



# William Morris Primary School

8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Darwin Class:

Although we haven't had any children learning in Darwin class this week, we have loved being able to visit you at home. A big thank you to everyone for making us feel so welcome. We look forward to having you all with us next week so we can start our learning journey together.

### ***Please remember the school day:***

30hrs Children – 8.45 till 3pm (Some children will finish early on Wednesday if they aren't topping up.)

AM – 8.40am till 11.40am

PM – 12pm till 3pm

BOW – Early finish on Wednesday.



## Cartwright Class:

What a start we have had to Cartwright Class. This week we have been focusing on welcoming the students to their new classroom and introducing them to all the resources we have. We have been learning lots about each other and talking about our favourite things, as well as drawings pictures to share with our families at the end of the day. The home corner and the sandpit have been popular places for the children to play and continue to get to know each other, as well as the water tray as we try to stay cool in the heat. Well done for a wonderful first week Cartwright Class!

***Star of the week*** - Cartwright Class for being resilient and enthusiastic about their new Reception adventure.

## Kandinsky Class:

Wow! Year One have had an amazing start to the year. We have been incredibly impressed at the way they have adapted to so many new experiences and different routines. One particular highlight was how brilliant they were when get ready for PE. The children worked together, enabling them to independently get ready and keep all their clothes together. The classroom looked so tidy when we left for the lesson which was also fantastic fun as we practised our counting by playing 'What's the time Mr. Wolf?'. In English the children have been identifying the Who? and the What? in our story 'The Scarecrows' Wedding'. They have then worked extremely hard to label their pictures and concentrated on ensuring that their letters are formed correctly and sat on the line. We have been so pleased to see so many of them use their phonics knowledge to spell. In mathematics we have been counting forwards and backwards to ten. We particularly enjoyed blasting off when counting down! In the afternoon we have been looking at different materials and thinking about what they are made of. We have then started to think about their properties and how this makes them suitable for different purposes. Well done Year One on an excellent week. You have all been such stars!

***Star of the Week*** – Harriet for been a super teacher during our writing lessons and a great partner to work with.

***Star Writer*** – Olivia for working so hard in her independent writing and not giving up.

***Star Reader*** – Maia-Amour for her enthusiasm and commitment in our phonics sessions





## Seacole Class:

We have had a superb first week back in Year 2! In Maths, we have been looking at how we can group objects into ten and recognising that this shows 'one ten'. We have been using concrete resources such as dienes and skip counting in our 10's to support our understanding. In English, we started our new unit looking at the story 'Little Red'. The children had a lot of fun using drama to re-enact the story as well as using a description of the wolf to draw their own pictures - it was fantastic to see our school value of creativity. In our wider curriculum lessons, we have started our new topic looking at the different continents and climates of the world to create a coat for our own bears. In this weeks lesson, the children explored the 7 continents of the world. We went outside and grouped ourselves from largest to smallest starting with continent, country, city then town. We then used a piece of text from an atlas to support us in plotting the different continents on a map. Well done for a fantastic first week Seacole Class!

**Star of the Week** – Callie for settling in fantastically into the new class.

**Star Writer** – Zen for his excellent description of the wolf in our story 'Little Red'.

**Star Reader** – Maevys for going up to yellow group in phonics and showing fantastic progress.

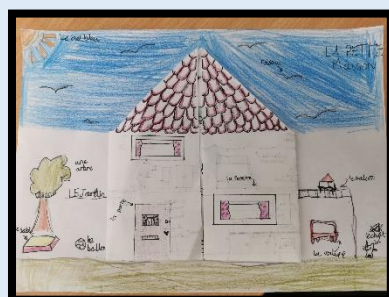
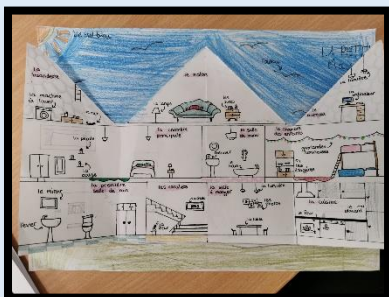
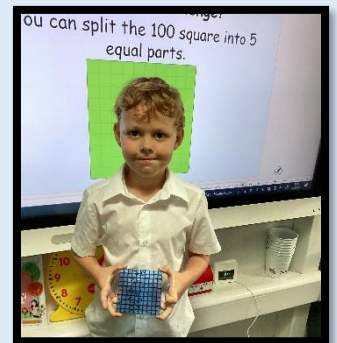
## Chawla Class:

Wow - what an amazing start to Year 3! The children have settled in brilliantly and demonstrated their excellence, creativity and determination! This week in Writing, we have been hunting for nouns and adjectives, using these to create our own artistic designs for 'The Iron Man'. In Maths, we have been exploring the composition of 100, considering 10s, 50s, 25s and 20s. In our wider curriculum next week, we will be kicking off our new topic in an exciting 'Wheels Day' to investigate forces.

**Star of the Week** – Roman for his positive attitude and determination at the start of a new school year.

**Star Writer** – Shane for his creative descriptions using interesting adjectives.

**Star Reader** – Norah for her clear and confident reading aloud to the class.



## Ramanujan Class:

Year 4 have had a fantastic first week of the new school year. They came back full of energy and have settled back into the routines of school very well. We have had 3 new friends join the class and the children have enjoyed getting to know their new classmates.

We spent a bit of time catching up and hearing about what everyone has been up to during the summer and there was lots of news to share.

We have been focusing on reminding children of the expectations now they are back at school, particularly with conduct around school and in the classroom.

**Star of the week** – Aadhvika for an amazing piece of work, she did over summer.

**Star Writer** – Frankie for he focus and dedication in English.

**Star Reader** – Milena for fabulous confident reading in lessons.

**Stars** – Leeroy, Charlene and Emilia for settling into Year 4 so well.



## Davinci Class:

Wow! What a fantastic first week back in Year 5. In English, we have been focusing on the story 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. In particular, we have been focusing on what the setting is like and word choices we can make to paint a picture for the reader. In Maths we have been exploring place value. We have explored how we can represent tenths in a place value chart, then how we can represent this as a decimal fraction. In our Project we have been exploring a range of properties of different materials. We discussed how we can test the hardness, transparency and conductivity of those materials, which we will investigate next week.

**Star of the Week** – Ryan for being an absolute superstar this week and working super hard with his learning.

**Star Writer** - Emily for focusing hard on her handwriting and making great improvements.

**Star Reader** - Holly for using her initiative well and making notes during the story to support her writing.

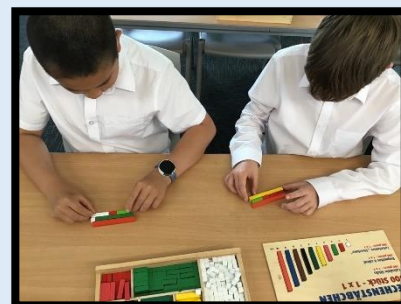
## Shakespeare Class:

What an amazing week Shakespeare Class have had! I have been so impressed with the children's dedication toward their learning and how quickly they have adjusted back into school life. Within maths lessons, we have been working on the part-whole relationship with algebraic equations - all the children have amazed me with how well they have embraced this new knowledge. On Thursday, we began our project investigations into the most efficient way to collect rubbish. The children found the tried and tested method of using a broom collected the pieces of confetti in the shortest amount of time. In our reading and writing lessons, we have been focusing on the text 'The Island' by Armin Greder. Please remember homework is due next Thursday (15<sup>th</sup> September).

**Star of the Week** – Layla for always showing excellence and challenging herself in every lesson.

**Star Writer** - Harvey for his amazing connections he made between the themes of Alice in Wonderland and The Island.

**Star Reader** - Abigail for her love of reading and dedication to this at home.



## Dates for the diary ...

September	October	November
15 <sup>th</sup> – Swimming Starts	20 <sup>th</sup> – Last day of term	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Y6 Return
20 <sup>th</sup> – Y6 Class Workshop	30 <sup>th</sup> – Term Starts	14 <sup>th</sup> – Flu Immunisations
26 <sup>th</sup> – Photo Day	30 <sup>th</sup> – Y6 Residential to PGL	