

16th November 2018

Darwin: We have been following our Value of the Month and shown lots of 'Creativity'. We performed our very first Class Assembly in front of the whole school and based this on our topic of Space. We performed a song and showed some of our wonderful paintings.

This has been our last week on the topic of Space. The children have learnt about the different planets and thought about how life on Earth is different to Space. They have had a Music and Movement lesson and pretended to walk on the moon and float through Space like stars. The children have been enjoying acting as Astronauts in our Role Play area, which is now a Space Rocket!

Next week our focus will be another Traditional Tale - Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

In Maths, we have been learning about money, so the children may be a bit more familiar with this concept when out shopping with you over the weekend!

Kandinsky: This week we have been displaying creativity following our previous shared assembly about what this value means. We have been creating clay aliens based on our designs following the alien crash landing in our new classroom. In our literacy lessons, we have been displaying increasing independence to write sentences using adjectives describing the aliens we have created using modelling materials and paint.

Exploring the number of tens and ones in teen numbers using numicon and dienes has been our focus in Maths, as well as rocket countdowns using multiples of tens and twos.

Seacole: Seacole class have a busy week writing non chronological reports about our own planet and they have just started researching about the planet Mars. We learnt lots of interesting facts about the Red Planet and we are going to use these to help us write a fact file next week. In maths, we have been investigating 2D shapes and their properties - ask them what a vertex is? We were really surprised to find out that a square is a special type of rectangle! One afternoon we had lots of fun exploring the effects of gravity on bubbles. The children made lots of great observations and used their scientific knowledge to help answer some of the questions posed.



Valentina: True to our November value of Creativity, Valentina did a beautiful Golden Write this week! We have consolidated what we have learned about conjunctions and using our senses to create vivid images, and we have all written a setting description based on the first chapter of The Iron Man. In Maths, we've been focusing on addition and everyone was super excited to learn about the column method, which might explain why it was such a roaring success! Our Science investigation into tarnished metal was really interesting and we learned some great scientific vocabulary. We found out how to write up and evaluate a Scientific experiment, which is useful because our next investigation will be part of our whole school STEAM challenge!

DaVinci: DaVinci have had an explosive week! We have been doing some top secret testing of our rocket for next week's STEAM challenge. We can't give too much away, but we thought carefully about our combination and quantities of rocket fuel and think we are on to a winner! We placed a lot of emphasis on fair testing, ensuring that

to maximise our rocket's launch we changed one thing at a time. In our literacy this week we have been getting very creative with our narrative writing. We have been designing roller coasters and imagining our journey on them, thinking about some of the dialogue we might be having along the way!

Shakespeare: Shakespeare class have been exploring the creative and futuristic world of robots, researching how they move and what features they can perform. We really enjoyed the dancing robots in Japan!! We have planned and designed a fact file template for the rest of the school to use and add to our school planetarium.

In STEAM sessions, we have worked with Miss Hiddleston to plan our 3D planets and calculated their exact scaled down sizes!! We have also been working hard to build up our minutes each day reading, filling in our grids for 'Let's read for Children in Need'. Another cracking week.

Spotty Day: We have yet to count up the grand total from today's Children In Need Day, but we all had fun!



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

- 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

WRITERS OF THE WEEK	
Darwin: George A	
	Kadinsky: Noah J
Seacole: Mikaila B	
	Valentina: Lilly A
DaVinci: Xavier J	
	Shakespeare: Kian F

STARS OF THE WEEK	
Darwin: Liliana P	
	Kandinsky: Layla S
Seacole: Amy B	
	Valentina: Kaja O
DaVinci: Aurelia B	
	Shakespeare: Sophie W

Winter Term Activities

Dates for your diary

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 MJmusicservices@aol.com

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