

# William Morris Primary School

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**Learning this week:** 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

## Darwin:

This week in maths we have been reading the story Dear Zoo, we were looking at the different sizes of all the animals the children had to find a box that was tall or long enough for their animal to fit inside. We went on a stick hunt around the garden, we then made a Christmas tree with our sticks. The children order their sticks from the longest to the shortest. The children have been practising their Christmas singing and are really looking forward to sharing our songs with you next week.

**Stars of the week :** - Waishe for joining in with our Christmas singing.



## Cartwright:

This week Cartwright class have been continuing to make animal shelters using junk materials. The children have evaluated their designs, thinking whether the shelter keeps the animal safe and comfortable, and whether the parts of the shelter are joined together securely. Our story of the week was 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth which helped the children to consider the themes of friendship and kindness. The children also used their phonic skills to label the animals from the story. In maths we have focused on shape, space and measure. The children have learnt about common 2D shapes, talking about the properties and noticing shapes in our environment.

**Star of the week -** Logan for excellent phonics

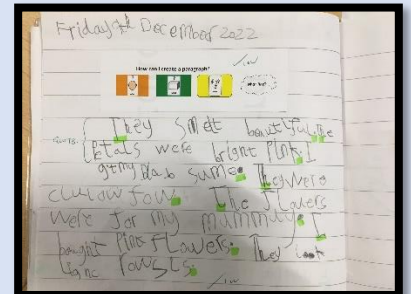
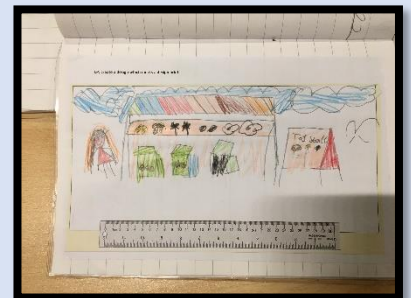
## Kandinsky:

This week in Year 1, the children have been designing their market stalls, ready to build next week. In English, the children have been writing sentences about visiting Banbury market and have been focusing on using capital letters and full stops correctly. In maths, the children have continued to work on the geometry unit. They have been identifying 2D shapes inside 3D shapes and labelling the properties of 3D and 2D shaped.

**Star of the Week –** Olivia. For being focused during lesson time and making accelerated progress in reading and writing.

**Star Writer –** Isaac.V for using his phonic knowledge to decode the words he wants to write.

**Star Reader –** Mervyn for using Fred talk, read the word to decode and blend words.



## Seacole:

Seacole Class have had a superb week! In Maths, we have been describing how objects can be grouped and representing equal groups as repeated addition. We have been using dienes to support our understanding and exploring different representations. This will further support our understanding of multiplication. In English, we have been exploring a range of punctuation and applying this to our writing. We have learnt what we need to include in a noun phrase and as a whole class came up with some excellent ideas and sentences! In STEAM, we have continued to develop our wooden houses. We have now painted the sides of our houses and attached these to our wooden structures. We have started to make the roof out of lolly-pop sticks. Well done Year 2 for another great week!

**Star of the Week** – Jaxson for his excellent efforts in all areas of learning.

**Star Writer** – Reuben for coming up with some excellent noun phrases to describe the fire.

**Star Reader** - Lamisa for performing her nativity lines with expression.



## Chawla:

Chawla Class have had an incredibly busy week. Within our English lessons, we are almost ready for our Golden Write. The children have been learning about coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to provide additional information for instructions. This has enabled the children to write really clear instructions about how to build a model prehistoric house. Using our reflections from our prototypes, the children have embarked upon building their final roundhouse models. We look forward to sharing these with you next week at our STEAM showcase (Thursday at 8:50am). Well done to all children in Chawla Class for another fantastic week!

**Star of the Week** – Ava, for showing determination with her learning.

**Star Writer** – Clara, for her clear instructions using subordinating conjunctions.

**Star Reader** - Oscar P, for reading aloud fluently and confidently.

## Ramanujan:

This week in Ramanujan Class, we have been looking at the relationship between the 3 times table and 6 times table, and how this knowledge can help us to solve problems. English lessons have seen us explore the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii, leading to us writing a letter to recount the events of the disaster. In STEAM, construction of our Roman town is underway, designing and building structures inspired by Roman architecture.

**Star of the Week** – Malaikha for her creativity and editing skills in Computing and her confidence in Music lessons.

**Star Writer** – Natalia for her application of skills in our letter writing about escaping Pompeii.

**Star Reader** – Patrick for his consideration and application of the archaic language and themes in lessons looking at *The Raven*.



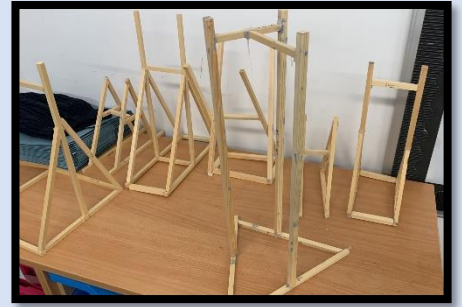
## Davinci:

This week in Year 5, we have created a Shared Write Biography about the life of Hatshepsut. We researched her life and then ordered it chronologically within a biography. In Maths, we have been using both the short and expanded multiplication methods and have been deciding which is most efficient. In STEAM, we began constructing our Egyptian mechanisms. We also created Christmas decorations to take to The Hill Community Centre. Well done Davinci Class!

**Star of the Week –** *Harvey for showing excellent determination to try his best everything he does!*

**Star Writer -** *Leo for showing excellent focus when writing, including his joins and punctuation.*

**Star Reader -** *Ananya for using wonderful intonation when reading a story.*



## Shakespeare:

This week we have begun construction of our Anderson shelters. These are really starting to take shape and we are looking forward to dropping 'bombs' on them next week! In English, we have begun to write our newspaper article reporting on the evacuation of children from the cities as part of Operation Pied Piper. We have considered the importance of stating the facts whilst sticking to the positive message that the government wanted to send out at this time. In mathematics, we have been simplifying fractions. Once again, this has made us realise how important our times tables facts are as we try to work out the highest common factor for a fraction's numerator and denominator.

**Star of the Week –** *Loui for being a star and so helpful in class.*

**Star Writer –** *Terrell for his excellent newspaper.*

**Star Reader -** *Ali for making good choices and remaining focused on his task.*

## Dates for the Diary

- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – STEAM Showcase YR to Y6 (8:50-9:10am)
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Sing-a-long and STEAM (2.30pm)
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas Sing-a-long (2.30pm)
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Whole School Bake Sale (3.15pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 & 2 – Nativity (9.30am)
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 & 2 – Nativity (2.15pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term (1pm finish)



## Whole school Bake Sale

On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, at 3.15pm**, we will be hosting a whole school Christmas bake sale to raise money for learning resources. We invite parents to bring in their festive bakes on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, and hand them to class teachers. Please see important points about the sale below:

- We are a nut free school.
- The sale will be cash only.
- If you bring a box you wish to keep, please write your name on the box so we can return it after the sale.
- The sale will take place in the main playground.

Parents must supervise children in Years 4 and below. Year 5 and Year 6 may attend the sale alone if they normally walk home.

## KS1 Nativity Booking

KS1 are very much looking forward to sharing their Nativity with parents and carers, on the **19<sup>th</sup> of December**. They have been working really hard, both at home and at school, and can't wait to showcase everything they have been working on.

The Nativity will be taking place in the school hall, which as you know has limited capacity. With that in mind, we will be asking parents to book tickets for the Nativity performances on Parentpay. Tickets are free but have limited availability for each performance. We ask that families only book two tickets each so that there is enough for everyone.

If you have any problems when booking, please see the school office.

## Christmas Jumper Donations

Christmas Jumper day will take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. If you have any unwanted jumpers, that may now be too small for your children, please donate them to the school office on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. These can then be given to children that may not have a jumper for the December 14<sup>th</sup>.



**Have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday for the last full week of the school year!**

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

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