

2nd November 2018

Darwin: In Darwin Class this week we have started our new topic on 'Space'. We have decided to fit in with the rest of the schools STEAM project for the next few weeks, as the children were very excited to hear about the new topic that the school were going to be learning about this half term.

The children have been learning about Space adventures to the Moon and learning about famous Astronauts who have been into Space. They looked at a Spaceship taking off on the internet and heard about what its like to go up on a Spaceship. The children were excited to find a small Spaceship set up in the classroom and have been sitting in it to read a variety of Space themed books. Our role play area is now set up as a Spaceship too, so the children will be acting out being astronauts and going on exciting Space adventures!

In Literacy, the children have been writing about what they would see if they went to the moon and we have been singing 'Space' songs such as '5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer' and 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.' In Maths we have been doing lots of counting down from 10 and blasting ourselves off into Space!

Kadinsky: Kandinsky class have quickly settled back into their routines after the half term holiday. We were all very excited about the Halloween Disco this week and enjoyed talking our Halloween experiences in circle time. In Literacy we have been writing about our scavenger hunt using adjectives to describe the treasures we found. In Maths we have been counting in twos to twenty and back and using hundred squares to spot mistakes. Our new topic is Moon Zoom and we have designed astronauts and have found out interesting facts about the Moon and Rockets.

Seacole: Seacole Class have had a great first week back. They have fully embraced our new topic, "Bounce into Space", and are asking lots of interesting questions about Space. As a class, we always love discussing new words and phrases we come across and already our 'Vocabulary Tree' is filling up with exciting new words that the children are using in their partner talk and their written work.



Valentina: Valentina Class have come back from the holiday with a super attitude to learning!

Alongside learning about our new topic, we've had time for some spooky Halloween craft. Our new topic is called Mighty Metals and we have really enjoyed starting our class book, The Iron Man. We are so excited about the STEAM project this term, especially because Space is Ms Bailey's favourite favourite thing! We have learned the names of the planets in our solar system and we have found out a few facts about each one. Ask us if you see us!

DaVinci: DaVinci class have had great first week back after half term. We have been 'launched' into our Space STEAM topic this term, with the challenge of creating some stars for our planetarium and also some planets. For our class topic this term we are designing and creating amusement park rides. The children have already had great fun watching clips of some of the world's wildest roller coasters, then writing all about them. In maths the children have been working hard, using their reasoning skills to solve problems which require written methods of addition and subtraction, we have also been using lot of bar models to help with this.

Shakespeare: It is so great to have Shakespeare class back from half term and so focused on their learning. This week we have found out our new topic is called Tomorrow's World - robots, computers, technologies, communications. The whole class is buzzing and can't wait to research blogs, websites, micro chips and even design our own robots!!!! The children have written biographical fact files all about Sir Tim Berners-Lee, the inventor of the world wide web. In our maths lessons we have been converting centimeters and millimeter, generating our own rules and proving them. We were very lucky to have Miss Hiddleston teach us a fantastic lesson on space - we were all overwhelmed at how vast the universe really is.

Please can you put a note on the newsletter reminding year 5 parents about a meeting re the Venture award trip

Key Dates for your Diary (next page for full list):

- Meeting about the Venture Award trip - Wed 7th November at 3.15pm
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- Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 14th December
- Break-Up Day – Friday 21st December
- School Opens – Monday 7th January 2019

Have a fantastic weekend!

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team

STARS OF THE WEEK

Darwin: Malaika I	Kadinsky: Ethan C
Seacole: Aimee F	Valentina: Chase E
DaVinci: Travis K	Shakespeare: Elsie P

WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Darwin: Isabella Z	Kadinsky: Charlie R
Seacole: Kai H	Valentina: Ruby G
DaVinci: Alfie W	Shakespeare: Harry A

Winter Term Activities

Dates for your diary

Friday 16th November

Children in Need – Dress in Spots & Sponsored Read-a-thon

Tuesday 20th November

William Morris Open Morning for new 2019 reception parents (spread the word!)

Friday 23rd November

Rocket Experiment Day @ WM (parents being invited to this event will be weather dependent)

Thursday 6th December

Christmas Fayre

Friday 7th December

SPACE THE FINAL FRONTIER – MUST ATTEND EVENT!!!

The children at William Morris proudly present our Term 2 STEAM project: SPACE – THE FINAL FRONTIER. We invite you to come and see our ACTUAL planetarium and let your children show off what they have learnt and completed this term. Just as when we celebrated our shelter building, Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 parents welcome at 2:15pm and Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 parents welcome at 2:40pm. DO NOT MISS OUT!

Thursday 13th December

EYFS/KS1 Christmas production

1:30pm and 6:00pm performance to parents/carers

Christmas lunches - Book a meal with the office – deadline for bookings and payment is Wednesday 12th December. Don't miss out – catering numbers MUST be submitted on **Thursday 13th December**

Tuesday 18th December

EYFS/Y1/Y2

12:00pm Christmas lunch with parents/carers

Wednesday 19th December

Y3/Y4

12:00pm Christmas lunch with parents/carers

Thursday 20th December

Y5/Y6

12:00pm Christmas lunch with parents/carers

Thursday 20th December

Christmas Jumper day and at **2:15pm** Carol Service, all parents/carers are invited to join us in the hall

Friday 21st December

1:00pm School finishes – MERRY CHRISTMAS!





CLUBS

at William Morris
Primary School

All clubs for this term, from now until December run from 3:15-4:15pm

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir Yrs 3-6 Free of charge	Cross Country Running Yrs 2-6 Free of charge Football £3 per session	Oxford United Football Ladies Invitation only, date to be advised	Tag Rugby Yrs 2-6 Free of charge Dance Club £3 per session

Free Trial Piano Tuition

Studies show that time spent at the keyboard improves mental health: people who make music experience less anxiety, loneliness, and depression. Playing piano has also been shown to be a great source of stress relief, and provides ample opportunity to bolster self-esteem. It is also a widely used form of therapy for Attention Deficit Disorder. **Not sure if your child will take to it? Why not try a month's tuition FREE of charge?**

All tuition books and diaries are also supplied free of charge by the service. To obtain an application form, please email MJmusicervices@aol.com

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