

William Morris Primary School

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Learning this week: 21st October 2022

Darwin:

This week, we have been reading the story Rosie's walk. We have been drawing maps for Rosie and retelling parts of the story. We have also been practising our positional language and we used the parachute to go 'over' and 'under'. In singing, the children have been listening to the nursery rhyme 'The Grand Old Duke of York' and the children copied the actions. Finally, we have been using fruits and vegetables, cut in different ways, to print pictures of Rosie the hen. Have a lovely half term, please share any photos on tapestry with us to share with the children after half term.

Stars of the week :

- Ellie for showing kindness
- Waishe for sharing the bikes



Cartwright:

This week the children have been listening to a range of stories with a Halloween theme including, 'Funny Bones' and 'Room on the Broom'. The class have enjoyed exploring pumpkins and 'worm' spaghetti using tools such as tweezers, spoons and magnifying glasses. They have listed ingredients to make potions and had fun mixing glitter and colourful water in the water tray. Some children chose to use their phonic skills to read words linked to Halloween, such as, bat, frog, slug and pot. In maths this week the focus has been on shape, space and measure. The children added objects to the balance scales to find which were heavier and lighter and they learnt about a variety of 3D shapes. Well done for a fantastic first term at school Cartwright class!

Star of the week - Mila for trying hard to read the words and match them to the correct picture

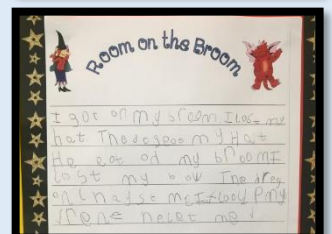
Kandinsky:

What a fantastic week to end the term! All children have continued to work hard right up until the last day of term. In English, they have written their golden write diary entry based on the story 'Room on the Broom'. The children produced amazing pieces of writing that will be proudly displayed in the school corridor for all to see. In Maths, the children have been learning about one more and one less, using counters and unifix cubes to represent this. In PE the children created their own mini routine which included the skills they have learnt in gymnastics (a roll, a balance and a jump). In STEAM, the children evaluated their final product and enjoyed showing parents their curtain and other prints in the STEAM showcase. Have a great half term.

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

Star Writer – Simon - for producing an excellent diary entry.

Star Reader – Zen- for improved fluency in reading



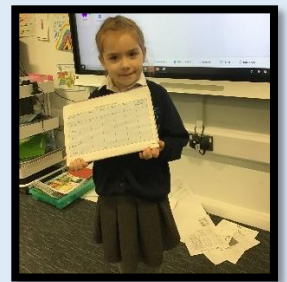
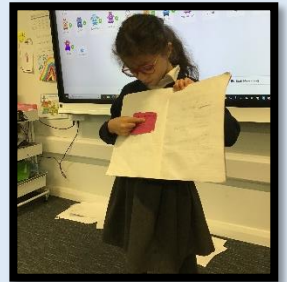
Seacole:

We have had a fantastic final week of the term in Seacole Class! In Maths, we have been looking at using our knowledge of subtraction to solve problems in a range of contexts. We have been finding the difference between two numbers using visual representations such as pictograms and bar graphs. As we finished our English unit last week, we have been particularly focusing on our handwriting and our letter formation. We have been putting on the final touches to our coats for Paddington bear including attaching the fastening onto our coat. This was either a button or a popper. We have had an excellent last week and I hope you all have a lovely half term!

Star of the Week – *Lamisa for consistently demonstrating the school values even when she thinks no one is watching.*

Star Writer – *Jessie for her improvement in her handwriting and her neat presentation in her book.*

Star Reader - *Imogen for working really hard in her phonics and getting consistent praise for her involvement in the lesson.*



Chawla:

Chawla Class completed the building of their magnetic cards this week. It was a lot of fun using a range of the technological equipment, including saws and glue guns. Once we had built the cars, we tested them for their effectiveness and evaluated whether they met our design brief. Also, we have now completed our Diary Entries in the perspective of Hogarth, writing about how they captured the Iron Man. The children worked exceptionally hard to include expanded noun phrases and prepositions of time and place. Have a safe and enjoyable half term, I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Star of the Week – *Philip, for enthusiasm and confidence to share thoughts with his peers.*

Star Writer – *Ava, for her enthusiasm writing sentences using prepositions of time.*

Star Reader - *Aadhvika, for excellently engaging with texts by writing summaries.*

Ramanujan:

In our final week before half-term, Ramanujan Class have been very busy completing their final projects. We have seen lots of artistic flair! The children have worked very hard and have been very resilient in the face of some accidental breakages. In English, the class have been finishing their non-chronological reports, demonstrating their knowledge of states of matter. In Maths, we have been solving word problems using conversions included in them. After lots of hard work and a very busy 7 weeks, we hope that you have a restful half-term!

Star of the Week – *Luna for her determination and resilience with our class assessments and always being a curious and kind member of the class.*

Star Writer – *Ruby for her use of a range of vocabulary and skills in her non-chronological report.*

Star Reader – *Erza for her resilience with our reading assessment.*

Davinci:

This week in Da Vinci class we have been investigating how to add amounts of money to find the total. In English, the children have completed their Golden Write debate based on the question: 'Should fireworks be banned?' which formulated some wonderful discussion points. In STEAM, we finished painting our volcanoes, and the children are so excited to test their eruptions during the STEAM Showcase. In PE, the children performed their space themed dances that they have been working on, and they enjoyed reflecting on them.

Star of the Week – Bradley for having a fantastic attitude to learning across the curriculum.

Star Writer - Eliza for wonderful improvements in both handwriting and sentence clarity.

Star Reader - Jacob for practising his reading fluency and competing with himself to read faster each time.



Shakespeare:

Year 6 have had a wonderful end to the term. In English we have finished writing our persuasive speeches which we will publish today. We have enjoyed putting across the wolf's point of view, he was an unfortunate victim of a cold and some very poorly made houses. In mathematics we have continued to think about mental methods for adding and subtracting 7-digit numbers. We are becoming more confident in the various methods we have used but many of us have some clear favourites! In our STEAM lessons we have been bringing together all our learning from the term to create our final product. Some of the groups have been very successful! We are looking forward to showing our end products and the stages we have worked through at the STEAM Showcase.

Star of the Week - Max for being an enthusiastic and compassionate member of the class

Star Writer – Zac writing in the style of the Big Bad Wolf and proving his innocence

Star Reader - Mikaila for sensitively supporting her partner with her reading and writing

Dates for the Diary

- 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)
- 8th December – Flu Vaccinations (Rec to Year 6)

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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@gfcschools.org who will be happy to help!



STEAM Showcase

Thank you to all of those that came to our STEAM Showcase this afternoon. The children were so excited to show off all their hard work. For those who missed the event or those who wish to see the work again, please keep an eye out for a link to the Sway on Class Dojo.



Garden Furniture Raffle

Congratulations to 3 families who have won the garden furniture raffle!! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets. We raised **£180** for school resources.

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.

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!



**Have a great half term and we will see you
on October 31st.**

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