

# William Morris Primary School

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## Learning this week: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

### Darwin:

This week as part of our steam learning we have been making chairs for Baby Bear, firstly the children each drew a picture of their chair and what they wanted it to look like. We used recycling materials to assemble our chairs, the children helped each other to cut the masking tape. We tested our models by sitting Baby Bear, Mummy Bear and Daddy Bear on each chair, our chairs stayed up and did not fall over. In maths we have been learning about AB patterns, the children have been making AB patterns by painting stripes using two colours. We have also been making AB patterns by using big and small objects .

**Stars of the week :** - *Onyx using his words and having a great week at nursery*



### Cartwright:

This week in Cartwright Class we have had great fun completing our Showcase pieces for our STEAM topic. The children have worked in groups to make a prototype boat, that would hopefully carry 'Gingy' a gingerbread man across the water safely. They then tested their boats on the water to see if the gingerbread man got wet or not. Once the boats were tested, the group then made their final boat, considering the changes they had to make from the test. We have had lots of sunshine this week, so the children have loved been outdoors playing and getting a bit wet!

Our focus book for the week was 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. In literacy the children considered what a 'Found' poster would look like and have made their own, as we found a box of builders' tools in the classroom- we don't know who they belong to!

In maths we have been focusing on different ways of 'making 5'. We have been singing the song '5 little aliens in a flying saucer' and the children have been acting out the song with small alien puppets. Maybe you could sing and act out the song at home this weekend? Children, don't forget to teach your family the special final verse that we sing in class! Well done for a great week Cartwright Class.

**Star of the week** - *Harriet - for being helpful in class*

### Kandinsky:

This week in Maths, the children have been writing addition and subtraction equations to match stories. The children used counters and a rekenrek to represent the story before writing down the equation. In English, the children have been writing their plan and draft for a fact file about cars. It has been lovely to see so many children apply the facts learnt in our STEAM lessons to their writing. In computing, the children have continued the programming unit and enjoyed programming the bee-bots to move across a picture mat to different images.

**Star of the Week** — *Kaio - for contributing to class discussions, sharing his thoughts and ideas.*

**Star Writer** — *Laura - for using capital letters to begin sentences and for names correctly in her writing.*

**Star Reader** — *Isaac.V - for using his phonic knowledge to sound out multi syllabic words containing set3 sounds.*

## Seacole:

Seacole class have had a very busy week! In Maths, we have been looking at the relationship between doubling and halving. We have been using many useful resources to support our understanding and a range of visual representations to apply our knowledge in different ways. In English, we have been continuing to develop our skills around creating a fact file based on an imaginary flying machine. We explored how we can use the conjunctions 'when' and 'because' to join two clauses and will be drawing and annotating our own imaginary flying machine to refer to when we start our draft. In STEAM, we have been able to create our final product using several resources and developed the skill of how to paper Mache. We were able to choose our own coloured paint, our own decorations and worked well as a team to construct it. Overall, we have had a superb week and had a lot of messy fun!

**Star of the Week** – *Reuben for his consistent focus and participation during lessons.*

**Star Writer** – *John for demarcating his sentences excellently and using a range of challenging punctuation.*

**Star Reader** - *Chloe for reading part of the comprehension text out loud to the class.*



## Chawla:

This week in Chawla class, we have been building our bridges, based on plans we made last week. We used a variety of different materials including: plastic bottles, lollipop sticks, cardboard and paper. We are really looking forward to the STEAM Showcase next week, where we will be able to show you our bridges in person!

In Maths, we have been looking at the 8 times table, learning the patterns and number bonds that will help us to remember them. We know that the 8 times table shares similarities with the 4 times table so we used knowledge we already had, to help us. Finally in English, we have been planning our non-chronological reports and will be writing them next week.

**Star of the Week** – *Julia – for consistently being such a kind and helpful member of the class.*

**Star Writer** – *Oscar P*

**Star Reader** – *Toby*

## Ramanujan:

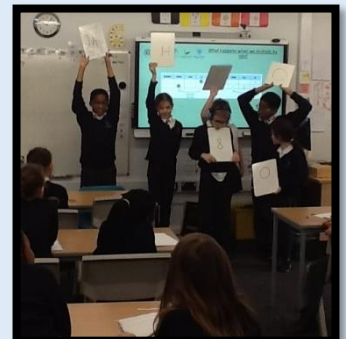
In Maths, we have been using our mathematical vocabulary to explain the relationship between multiples of 100 and multiplying by 100. In English, we have started our new topic: persuasive adverts. The children have really shined this week in STEAM, showing off their engineering skills. They have been innovative, collaborative and evaluative in their construction of the motorised cam toys. We can't wait to showcase them to you soon!

Well done Ramanujan Class - we are so proud of you all.

**Star of the Week** – *Heidi for her focus, effort and determination in lessons this week.*

**Star Writer** – *Malaikha for her improved presentation and hard work, especially showcased in her Golden Write.*

**Star Reader** – *Luna for her confidence and resilience when reading aloud in class (with some very tricky words!)*



## Davinci:

This week, we have been scaling in Maths. We have been multiplying by fractions in order to compare and describe measurements. In English, we have begun exploring diary entries. We have been writing in the first person, including a range of adverbials. In STEAM, we began making our periscopes. We also went on a school trip to Science Oxford and saw their fantastic light show!

**Star of the Week** – Jacob for working with increasing independence within lessons.

**Star Writer** - Victor for focusing well on his handwriting resulting in excellent improvements.

**Star Reader** - Freya for presenting a wonderful reading of the short story she wrote.



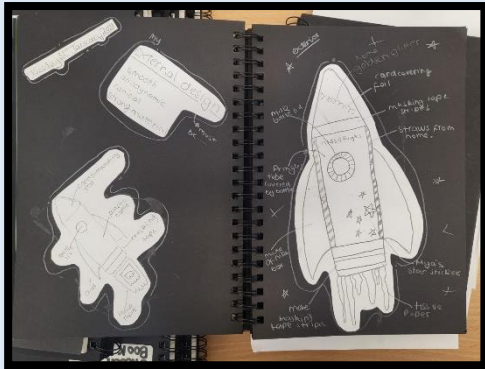
## Shakespeare:

Year 6 has had another busy week. Within our English lessons, we have been learning about writing an effective diary entry. The children have been considering the impact of their vocabulary choices upon the reader, as well as advancing the grammatical structures within their writing. In our STEAM lessons, the children have reflected on the effectiveness of the prototypes they had created for their rockets. We have now completed our final designs for these rockets, considering materials and how we will join these together. For us to build these, please can clean recyclables be brought in from home.

**Star of the Week** – Zac, for showing excellent enthusiasm toward his learning.

**Star Writer** – Liv for carefully and diligently editing her writing.

**Star Reader** - Kacper for carefully considering the context of archaic texts and making inferences.



## Dates for the Diary

- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – STEAM Showcase 8.50am – 9am
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – School closes at 3pm for Half Term
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February** – School opens / Children return
- **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> February till Wed 1<sup>st</sup> March** – School Book Fair
- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – YR and Y6 Height and Weight
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – School Closes for Easter at 1pm



## February Indoor Football Holiday Camp



Jointly run by  
Oxford United in the Community &  
Easington Sports FC  
in Banbury



ALL CHILDREN 4-13 YEARS OLD  
£55 FOR 3 DAYS  
£25 PER DAY  
9AM - 3PM

Tuesday 14th February  
Wednesday 15th February  
Thursday 16th February

### Venue:

Easington Sports FC  
Addison Road  
Banbury, OX16 9DH

Book Now: [ouitc.org/our-courses/](http://ouitc.org/our-courses/)



## New Menu

Please be aware that there will be a new school menu taking effect after half term. This will be bookable on Parentpay as usual.

We will also be sending the menu out on Dojo next week, so that you can have a look and talk through the choices with your child.

If your child has allergies, then we will be sending out a new personalised menu to you next week.

## Parking

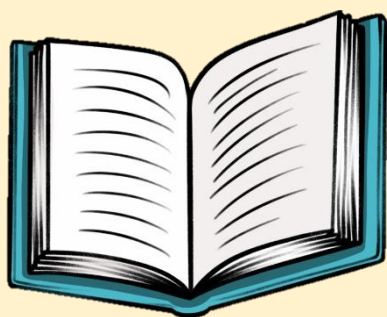
We remind parents to be aware, when parking at drop off and pick up, that they are not parking in a resident's parking area.

We have had numerous complaints of residents being unable to park outside their homes, due to school traffic. We ask that if there are no spaces available when you arrive at school, that parents park further away and walk the last few minutes to school.

## Thank You!

Thank you to all the parents who signed up to be a Mystery Reader this week. The children really enjoyed your visits and listening to your stories.

We know that not everyone got chance to read this time around, so please keep an eye on opportunities to sign up in the future.



**We hope you have a lovely weekend and will see you on Monday for the last week of term!**

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