeated addition calculations as part of our multiplication and division maths topic.

In STEAM we have been thinking about Pop Art and learning how to use proportion to draw self-portraits. We are looking forward to visiting the Ironstone Art Exhibition next week as a stimulus for our own Art Work. We have been reflecting about compassion and tolerance as our new values this month.

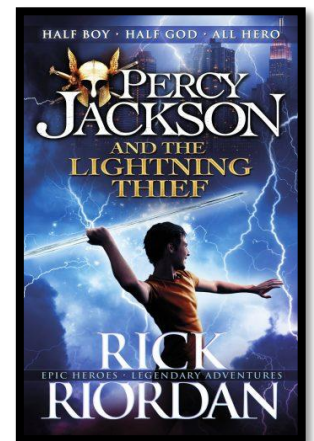
Valentina: Valentina have had a magical week! In English, we have continued to read the Spy Master (A murder mystery novel set in the Tudor Period). We have performed the story in groups in front of the class and used it to inspire our own pieces of writing. We have focused on our use of speech, learning that when a new speaker is talking we must begin a new line. In Maths we have continued with rounding, applying what we have learnt to estimate the answers to a range of different problems. During our STEAM lessons, we have been experimenting with mixing colours by creating a 'colour wheel' using the primary colours red, yellow and blue. The highlight of the week however has to be WORLD BOOK DAY. Everyone in the class made a real effort to celebrate the day with fantastic fancy dress. We thoroughly enjoyed some quiet time in our cosy Narnia inspired den where we read the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. We cannot wait to read the sequel: Prince Caspian.



Da Vinci: This week in Da Vinci class we have been finding out all about the Vikings and how they began invading Anglo Saxon England. We learnt all about the first gruesome attack on the monastery of Lindisfarne and will use this battle for our newspaper report story. In maths we have been learning all about tenths and hundredths and their decimal equivalents. We also really enjoyed World book day yesterday and had great fun dressing up as our favourite book characters.



Shakespeare: Shakespeare had a fantastic World Book Day! We continued to plan our own independent Ancient Greek myths which will eventually be made into a class book when completed. We then launched our new class novel for this half term - Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief! We have been exploring how the author creates a sense of mystery at the start of the story and discussing our impressions of each of the main characters so far. It was difficult to put the book down at the end of the day! We also joined up with year 1 for some shared reading; it was lovely to see the children supporting the younger pupils and practising reading with expression to a younger audience.



Cycling Proficiency: We are looking for volunteers to help run Cycling Training for the children at our school (formally known as cycling proficiency). You need to be able to ride a bike own your own and feel confident riding it on roads. All volunteers would be fully trained by Oxfordshire County Council to deliver the cycling training to the children. We are looking to run this in the next few months, it would involve 7 sessions with a small group of children from year 6, each session lasting 1 hour 30mins. If you are interested in being part of this or would like to find out more please contact the office.

World Book Day: Children and staff all had a marvellous time on World Book Day. Dressing up as our favourite characters and talking about and reading our favourite book. A real celebration which is what it's all about! Each class had a winner for best costume too:

Shakespeare Finley Boyles
Davinci Kelsie Gillett-Hill
Valentina Lachland Davis-Howes
Seacole Harper McCarthy
Kandinsky Isabella Zin
Cartwright Stanley Wakeling
Darwin- Jacob Waite



SPORT RELIEF: Next Friday 13th March is Sport Relief Day, to celebrate we are inviting all children to come in wearing Sports Wear or PE kits – please ensure they also have warm joggers/hoodies as we will be going outside. There will be a special Sports emphasis running throughout the day, please bring in £1 for the collection.

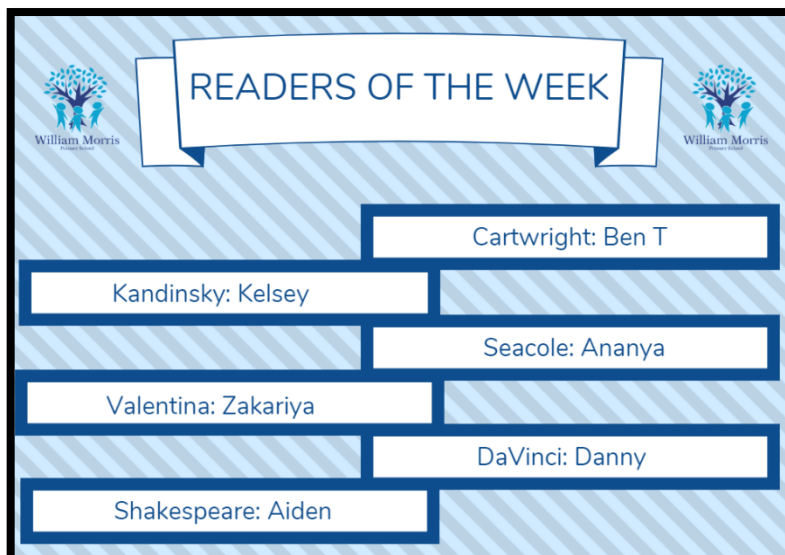
Key Dates for your Diary:

- Friday 13th march, Sport Relief. Come to school in your PE kit
- Friday 2nd April, end of term, finish at 1:00pm
- Monday 20th April, start of Summer Term

Have a lovely weekend!

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team



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READERS OF THE WEEK

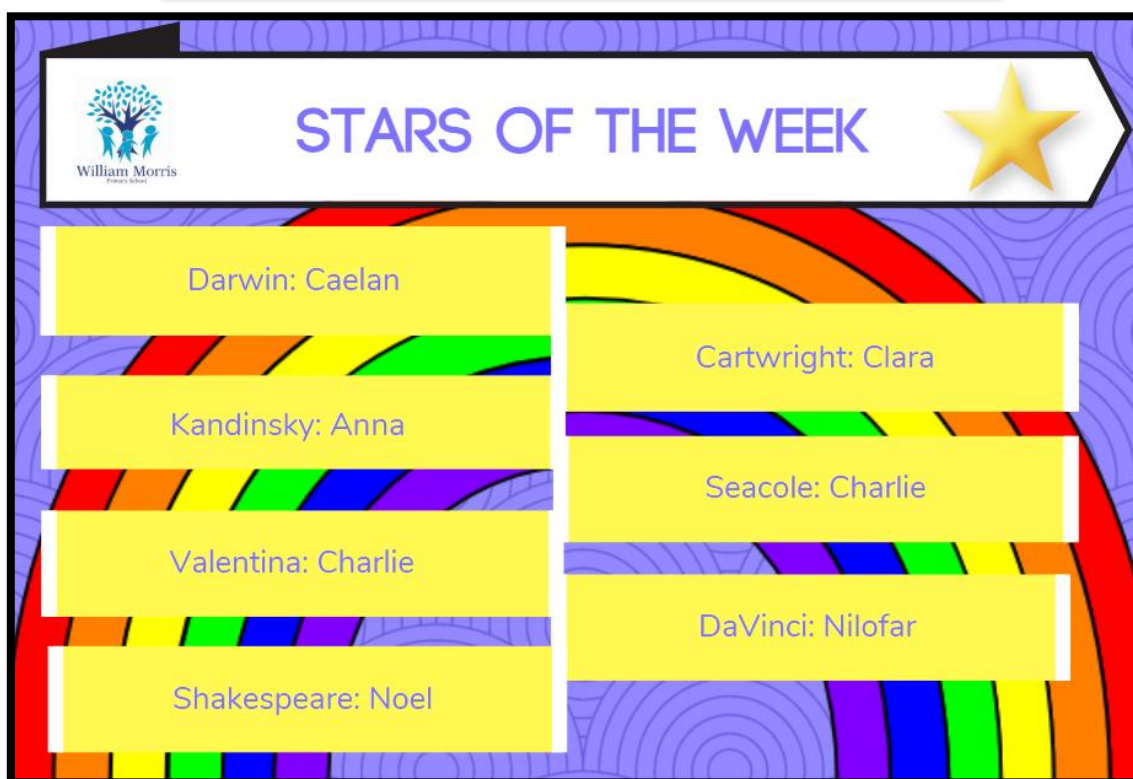
Cartwright: Ben T	
Kandinsky: Kelsey	Seacole: Ananya
Valentina: Zakariya	DaVinci: Danny
Shakespeare: Aiden	



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Star Writers

Darwin: Jaxson	Cartwright: Adele
Kandinsky: Ilaria	Seacole: Luka
Valentina: Aimee	DaVinci: Kaja
Shakespeare: Kayla	



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STARS OF THE WEEK

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Darwin: Caelan	Cartwright: Clara
Kandinsky: Anna	Seacole: Charlie
Valentina: Charlie	DaVinci: Nilofar
Shakespeare: Noel	



CLUBS

at William Morris
Primary School

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

Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Drama Cherwell Theatre Company Rec - Yr6 £3.00 per session FAST Activator Family Sessions – all years FREE	Choir Miss Jones Yr 2 - Yr 6	Football Mr Ryan Jones Reception - 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

Tennis Coaching

APRIL 22nd – We have a very exciting opportunity coming soon. Tennis coaching is to begin at the bargain price of £3 per session (usually £10 per hour)

Banbury Tennis Academy, Horton View is providing us with a coach and all the equipment including rackets and nets.

We will provide more details as they become available.

GIRLS CRICKET

5 WEEK PROGRAMME FOR GIRLS
AGED 8 - 12 YEARS OLD

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

WHEN:
MONDAY EVENINGS
MARCH: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

TIME:
6:30pm - 7:30pm

PRICE
£3/session

Don't miss out
Book your place today



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