

# William Morris Primary School



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**Quote of the week:** 'A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships and new challenges. The slate is clean, and anything can happen.'

## The learning that has been occurring this week:

### Darwin:

It has been wonderful to get to meet so many new faces in Darwin this week. We have spent time getting to know each other and the adults in our class. We have also loved exploring our learning environment, finding out where we keep things and thinking of all the creative things we can do. The children have especially loved going outside and enjoying our outdoor area and some were even brave enough to use the climbing frame!

### Cartwright:

The children have had a great start to the new school year, we have been really impressed by how quickly they have settled. We have been spending time getting to know the children, getting them used to the daily routines and allowing to explore the inside and outside environment. Please could we make a few requests:

Please ensure all jumpers, cardigans, coats, water bottles, bookbags and lunch boxes are labelled clearly with your child's name, as it is very tricky when we have a collection of jumpers at the end of the day with no name!

If your child is having a school lunch, please book it and choose what you would like them to have from the menu.

Please remember that pick up time is 2.55-3pm.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week!

**Star of the Week** – was Caelan for great behaviour and listening this week.

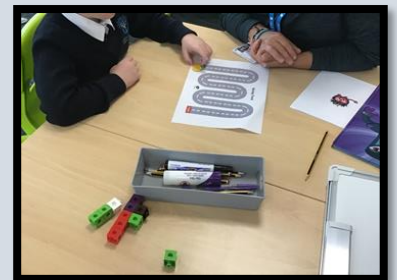
### Kandinsky:

Well done for a fantastic first week back in school! In Maths we have been focusing on our counting to 20. We have played some number games and have practised writing our numbers up to 20. In English we have been reading 'The Scarecrows Wedding' by Julia Donaldson. We have discussed who and what is in the text. The children practised writing some of these in their books. In STEAM we have been scientists. We have been investigating different materials and have found out what they are made from. Well done for a wonderful start to Year 1 Kandinsky Class.

**Star of the Week** – Rhiannon for always being helpful and ready to learn.

**Star Writer** – Awande for his wonderful handwriting during handwriting lessons.

**Star Reader** - Lena for fantastic work during speed sound lessons.



## Seacole:

In Seacole this week we have had an excellent start to our learning. In Maths we have been identifying groups of ten and counting in multiples of ten. We have been using equipment such as dienes to represent this and writing our answers in numerals and words. In Literacy we have been identifying parts of a narrative and discussing what perspective means. We have been working hard on our letter formation in our handwriting sessions and have enjoyed using the numicom to recall number bonds for 10 in our fluency lessons. Our STEAM challenge is to look at the properties of materials next week which we are looking forward to investigating next week to help us design a rain coat for our class bear. An excellent start to the term, well done!

**Star of the week** – Kyra for always showing a great attitude for learning.

**Star Reader** - Clara for excellent reading comprehension

**Star Writer** - Frankie for careful letter formation.

## Valentina:

This week in Valentina Class we have been learning about formal letters of complaint. We have had lots of debates about whether the summer holidays ought to be shortened – almost all the children were not in favour! In maths, we have been finding lots of ways to make share 100 into Equal groups and challenging ourselves to write these as number sentences using division and multiplication. We have had a really exciting start to our STEAM topic, as we have used cars to investigate the effect of forces on a variety of surfaces. Well done to all children in Year 3 for making such a good start to the year.

**Star of the Week** - Isabella for always showing kindness and compassion towards her classmates, especially helping others in need.

**Star Writer** - Ryan for determination with his letter formation in handwriting

**Star Reader** - Lexie for excellent expression and fluency when reading aloud to the class.

## Ramanujan:

Year 4 have quickly settled into their new routines, showing great enthusiasm for learning and have got down to work. In maths we have been working on column addition using dienes and always starting on the right-hand side, with the ones of course. In English we have been looking at superlatives and rhetorical questions as a start to our advert's topic. In STEAM they have been looking at states of matter and can now explain the difference between a solid and a liquid. They are indeed starting the year in fine style.

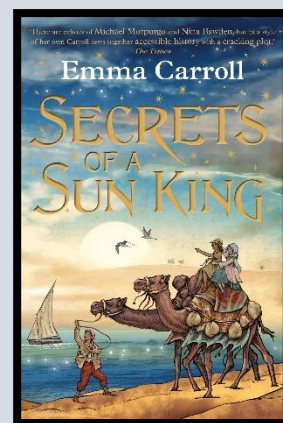
**Star of the Week** - Leo - for showing great enthusiasm towards his new book 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone'.

**Star Writer** - Ananya - for showing excellent understanding of persuasive writing devices such as alliteration, similes and rhetorical questions.

**Star Reader** - Sapphire - for starting this year with a great positive attitude, ready to learn.

## Davinci:

It has been wonderful to see the children settle back into school life with such enthusiasm. This week we have started reading 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll which has had us on the edge of our seats already, we are looking forward to finding out just how bad the Egyptian curse really is! In English we have been developing characters and using the skills of inference to show rather than tell the reader what a character is like. There were some very interesting characters in the room! In mathematics, we have explored the different ways that numbers up to 1 million can be composed as well as revising what happens to a number when it is multiplied by 10, 100 and 1000. In STEAM we have begun to look at volcanoes; thinking about how they are formed and the positive and negative effects they can have on the local environment. The class seemed to really enjoy this and are looking forward to finding out more about these natural events. PE has seen an introduction to the game of Tag-Rugby, we have begun by looking at the way we hold, throw and catch the ball. We're looking forward to building on our skills and playing games.

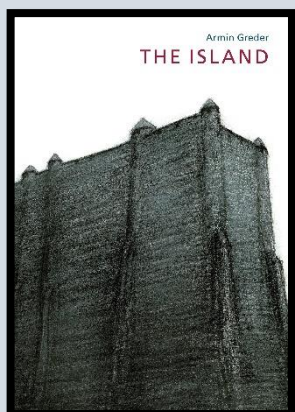


**Star of the week** - Kasper settling in so brilliantly to life in Year Five at William Morris.

**Star Writer** – Mikayla for fantastic presentation and thoughtful analysis of our text.

**Star Reader** – Olivia for excellent reading at home and in school.

## Shakespeare:



I am very happy to have my wonderful class back for another year! This week we've been exploring stories with a moral in English, as we work towards writing our own short story with a moral next week. In Reading, we've been studying an unusual book called 'The Island' by Armin Greder. It's a little dark, but we've enjoyed getting to grips with the subject! Please do ask your children all about it. We've been recapping place value in Maths with a focus on numbers with up to 8-digits and in STEAM with been investigating electrical circuits. We've also enjoyed adding some new subjects to our week, including French and Computing.

**Star of the Week** - Katie, for starting her time at William Morris with confidence and positivity

**Star Writer** - Charlie, for his considered responses to our work on character descriptions

**Star Reader** - Phoebe, for her accurate responses in our Isla's Island discussions

## School Dates 2021 - 2022

	School Ends	School Starts	School Closed
Start of Autumn Term		3 <sup>rd</sup> of September	
October Half Term	22 <sup>nd</sup> of October	1 <sup>st</sup> of November	
Christmas Holidays	17 <sup>th</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> of January	
February Half Term	18 <sup>th</sup> of February	28 <sup>th</sup> of February	
Easter Holidays	8 <sup>th</sup> of April	25 <sup>th</sup> of April	
Bank Holiday			2 <sup>nd</sup> of May
May Half Term	27 <sup>th</sup> of May	6 <sup>th</sup> of June	
INSET Day			24 <sup>th</sup> of June
Summer Holidays	18 <sup>th</sup> of July		
INSET Day			19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> of July

## Notices

### What to do if your child is unwell

Please e-mail or phone the office to let us know the reason for their absence. Your child, must self-isolate immediately and arrange to have a test should your child display any one of the following symptoms:

- a new, continuous cough;
- a high temperature; or
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell.

If we observe any of these symptoms in school, we will call you to collect all of your children and take them home. You will then need to organise a test for the child displaying symptoms. A positive result mean the children needs to isolate for 10 days. A negative result means the child can return to school immediately.

### Helpful Links

- <https://youngminds.org.uk/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/>
- <https://banbury.foodbank.org.uk/>
- <https://sunshinecentre.org/>
- <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk>
- <https://www.mind.org.uk/>
- <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools>

### Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is back up and running for those that need an earlier start. The club provides children with a healthy breakfast and a range of activities to do before the start of the school day.

The club runs Monday to Friday, 7.50 – 8.35am.

Please call into the office for more information, email [info@williammorrisschool.org](mailto:info@williammorrisschool.org), or speak to Miss Rees.

The club is £2 a day per child or free for those who are eligible for free school meals. The £2 can be paid by Parentpay (we can no longer accept cash payments).

Have a great weekend!



Ally Johns and the school team.