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Quote of the week: “ If it matters to you, you’ll find a way ”

The learning that has been occurring this week:

Our Pupil Reporters:



Cross Country

On the 21st of October, the year 4,5 and 6 went to Wykham Park Academy for a Cross Country competition. There were about 10 schools competing in 1300 m to 1900 m race and there were different groups (such as year five and six girls). It was fun racing all the children our age and sprinting to the end. People were cheering on each other for support. The challenges were the weather was a bit cold and windy. Individual scores and team scores were announced at the end. The school that won overall was called Hill Side View but there were many other rewards.

By Lusko, Danny, Ruby and Madison

Darwin:

What a great week we have had in nursery! Our story of the week been Rosie’s walk and we went for a walk around the school. Just like Rosie, we went through the playground, passed by Year 3,2,1 and then headed to the main office. We also stopped off at Mr Johns’ and Miss Baines’ office to say hello. The children have been making story maps to help Rosie find her way around school. In Maths, the children have been working hard on their counting and we have been counting objects from a large group. We have also been exploring pumpkins and how they feel ‘was it heavy or light?’. We cut our pumpkin open and explored what was hidden inside. I hope you all have a great half term and have lots of fun .

Star of the Week – The whole of Darwin for all their excellent work towards their STEAM projects.



Cartwright:

What a busy week we've had! This week the children have been exploring Autumn, enjoying some Halloween crafts, and thinking about how climate change affects animals in their habitats. It was so nice that so many of you were able to visit the classroom and see what the children have been doing this last term. Next term we will be thinking about night time, beginning with nocturnal animals. In the meantime, enjoy your week with your children, have lots of fun and we will see you back for term two!

Star of the Week - Korvin has had a great week, he’s been listening to instructions and doing as he’s asked and staying on the carpet during carpet time.

Star Writer - Kuba, he was able to use his sounds to write CVC words.

Star Reader - Trey – he is doing really well with his phonics and knows lots of sounds.

Kandinsky:

Kandinsky class, well done for a fantastic first term in Year 1! We had an excellent time this week celebrating the term, especially through our STEAM Showcase. It was wonderful to have so many parents visiting the classroom to see what the children have created. The children showed their families their tie-dye and fruit printing creations, which they took so much care over making. In English, the children wrote a set of instructions for 'How to clean your teeth' using numbered points and full sentences. In Maths we have been grouping numbers and objects into parts and have identified when we have one whole. We were also visited by Ollie the Ox from Oxford United and he did a Wake and Shake with us. Have a brilliant half term!

Star of the Week – Jonathan for engaging well in his learning across the curriculum.

Star Writer – Paige for working super hard on her letter formation.

Star Reader - Austin for excellent effort during phonics.



Seacole:

A fantastic end to the term Seacole celebrating our teddy bears coats in our tea party for our STEAM showcase yesterday. We have edited and published our bear character descriptions to use adverbs in Literacy this week. In Maths we have been solving problems by partitioning 2 two-digit numbers. We also made some thoughtful reflections about World Climate Day.

Star of the week – Dexter for excellent engagement in learning.

Star Reader - Kyra for her reading comprehension skills.

Star Writer - Kit for his excellent character description.

Valentina:

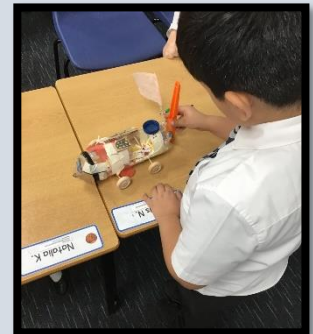
This week in Valentina Class we were very busy finishing our magnet powered cars. This was difficult, as we needed to saw and use hot glue guns, but we enjoyed testing them and evaluating how effective they were. For English, we have been building our confidence performing poems by looking at some popular poets and how they have performed their work. These were really engaging and funny, so we have tried to use some of these techniques in our own performances of poetry.

Well done to all children in Valentina Class for a wonderful first term in Year 3. I hope you have a great half term and enjoy your break.

Star of the Week – Emma, for showing a positive attitude to learning and contributions to class discussions.

Star Writer - Anna, for her excellent analysis of how to perform a poem considering both speed and volume.

Star Reader - Holly, for her interpretation of illustrations.



Ramanujan:

In English, we have been looking at explanation text and have written our very own explanation text all about the water cycle. This week the year 4's have also worked really hard to paint their bird baths, designed by themselves. They've enjoyed having Oxford United leading year 4 and 5 P.E. together and in our Climate Change day the children have learnt all about carbon footprint and how we can all help to reduce it. Overall a great half-term and a break well deserved.

Star of the Week - Ananya for always making good choices and being a kind and caring member of the class

Star Writer - Ethan for working super hard on his handwriting

Star Reader - Jeremiah for being super enthusiastic about reading in class and reading regularly at home

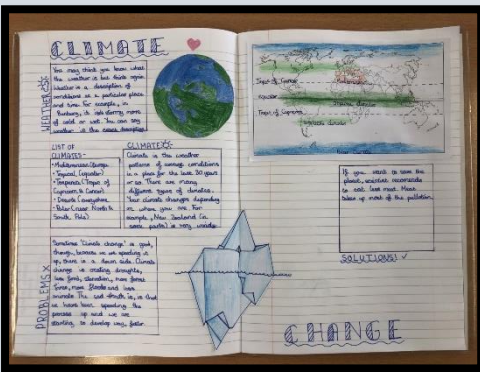
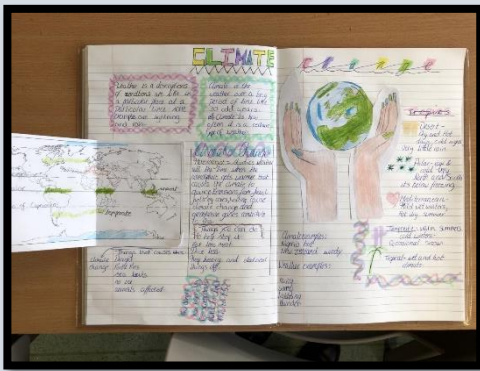
Davinci:

This week in Year 5 has had a very strong STEAM focus! We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing our volcanoes take shape and become everything we hoped they would be. Our different eruptions worked with some success, although we have unanimously agreed that 'Elephant's Toothpaste' was the most reliable eruption! It was fantastic to see so many parents come yesterday, we really enjoyed showing off our models. In English we have completed our Golden Write persuasive letter of application. The whole team was impressed by the content of these letters and the marked improvement in our presentation. In preparation for our fluency lessons after half term we began to think about multiplication methods in mathematics. It has been a fantastic half term in which we have learnt a huge amount. The team hopes you and the children have a restful break.

Star of the week – Sami for always being so organised and prepared for his learning

Star Reader – Zion for reading consistently during the week

Star Writer - Mikaila for a well thought out and beautifully presented letter of persuasion.



Shakespeare:

We've really enjoyed our last week of this term! We drafted, edited and published our news reports before giving each other positive feedback on them. In STEAM, we set up our showcase for the adults that came to visit us and enjoyed having the opportunity to talk about our learning in person. If you couldn't make it, you can see some of our STEAM learning on Sway. On Friday we had our first Climate Change day of the year, when we recapped our learning on weather and climate before independently producing creative information texts. Next term, we're looking forward to learning all about The Blitz and WW2!

Star of the Week - Chase, for a really positive week and a great news report

Star Writer - Esther, for effectively acting on feedback in her writing

Star Reader - Seb, for reading regularly at home

School Dates 2021 - 2022

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

Notices

SSB (Governor) Member

We have an exciting and rewarding opportunity for you to join our School Standards Board (SSB) at William Morris Primary School and for a four year period. As an SSB member, you will contribute to and monitor the school's development plan, which is focused on the key improvement priorities for the school. SSBs are also the Trust Board's interface with key stakeholders: parents, staff and the community. You will be involved in gathering and responding to feedback from parents and staff, and developing and maintaining community links for the school.

Excellent training and support is provided and you don't need education experience.

For more information and to apply, please visit - <https://www.eteach.com/job/school-standards-board-member-governor-1174943>

TUDOR HALL
SATURDAY LIVE

The six stages of storytelling
with Drama teacher, Mr Christopher

Saturday 6th November
10am until 10.45am

Join Drama teacher, Mr Christopher for a storytelling session where you will learn how writers use the six stages of storytelling to bring their ideas to life. You will learn about each of the six stages, through an exploration of stories that you are familiar with and will leave the session with the knowledge of how to create your very own story in six simple steps. If you are a budding author or playwright, this is the session for you!



'io Saturnalia!'
How to welcome in the festive season like a Roman
with Head of Classics, Miss Cullen

Saturday 4th December
10am until 10.45am

As we begin to prepare for the most wonderful time of the year, join Miss Cullen, Head of Classics, to learn about how the Romans celebrated midwinter in a festival called Saturnalia. You will explore the origins of the festival and learn how Ancient Romans celebrated, with an opportunity to discuss the parallels between Saturnalia and modern festive celebrations.



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>

Have a lovely half term!



Kind regards, Ally Johns
and the School Team

Key Dates

November 9th – Open Event for prospective Reception and Nursery Applicants.

November 18th – Flu Immunisations for YR to Y6

February 7th – Year 5 Bikeability

June 20th to June 22nd – Year 6 Residential

June 27th to June 29th – Year 4 Residential