

16th September 2022

School Closure – Monday 19th September for the Queens' Funeral

Darwin:

What a great week we have had exploring our new classroom, the children have been learning the class routines. We have enjoyed getting to know our new children and welcoming back our existing children who have been showing kindness and helping our new children. We have been exploring our classroom as we have a new home corner. The children have really enjoyed using the kitchen, making breakfast for each other. We hope you have a great weekend .

Stars of the week :

- Alfie for saying goodbye to mummy
- Alice for being kind to the new children



Cartwright:

The children in Cartwright Class have had a fantastic first week together! They have been busy getting to know each other's names, learning the routines of the day and engaging in the many fun activities on offer. We have started our STEAM topic and the children have engaged in activities linked to our story of the week 'Hooray for bread' by Allan Ahlberg. They have painted on bread, discussed the types of bread that can be bought in the shops and had a great time trying different varieties for themselves! We have introduced the Read Write Ink sounds and will be starting our phonics sessions next week. The children will be learning a sound a day, so look out for the phonics sheets that will be sent home soon. In maths the children have been learning about the numbers up to 4 and recognising the different patterns of dots that can represent that number. If you would like to play a game at home this weekend, you could find a dice with just dots displayed and see if your child can recognise what number it has landed on. Can they jump, skip or clap to match the number? Well done children for a wonderful first week of school!

Star of the week - Samuel excellent participation with number rhyme and songs.

Kandinsky:

The children have completed their first full week in year 1 and WOW! They have been amazing. The children are settling into the classroom routines extremely well and working their little socks off. In English, our text is 'The Scarecrow's Wedding' and the children have been working on using their phonic knowledge to sound out words to form labels and simple sentences. In maths, the children have been counting forwards and backwards within 20, comparing classroom items according to length and height and looking closely at the composition of the number 5. In STEAM this week, the children began to explore different materials. They looked at different objects and grouped them according to their material. They looked at: plastic, metal, wood, fabric, glass and clay.

Star of the Week – Ella - for showing excellent behaviour for learning.

Star Writer – Lucy - for perseverance when using her phonic knowledge to write simple sentences in English.

Star Reader – Simon - for working extremely hard in phonics this week.



Seacole:

We have had a fantastic first week back in Seacole Class! In Maths, we have been focusing on multiples of 10 up to 100. We have used dienes to help support our learning and we have been chanting our 10 times tables. In English, we have been reading the story of Incy Wincy Spider. We have discussed who the main character is and what happens in the story. The children created a story map using pictures, key words and phrases. In STEAM we have been looking at the different climates around the world and exploring a range of materials used for a range of uses. We got our own coats and explored the materials our coats are made out of. Well done for a wonderful start to Year 2!

Star of the Week – Chloe for always trying her best and showing what excellence looks like.

Star Writer – Emilee for her neat handwriting and expressing her thoughts and ideas in English.

Star Reader - Roman for working really hard on his phonics.



Chawla:

What a fantastic beginning of the week it has been for Chawla Class. I have been incredibly impressed with all the children's hard work and the way they have settled into the new school year. This week, we have begun our STEAM learning journey considering the impact of a variety of surfaces upon the movement of vehicles and the friction they create. We had a fantastic time considering the amount of force we needed to use when propelling our scooters forwards on different surfaces around the school. This week we have learned about expanded noun phrases, the children have been writing fantastic examples in preparation for writing our narrative in the coming weeks. Well done to all children in Chawla Class for such a great start to the term.

Star of the Week – Oscar P, for showing great kindness and always supporting his friends.

Star Writer – Mikayel, for his fantastic expanded noun phrases and excellent use of adverbs.

Star Reader - Frankie, for always showing a love of reading.

Ramanujan:

It has been a brilliant and busy week in Ramanujan Class! In Maths, we have been securing our knowledge of column addition and applying this to word problems. In English, we have been exploring persuasive devices in preparation of creating our own adverts. In STEAM, we have been scientists investigating states of matter. We are looking forward to continuing our learning further next week, particularly through our upcoming trip. Well done everyone.

Star of the Week – Bulou for showing determination in all lessons and always being ready to learn.

Star Writer – Lillie for her creative and interesting ideas when using persuasive language devices.

Star Reader – Emma for her thoughtful contributions and insightful inferences when exploring the characters in our class book.



Davinci:

Well done for a wonderful first week back in school! In Maths we have been learning about tenths. We have identified the number of tenths in a range of representations, fractions and decimals. We have now begun using numbers with tenths that can be composed additively. In English we have been studying third person stories that have been set in another culture. We have discussed the vocabulary choices and have begun planning our own narrative. In STEAM we have been scientists and mathematicians. We planned an investigation to test the solubility of materials. We collated our data in a table and presented it on a graph. Well done for a fantastic start to Year 5!

Star of the Week – Amine, for a fantastic first week at William Morris!

Star Writer - Amelia, for developing her inference skills through using evidence from the text to support her answers.

Star Reader - Luka, for composing a wonderful piece of dialogue between two characters.



Shakespeare:

It has been wonderful to see Year 6 well and truly settle into their learning over the past week and a half. They really have picked up from where they left off! In English we have finished our Letters of Application for our Year Six roles and look forward to hearing the results in the coming week. We then moved onto writing our own newspaper article based on our reading book 'The Island' by Armin Greder. This is a really powerful book that challenges the way we treat people who are different and strangers. We have thought about a range of grammatical structures that we can use in our writing and the impact that these have on the reader. In mathematics we have been looking at part-whole models and thinking about how we can use what we know to calculate unknowns. STEAM has also been incredibly exciting. We have loved recapping our knowledge of electrical circuits and have taken apart hairdryers to look at the internal components. At the end of the term, we will be using the knowledge that we gain in these lessons to make an electronic device for collecting litter.

Star of the Week - Callum for his enthusiasm and resilience in all areas of the curriculum

Star Writer – Varnika for carefully editing her writing and taking pride in her presentation

Star Reader - Mikayla C for her excellent contributions in our whole class reading sessions.

Dates for the Diary

- 21st September – Pupil Photo Day
- 23rd September – Year 4 Trip
- 21st October – Break up for Half Term
- 31st October – Year 6 Residential Week

**We look forward to seeing you
on Tuesday!**

**Kind regards, Ally Johns and the
School Team**