

William Morris Primary School



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11th February 2022

The learning that has been occurring this week:

Darwin:

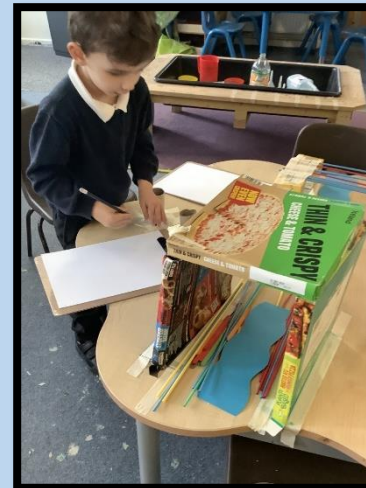
This week the children have been problem solving, our bridge had broken, and the children had to work out how to fix our bridge. We used different recycling materials to fix our bridge, the children drew plans to help fix their bridges.

In maths we been making repeating patterns, the children used their own bodies to make a pattern. One child was sat down whilst one was stood up; the children then told us what came next in the pattern

We have been reading the story of The Bear and the Piano, the children have been making their own piano and singing their favourite nursery rhymes. The children enjoyed seeing a video of a parent playing the piano. I hope you all have a great weekend.

Stars of the week :

- Harry for showing perseverance and determination
- Sophie for completing her maths Challenge



Cartwright:

This week we finished our topic on floating and sinking. The children made a boat using their knowledge of what they have learned about floating and sinking. They then tested their boats in water to see if they would float. You will be able to see pictures of the learning journey on Sway next week! Next week we will be learning about Chinese New Year. If you have anything related that your child would like to bring in for show and tell next week we would be really interested to see it! Have a lovely weekend.

Star of the Week – Igor for making good choices and choosing activities independently.

Star Writer – Leo for how neat his handwriting has become over the last few weeks!

Star Reader – Caelan for making such great progress in phonics.



Kandinsky:

In Kandinsky Class this week, we have been calculating a range of addition and subtraction equations. We began looking at inverse equations and how the numbers can be changed around. In English, we began a new topic based on The Tiger Who Came to Tea - the children created some wonderful story maps. We also enjoyed listening to some Bhangra music and we played a tune on the glockenspiels to accompany it.

Star of the Week – John for excellent contributions to learning.

Star Writer – Muhammad for his wonderful letter formation.

Star Reader - Reuben for making excellent progress in phonics.



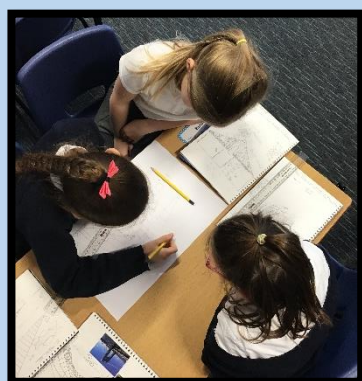
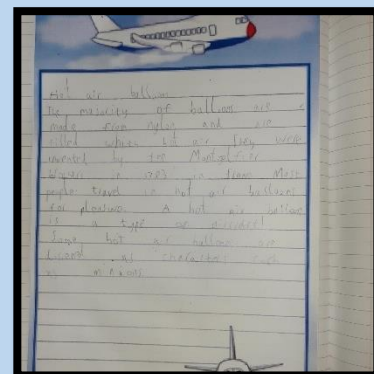
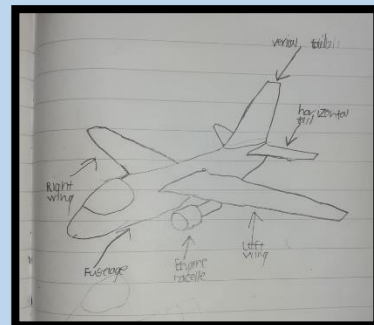
Seacole:

In Seacole this week we have been working very hard to edit and publish our non-chronological reports about transport in the air. We have written about the history of flight starting from the invention of the kite then then the hot air balloon and then the plane. We also have been learning how planes have developed from the initial flying machines invented by the Wright brothers to today, as well as discussing what flight might look like in the future. We have thoroughly enjoyed our STEAM lessons designing, making and testing out different propellers for our own flying machines and recording how far they travelled. In Maths we have been using the inverse equations of multiplication facts based on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables to solve problems and drawing arrays and picture representations to prove our calculations.

Star of the Week – Ben for his excellent STEAM homework which he has shared with the class and also inspired our propeller designs.

Star Writer - Ava for showing an excellent improvement in her non chronological report write.

Star Reader - Milena for improving her reading comprehension skills.



Valentina:

We have had another exciting week in Valentina Class. Once we had finished our designs for our own bridges, we combined our designs with the other children in our group to create our 'ultimate' design. This required a lot of collaboration and teamwork to bring together the ideas of each member in our groups. All the children really demonstrated their resilience and determination when building these bridges, even when they realised that there were aspects of their design which were not working as they intended.

Within our music lessons, we have been working very hard on practicing both Glockenspiel parts. Now that we are confident with this, we have even been able to play both parts simultaneously.

Well done to all children in Valentina Class.

Star of the Week – Kelsey, for always trying her best and supporting others.

Star Writer – Ruby, for her fantastic alliteration in her non-chronological report.

Star Reader - Krystal, for using excellent retrieval skills when reading word problems in maths.

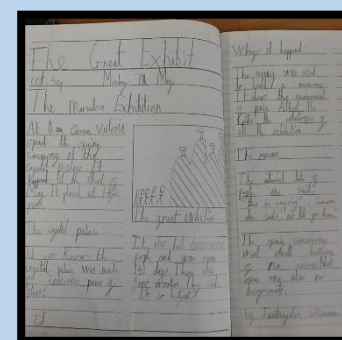
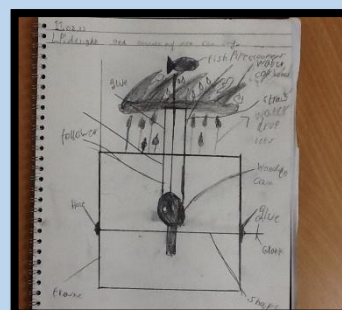
Ramanujan:

This week the year 4's have been learning how to apply the distributive law in maths. We started the week writing our newspaper report for our Golden Write. We have also started our next learning journey, recapping our knowledge about the features Diary Writing and learning about the life of a Victorian Child. In STEAM we have been planning and designing our own CAM toys. The children have also enjoyed Dance this week practicing more new choreography!

Star of the Week – Milana for being an excellent role model and always being enthusiastic about her learning

Star Writer – Ted for writing a brilliant newspaper report

Star Reader - Harvey for making excellent predictions in reading lessons





Davinci:

This week has been a bit strange in Year Five! A number of the children were able to take part in Bikeability on Wednesday and Thursday. They were highly complimented for their ability and behaviour during the two days they spent on their bikes and each of them attained their Level Two award. We are very proud of them. In other lessons, we have begun our final writing unit of the term - poetry. We have begun to think about the metaphors within our model text and the message the poet is trying to convey. We are reaching an exciting point in our STEAM topic, having received the results of our questionnaires back from the teachers we have written our design brief and drawn our designs for our periscopes. We are looking forward to making these next week. In mathematics, we have continued to look at multiplying decimals by whole numbers. We have been incredibly impressed with how well the class are doing with short multiplication. In PE, it has been great to see the class bring together so many of the skills they have been learning in order to play some exciting matches.

Star of the Week – Varnika for settling in so well to William Morris.

Star Writer - Aimee for a well written and beautifully presented Golden Write.

Star Reader - Mikaila for using the text to prove her viewpoint and supporting others in our reading lesson.

Shakespeare:

I have been very impressed by the focus and motivation year 6 have demonstrated this week while completing another SATs practice week. Once tests were over, we turned our hands to designing and building model satellites to 'launch into space'. The satellites needed to have a folding mirror (inspired by the James Webb Space Telescope), to fit in a rocket (Pringles tube) and to withstand vigorous vibration testing. Testing will commence next week! Alongside this, we have been writing blogs as astronauts visiting a fiction planet and in maths we continue to look at problems involving percentage.

Star of the Week - Kim, for her impressive sketch book work.

Star Writer - Tobias, for making great progress in his GPS SATs practice.

Star Reader - Thomas, for making great progress in his reading SATs practice.



Forest School:

Adventures came hungry this week for more fun outdoors and were really busy with different activities. We took the teddies for a fun hide and seek game and they stayed with us throughout the session keeping us company during exploring, climbing trees, making bird feeders, clay models and we even built a teddy den for them to stay in for a little while.

Best quote of the day 'My star today was facing my fear of heights.'

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

	School Ends	School Starts	School Closed
February Half Term	18 th of February	28 th of February	
Easter Holidays	8 th of April @ 1pm	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 @ 1pm		
INSET Day			19 th , 20 th , 21 st of July

Notices



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KS2 Library Art Competition

Do you love art **and** books?
If so, this competition is perfect for you!

How do I enter?

Choose a book that has inspired you and recreate the front cover through artwork. It can be a copy of the original front cover or you can reimagine your own version. Entries should be a4 in size and made bold and colourful using pencil crayons, felt tips or paint.

Here are some examples:



What is the prize?

Entries will be judged on creativity and attention to detail, and winning entries will be displayed in our new school library, helping to bring it to life!

The deadline for entries is Monday 28th February.

Key Dates

February 14th – Year 1 Phonics Meeting

February 15th – Reception Vision Screening

March 3rd – World Book Day

March 29th – Weight and Height Check

April 27th – Class Photos

June 20th to June 22nd - Year 6 Residential

June 27th to June 29th – Year 4 Residential

Late Arrivals

Please ensure your child is arriving on time for school.

Gates open at 8.35am and close at 8.50am

Lateness is disruptive to those children already settled in class and to the start of the school day. It is also recorded on your child's attendance record.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Kind regards, Ally Johns and the School Team

World Book Day!

On the 3rd of March we will be celebrating World Book Day and invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite fictional book character.