

William Morris Primary School

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Learning this week: 20th January 2023

Darwin:

This week we have been building bridges using recycling and have been looking at different types of bridges. Our story this week has been the Three Billy Goats Gruff and we have been thinking about how we could stick our recycling together to create bridges. We have also been thinking of ways we can cross a river; the children made bridges using different construction materials. We have also been practising our drawing skills, by drawing a bridge using Miss Hancock's model which shows us how we draw each step. Keep an eye on Dojo for next week's nursery rhyme, have a great weekend.

- Stars of the week :**
- Evie for independently coming into the classroom and saying goodbye to mummy at the door.
 - Waishe for independently eating his school dinners.



Cartwright:

Our focus text this week was 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children enjoyed joining in with the repeated refrain 'Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man!' A variety of activities relating to the story have been set up for the children to try in the classroom and outside, such as using tweezers to add buttons and features to the gingerbread man shapes, playdough with ginger spice to smell and explore, retelling the Gingerbread Man story with small world characters. The class have also been thinking about Chinese New Year – the Year of the rabbit. They have been making lucky red envelopes, painting Chinese symbols and working together to make a Chinese dragon. In maths the class have been matching numerals to the correct quantity and making rows of towers increasing in size by one block to make 'staircases'. They have also made repeating patterns and have begun to name these using letters for example 'a,b,a,b' or 'a,b,b,a,b,b'. This week the children have been sent home with a Numbots login. You might like to help your child to access the site and play some of the games!

Star of the week - James for making repeating patterns with loose parts.

Kandinsky:

This week in year one, the children have been planning their retell of the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. They have been using capital letters to start sentences and for names with increasing consistency and remembering to punctuate their sentences with full stops. In maths, the children have been calculating addition and subtraction equations using counters to show their working. In STEAM, our focus has been D&T. The children worked with a partner to create a prototype of a chassis, wheels and axles. They used their problem-solving skills to work out how to attach the wheels and axle to the chassis so that the wheels would still move. This will inform their final product. The children also enjoyed our multi-skills trip where they were able to participate in lots of different team games. They represented the school extremely well, showing respect, teamwork, perseverance and determination throughout the day.

Star of the Week – Leo. For being more focused during lesson time and contributing to class discussions.

Star Writer – Zen. Fir using question marks accurately in his writing.

Star Reader – Abdia. For reading multi syllabic words with confidence.



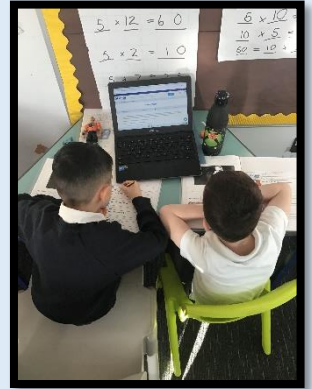
Seacole:

Well done to everyone in Seacole class for a fantastic week! In Maths, we have been looking at multiplication equations when one of the factors is five. We have been using resources to support our understanding and looking at the different ways we can represent a multiplication equation such as bar models. In English, we have been continuing to develop our ideas around our unit on The Journey by Aaron Becker. We have explored how we can use the conjunction 'when' to connect our sentences and started to plan our draft for our Golden Write. In STEAM, we have been researching many types of aviation in small groups, presenting the data in a table. We have researched key facts such as when it was invented, who it was invented by and what is the significance of it. Each group will be presenting their findings to the class next week! We have had another excellent week - keep up the hard work Year 2!

Star of the Week – Emilee for being kind and caring towards her peers.

Star Writer – Alfie for using a range of conjunctions in his sentences.

Star Reader - Shane for being able to confidently answer questions about a text.



Chawla:

This week there have been a few changes in Year 3, but the children have shown great maturity and adapted well. They have worked on their STEAM projects, which involves researching 6 types of bridges and creating a plan for building their own. Having materials such as lollipop sticks and straws has presented challenges around weight and durability for the children to solve. During Literacy, the children have been working on their 'Golden Write', a diary entry based on the character Beans in Gadgetman. The children have had to work on consistency, making sure they are continuously writing in the first person. Finally, in Maths the children have been developing their column addition, double checking their answers to make sure that each number is in the correct column. Have a great weekend!

Star of the Week – Aadhvika for being our expert in Maths this week and challenging herself.

Star Writer – Abigail for working really hard on her Golden Write this week.

Star Reader - Evie for really showing her reading skills, when reading with an adult.

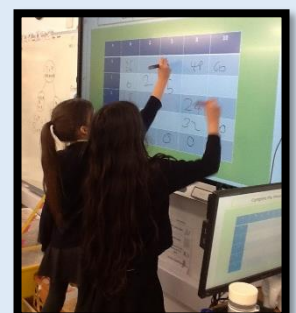
Ramanujan:

It has been a great week in Ramanujan Class, filled with creativity and compassion. We have enjoyed learning about circuits and electrical conductors in STEAM, the distributive law in Maths, and have been writing our own story chapters based on the series 'Dodger'. The children have also loved learning about Lunar New Year, with special thanks to Clarence's family, which we are excited to celebrate on Monday at school. Year 4 wish you a Happy Lunar New Year!

Star of the Week – Aislinn for her confidence, creativity and compassion when role-playing as Dodger to inspire our writing. She has also been demonstrating lots of compassion and kindness working with classmates.

Star Writer – Clarence for his brilliant use of fronted adverbials and adjectival phrases in his paragraphs.

Star Reader – Anna for her excellent expression and intonation when reading as the different characters of Wind in the Willows.



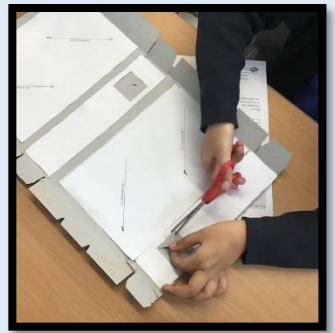
Davinci:

This week, we have been investigating how to find the area of a range of flat shapes. We identified that shapes that look different can have the same area. In English, we have been creating a shared write linked to a scene from A Midsummer Night's Dream, and the children have been practicing the skills learnt in their independent writing. In STEAM, we have been exploring how a periscope is made and how it works. The children created a prototype periscope in groups. Well done for an excellent week Year 5!

Star of the Week – *Jeremiah for showing excellent teamwork skills when creating a prototype periscope.*

Star Writer - *Stas for independently using dialogue into his writing with accurate punctuation*

Star Reader - *Mason for fantastic contributions in Reading lessons*



Shakespeare:

It has been a great week in Year 6 getting to know the children. Within our English lessons, we have been preparing for our Golden Write. The children have now completed their story maps, plans and the beginning of their narratives. I have been very impressed with the children's dedication to including a variety of sentence structures and increasing the description in their writing. We are all incredibly impressed with the children's resilience and determination in the face of so much change.

Star of the Week – *Max for confidently sharing his opinions and reflecting on the opinions of others.*

Star Writer – *Elsie-Lou for carefully considering her writing and making appropriate edits.*

Star Reader - *Viktoria for confidently reading aloud to the class.*

Dates for the Diary

- **Monday 23rd January** – Lunar New Year Celebrations
- **Monday 30th January** – Story Week
- **Friday 3rd February** – Year 5 Trip
- **Friday 10th February** – School closes at 3pm for Half Term
- **Monday 20th February** – School opens / Children return
- **Wed 22nd February till Wed 1st March** – School Book Fair
- **Thursday 2nd March** – World Book Day
- **Tuesday 21st March** – YR and Y6 Height and Weight
- **Friday 31st March** – School Closes for Easter at 1pm

Lunar New Year

On Monday 23rd January, William Morris will be celebrating Lunar New Year.

- Children are invited to wear a red item such as socks, hat, headband, and tie. (Jumpers, shirts, trousers, skirts and shoes must remain the same.)
- The school menu has been swapped. Pizza will now be served on Tuesday. Please book on ParentPay.
- Children will be making lanterns in class and these will be displayed throughout school.
- Dragon dancing movement breaks will be happening in all classes.



Half Term Football Camp

@ St Johns Catholic School

Avocet Way, Banbury OX16 9YA

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February



Don't forget YOURS

In our 21st Year!
Our FUN Camp is located within the safe & secure gated environment of St Johns RC School

Our games have been specifically designed for Boys & Girls of all abilities aged 4 – 12

Kick Off: 10.00am
Final Whistle: 3.00pm
(Drop off available from 9.30am)

To Book: Call/Txt/WhatsApp/Email Mark on
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mark@markandrewsfootballcoaching.co.uk

1 Day : £20
Thereafter
£15 per day
All 5 Days - £70



Payment Details:
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Cash/Cheque on the day or alternatively by
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Happy Lunar New Year! If you are celebrating have a fantastic time, and if not, we hope you have a lovely weekend.



Kind regards, Ally Johns and the School Team