

# William Morris Primary School



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**Quote of the week:** "Decide that you want it more than you are afraid of it"

## The learning that has been occurring this week:

### Our Pupil Reporters:



#### Tag Rugby

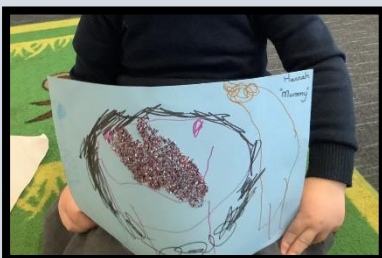
On Thursday morning, William Morris tag rugby team travelled to BGN secondary school to take part in a tag rugby festival. Miss Gould, Kelsie, Jakotay, Esther, Sami, Tehya, Maya, Kacper, Oscar, Cody and Terrell went together to compete against other schools. The atmosphere was quieter than we expected but everyone was cheering on their teams. It was challenging because it was cold and slippery and the other teams were good. We played 4 games and we won 1 game and drew 1 game with 3 tries. Everyone held the ball at least once in every game. We felt proud that we represented the school. We came 4<sup>th</sup> (there were 5 schools including William Morris). We would all like to represent the school again. -

- by Jakotay, Kelsie and Esther

### Darwin:

Our story of the week has been Oliver's vegetables, the children have been tasting carrots, beetroot, peas and potatoes. We made a tally charts the winner was potato's, as a special treat we had chips. We have been exploring what was inside our enormous marrow, the children used spoons and children's knives to chop and cut the vegetables. We have also been planting cress seeds, we have been watching our cress to see if it has started to grow. We talked about what our cress seeds need to grow, " water and sun".

**Star of the week :** Alfie for confidently using his words when asking for help.  
Matthew for good listening in class.



### Cartwright:

This week we have been innovating our own story of the Little Red Hen. To do this we changed the characters and the setting and added our own. We then practiced the innovated story and rehearsed it as a class. Next we mapped out our individual stories and shared them on the iPad. We felt very proud of ourselves. We have also been looking at Autumn leaves and conkers. If you find any Autumn pieces of nature that your child would like to bring in we would love to see them!

**Star of the Week** - Emmie – for becoming more confident with speaking to adults in the class and contributing during carpet time.

**Star Writer** - Olivia, for becoming more confident to have a go when writing in phonics.

**Star Reader** - Abdia for always listening and saying the sounds in phonics, she is doing so well!

## Kandinsky:

This week in Kandinsky Class, we have finalised our STEAM project. We evaluated our curtains and discussed what went well. In English, we began a new topic focusing on instructions. We learned all about bossy verbs and how they are used. In Maths, we have been learning how to identify more and less than. We used cubes to help us with this. Well done for an excellent week!

**Star of the Week** – Imogen for consistently showing this months value of curiosity.

**Star Writer** – Jackson for working super hard on his letter formation and size.

**Star Reader** - Alfie for reading well at home and using 'Fred in your head' more frequently.

## Seacole:

We have really enjoyed being designers in Seacole this week. Based on our design brief we created a template and then carefully measured this and cut it out of paper. This was then pinned onto a waterproof and wool blanket material and cut out. Our next task was to join the two materials some of us have had the opportunity to use an electronic sewing machine, others a glue gun. We then used velcro to create a fastening so the coat could be two sided for warmth or water resistance. Seacole are very proud of their work and are looking forward to showcasing their work next week.

**Star of the week** – Ramiya for being conscientious about her work and always engaged in her learning.

**Star Reader** - Ava for her confidence in her blending ability.

**Star Writer** - Nikola for working hard on his sentences and letter formation.

## Valentina:

We have had a very exciting week in Valentina Class. On Wednesday we brought our wheeled devices into school to investigate the way they moved on different surfaces. This helped us to consider the impact of friction on the way we move. We then started our STEAM days by designing our own magnetic powered cars, using mostly recycled materials. We had an amazing time building these and even developed our skills of sawing and using the hot glue gun.

We also had our Golden Write, where we used all of the skills we have been learning and practising to write amazing poems about the way we feel on a rainy day! To make these poems extra special, we used alliteration, similes and separated our writing into stanzas.

Well done to all children in Valentina Class for a fantastic week!

**Star of the Week** – Krystal, for always showing a positive attitude to learning and trying her best.

**Star Writer** - Liliana, for her excellent emotion poem in our golden write.

**Star Reader** - Jack, for his hard work and determination in his phonics lessons.





## Ramanujan:

In maths year 4 have been working on column subtraction, exchanging in both the ones and tens column. In English, the children have finished their second golden write of the year! They have written their very own critical analysis of a poem by Lewis Carroll. The children have enjoyed the STEAM project for this term as we have been designing and creating our bird baths this week. They have sculpted these out of clay and used different techniques to construct the pedestal and basin. It was great to see children follow their own design which they had created. We are looking forward to share these with you next Thursday during the STEAM showcase.

**Star of the Week** - Noah for persevering so hard to learn with his fractured hand.

**Star Writer** - Harvey for making a great effort this week with his spelling.

**Star Reader** - Maliala for showing confidence to read to the class, that too with great fluency.

## Davinci:

This week has seen Year 5 begin construction of their volcanoes, we are looking forward to applying modroc and then paint to our models before we begin to test them ahead of the showcase next Thursday. In English are coming to the end of our persuasive writing unit, the children have written some super letters of application and have been exceptionally creative with their experience and suitability for their chosen job! In mathematics we have looked at rounding and applied our learning from the past few weeks to reason and help us solve problems. This week the children received their Charanga logins so we hope that they will enjoy rehearsing the pieces that we have been learning in class. Finally, huge congratulations to our Tag Rugby players. The whole class performed incredibly well in our Year 5 and 6 tournaments on Wednesday, then our team players represented the school superbly on Thursday. We are very proud of them all.

**Star of the week** – Kai for his excellent homework- going above and beyond.

**Star Reader** – Mikaila for her level of reading and engagement with the text

**Star Writer** - Callum for perseverance in his writing and taking feedback on board when editing.



## Shakespeare:

We've had another busy, but very enjoyable, week in year 6! On Wednesday, Gareth the rugby coach came back to referee a year 5 and 6 house tag rugby tournament for everyone to take part in. Many house points were won! On Thursday, five of our year 6 children went on to represent William Morris at an inter-school tag rugby festival - I hope you enjoy their match report. In STEAM, we've been working small groups to make presentations for the STEAM showcase next week, which you're all invited to. In Writing, we continue to work towards writing a news report inspired by the Island and in maths, we're wrapping up our learning on addition and subtraction of numbers up to 10,000,000.

**Star of the Week** - Danny, for consistent excellence across all subjects

**Star Writer** - Katie, for great progress in writing

**Star Reader** - Kimberley, for recording her reading consistently and in detail

## School Dates 2021 - 2022

	School Ends	School Starts	School Closed
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

### STEAM Open Afternoon

We are so pleased that we can invite you all to our first STEAM showcase of the year, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of October at 2.20pm. Please remember to bring your Covid Declaration form with you as we will be unable to let you into the classroom without it. Thank you!

### School Lunches

Dear Parents, we ask that you only book 'gluten free' school lunches if your child has a listed allergy with the school. Thank you.

### Key Dates

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** – Non-Uniform Blue and Yellow Day

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** – Open Event for prospective Reception and Nursery Applicants.

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** – Flu Immunisations for YR to Y6

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Year 5 Bikeability

**June 20<sup>th</sup> to June 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Year 6 Residential

**June 27<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 Residential

### Blue and Yellow – Non Uniform Day

On Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, children are invited to wear blue and yellow clothes in support of Oxford United. Oxford United help run reading workshops and football clubs in school.

We stress that this is a Blue and Yellow day only and a donation to wear non uniform can be made on ParentPay.

<https://www.parentpay.com/>



### Cherwell District Council Holiday Hubs

*Cherwell District Council organise Hubs for the school holidays which occur at North Oxfordshire Academy and Spiceball Leisure Centre in Banbury, amongst other surrounding locations. The activities include multi skills, fun and games, team games, arts and crafts and swimming. The booking system is now open for October half-term, which you can access using the link below.*

<https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/3/leisure-and-culture/795/holiday-hubs>