

# William Morris Primary School

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## Learning this week: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

### Darwin:

This week we had a special delivery as we had a fruit and vegetable box delivered to school and in class we have been exploring and tasting what's was inside. We tasted two types of melon and cherry/ beef tomatoes, the children then voted which they enjoyed eating the most. We have also been using the vegetables to paint pictures, some of the children chose to paint dinosaurs and some their mums and dads. We have also been reading the story of 'The Enormous Turnip', the children coloured in pictures of each character, and we then ordered our pictures recalling parts of the story. We hope you all have a great weekend.

**Stars of the week :**

- Lyla for making independent choices in class.
- Ameer for listening on the carpet.



### Cartwright:

Our focus text this week was 'The Little Red Hen'. The children listened to the story and joined in with the repeated refrains, for example 'Not I said the cat!' and 'I'll do it myself!' They have made character puppets and masks to help support their play linked to the story. In our STEAM sessions we have watched video clips showing combine harvesters cutting wheat in the fields and how wheat can be ground into flour in a windmill. The children have even tried to grind wheat in a pestle and mortar – it's very tricky! Our maths work has focused on counting accurately. The children have learnt to say one number for each object and to move objects into a line (or a tub) as they count. The class have begun to learn the set 1 phonic sounds, first by reading, and then writing the sound using the correct sequence of movements. Please help your child to practise writing each of the sounds using the sheets that have been sent home today.

**Star of the week** - Zack for being kind and helpful in class.

### Kandinsky:

This week has been another positive week in year 1. In maths, the children have been working on labelling the main characters in the story 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and have also had a go at writing simple sentences about the animals in the story. In maths, the children have been working on subitising and counting. Children have learnt, the last number they count is the total number in a set. In PE, the children enjoyed gymnastics. They learnt how to use a mat safely and had a go at performing rolls and balances.

**Star of the Week** – Abdia for working hard to present her work neatly and taking pride in her work.

**Star Writer** – Mervyn for having a go at forming his letters independently.

**Star Reader** – Hannah for working hard in phonics to sound out CVC words.



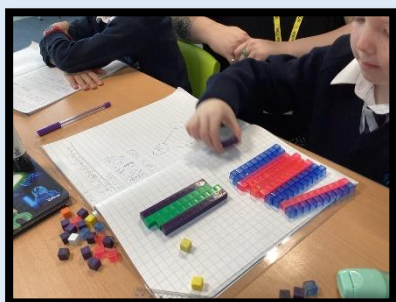
## Seacole:

It has been an exciting week for Year 2! In Maths, we have been focusing on adding and subtracting multiples of 10 to 100. We have been continuing to chant our 10 times tables and developing our skills to apply this to further learning. In English, we have published our golden write for our narrative of Incy Wincy Spider. We presented our neatest handwriting and were all very proud of what we had achieved! In STEAM, we have been looking at different materials based on their properties. We have been exploring these using our smell and touch senses and created a mind map on what we had discovered as a whole class. We have had another superb week!

**Star of the Week** – Muhammad for always being kind to others and showing excellence throughout the day.

**Star Writer** – Comfort for her excellent ideas and neat handwriting when writing her Golden Write.

**Star Reader** - Reuben for reading excellently during quiet reading time and joining in during whole class reading.



## Chawla:

This week Chawla Class have been working hard to broaden our vocabulary for describing the forest. We visited the school's outdoor area to hunt for items we may find in a forest, as well as using sounds and videos. I have been thoroughly enjoying reading the children's writing descriptions for the forest. Within our maths lessons, we have been learning about the ways we are able to represent 3-digit numbers. This has helped to develop our confidence in adding and subtracting multiples of ten.

The children have all been working exceptionally hard at developing their understanding of magnetism and magnetic materials. We have conducted several investigations to discover objects in the room which are magnetic and which are not - many were surprised to discover that not all metal items are magnetic. Well done to all children in Chawla Class for another fantastic week.

**Star of the Week** – Milena, for always showing determination in her work.

**Star Writer** – Callan, for his creativity and fantastic use of adjectives describing the forest.

**Star Reader** - Oscar H, for reading aloud confidently with intonation.

## Ramanujan:

As you read this, we will be returning from our very exciting first trip in Year 4 to Science Oxford, where we have been delving into our STEAM focus of changing states of matter. This week in Maths, the children have been extending their addition abilities to 4-digit numbers using regrouping, whilst in English, we have been very emotive in our persuasive writing. In HRE, the children have been exploring healthy habits and designing healthy meals, and in STEAM, they have planned their own investigations into transitions between solids and liquids, which they will be testing next week.

**Star of the Week** – Liliana for her effort and determination shown in every lesson.

**Star Writer** – Ilaria for her use of a range of creative and persuasive devices in her writing.

**Star Reader** – Olivia for her use of expression when reading.





## Davinci:

This week in Year 5 we have been creating a draft 3<sup>rd</sup> person narrative using a box plan. We have included expanded noun phrases, dialogue and rhetorical questions. In Maths we have been exploring adding and subtracting decimal numbers, and we have begun using the column method to support us. In STEAM, we have been continuing our scientific investigations. We looked at reversible and irreversible reactions, and even tried some out!

**Star of the Week** – Charlie for always having a wonderful attitude to learning.

**Star Writer** - Freya for writing a fantastic opening for her 3<sup>rd</sup> person narrative set in another culture.

**Star Reader** - Ethan for completing some excellent reading at home.



## Shakespeare:

In English, we have continued to look at the techniques that we will use in our Newspaper Report. We have interviewed various characters from our text and recorded quotes, ensuring that we vary the formality of our writing according to who is speaking. In mathematics, we have studied balancing equations. We have thought about how we can adjust an equation to help us easily solve it. In STEAM we had a wonderful visit from Science Oxford during which Ian taught us how to make a basic vacuum cleaner. It was great to see the children using their vacuum cleaners to suck up the confetti in their trays, we have discovered that we need to cover the top though so the confetti does not just fly up into the air and back down onto the floor! We will perfect our vacuum cleaners in the coming weeks!

**Star of the Week** - Mya-Lee for settling in so well to life at William Morris.

**Star Writer** – Arthur for trying so hard to improve his presentation.

**Star Reader** - Aimee for working so hard to find evidence in the text to support her answer.

## Dates for the Diary

- 7<sup>th</sup> October – GLF 10 Year Anniversary
- 21<sup>st</sup> October – Break up for Half Term
- 31<sup>st</sup> October – Year 6 Residential Leave
- 4<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 Residential Return

Have a great weekend and we  
will see you on Monday!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Johns".

Kind regards, Ally Johns and the  
School Team