

William Morris Primary School

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Learning this week: 6th October 2022

Darwin:

The children have been learning about harvest this week, we have been learning that farmers used to save some of their crops to give to people who did not have any food, we have been talking about how we can donate food to a Food Bank to help others. The children have been bringing in tinned food to donate to the food bank. In maths this week we have been making patterns with our bodies, the children continue the patterns. We have been using coloured beads to make repeating patterns.

Stars of the week :

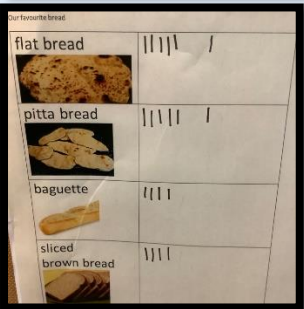
- Bethany for always helping others.
- Faizan for independently using the toilet.



Cartwright:

The children have been focusing on the number 4 in their maths work this week. They have made collections of 4 objects, used their fingers to show 4, and noticed the 4 sides on a square. In our STEAM sessions we have been learning to collect data. Each child chose their favourite type of bread, and they gathered their findings in a tally chart. The class have been recording other preferences for example, by voting on the story to be read at the end of the day. We have continued to learn the Set 1 phonics sounds and the children are beginning to blend sounds together to make simple words. The children had fun in P.E learning to balance on one leg and then trying to hop. There was quite a lot of wobbling! Well done for a super week Cartwright class.

Star of the week - Jacob for excellent listening during carpet time.



Kandinsky:

This week in English, the children have continued with the focus text 'Room on the Broom'. The children have been working on their sentence writing skills to start with a capital letter, separate words with finger spaces and punctuate with a full stop. In Maths, the children have been working on sharing an amount equally between two groups and more and less. In STEAM, our focus has been art and the children had a go at printing onto fabric using string, a cork and fruit. This will inform their final design of our class curtain.

Star of the Week – Trey for being more focused during lesson time.

Star Writer – Caelan for independently using his phonics to sound out what he wants to write.

Star Reader – Maevys for excellent work in phonics



Seacole:

Well done to everyone in Seacole class this week! In Maths, we have been looking at how each two-digit number can be partitioned into a tens part and a ones part. We have been drawing part-whole models and bar models to represent this. In English, we have been continuing to look at a diary entry from The Wolf. We have been exploring how we can use conjunctions such as 'and' in our writing and where we use our capital letters and full stops. In STEAM, we have been exploring different skills used in sewing. We have been practising a running stitch using Binca, thread and a needle. We also chose between a popper, button or Velcro to sew on to a piece of fabric. We really enjoyed this activity!

Star of the Week – John for consistently being enthusiastic towards his learning

Star Writer – Awande for displaying neat handwriting in his book and for contributing excellent ideas about The Wolf during English.

Star Reader - Alfie for his contribution during Phonics and for the progress he has made.



Chawla:

Chawla Class have had another excellent week. Now that we have learned about magnetism and designed our magnetically powered cars, we have begun to build our prototypes. This practice enabled the children to develop their own technology skills as they considered the best materials and methods for joining pieces. Something we found particularly difficult was making the holes in the body of our cars for the wheel axels. Now that we have developed our skills and reflected on what went well, we will begin to build our final products next week. Within our writing lessons, we have begun a new unit of learning focused on the Iron Man. Within this, the children will work toward writing their own diary entry in the perspective of Hogarth. We have created art work depicting the iron man to develop their vocabulary for describing his appearance. I have loved reading the children's descriptions of these so far.

Star of the Week – Nikola, for always showing determination in his work and trying his best.

Star Writer – Julia, for working exceptionally hard to remember her article when writing expanded noun phrases.

Star Reader - Miya, retrieving information from the class text.



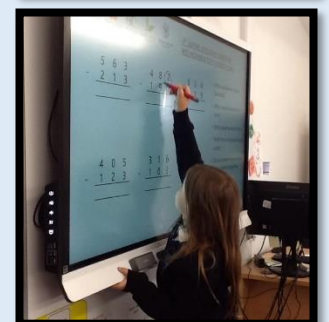
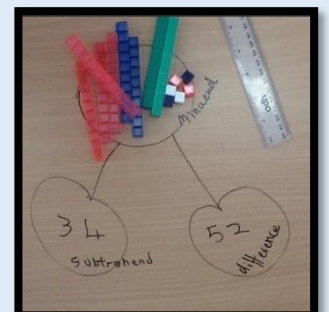
Ramanujan:

We are well-underway with our exploration into the water cycle in Ramanujan Class! This week in English, we have started to look at non-chronological reports. In Maths, we are looking at exchanging in column subtraction. In STEAM, we have been learning about and observing the water cycle.

Star of the Week – Natalia for the hard work that she puts into every lesson, and for always being a considerate member of the class.

Star Writer – Jack for his effort in completing his Golden Write.

Star Reader – Clarence for challenging himself with his reading in all subjects.



Davinci:

This week we have been scientists within our STEAM sessions. We chose an irreversible reaction to test and identified whether it caused an eruption. In Maths, we have been investigating decimals and how they can be used in units of measure, such as centimetres and metres. In English, we have been focusing on screen time and the impact that it has on children. We interviewed Mr Johns and Miss Gould to gather their opinions on screen use.

Star of the Week – Malaila for being a wonderful role model within the class.

Star Writer - Fernanda for focusing on her spelling and knowing when to ask for support.

Star Reader - Jeremiah for having a fantastic love for reading.



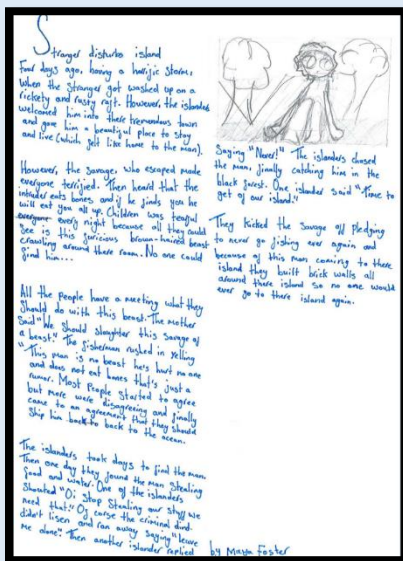
Shakespeare:

This week Year Six have been working hard on their new English unit of Persuasive Speech. We have looked at how characters such as The Big Bad Wolf and Goldilocks have been misrepresented in literature and how they are in fact innocent victims of a genuine misunderstanding. After listening to a speech from The Big Bad Wolf we have begun to construct a speech by Goldilocks protesting her innocence. In mathematics we have continued to look at strategies for effective calculations and we are becoming increasingly more confident when working with seven and eight-digit numbers. In STEAM we have continued to test different elements of our design for our vacuum cleaners.

Star of the Week - Aimee – for being a beautiful friend and a wonderful help in the classroom

Star Writer – Kai for working so hard on his Golden Write

Star Reader - Kacper for working hard on his spelling intervention



Dates for the Diary

- 7th October – GLF 10 Year Anniversary / Non-Uniform Day
- 19th October – Garden Raffle Draw
- 19th October – Parents' Evening
- 20th October – Parents' Evening
- 21st October – Break up for Half Term
- 31st October – Year 6 Residential Week
- 7th November – Year 5 Bikeability Starts
- 8th November – Reception 2023 Open Event (3.30pm)

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Winter Coat Scheme

Calling all parents and carers! As we approach the cold winter months, we would like to collect a stock of outgrown winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves and boots which can be gifted to other families. If you have any pre-loved items that you would like to donate, please bring them into school to Miss Evetts on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday. If any families are in need of winter items, please contact Miss Evetts on Class Dojo or email oxhslw@glfschools.org who will be happy to help!



Raffle Tickets!

William Morris will be hosting a Raffle to raise money for school and Homebase and DHL have kindly donated some items for us to give away.

Prizes are:

- 1 Mantara Sofa Dining Set – worth £500
- 2 Alexandria Corner Sofas – worth £295



Tickets are £2 each and can be purchased on Parent pay.

Please do not send money into school with your child.

Tickets will be entered into a draw and names will be pulled out on **Wednesday 19th October 2022**. Winners will then be notified and will be able to collect their prize.

Uniform Shop

William Morris will be starting to operate a new, online, 2nd hand uniform shop. A place where parents will be able to view items for sale and purchase them online, with collection from the school office.

Before the shop can go live, we first need to fill up on items to sell. Therefore, we are asking that if parents have any unused or outgrown items laying around at home, they donate them by bringing them into the school office. Donations will be welcome throughout the school year.

Money made from selling 2nd hand uniform will go back into the school, to help provide learning materials for the children.

We hope the shop will be able to go live the first week back after October half term. More information on accessing the shop will be sent nearer the time. Thank you for your help!



Reception 2023 Open Event

There will be an open event on **8th November 2022** for prospective Reception and Nursery parents. This open event will be for parents applying for school places starting in **September 2023**. The event will include a tour of the school and a presentation given by our Head of School and Early Years Team.

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

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