

23rd November 2018

Darwin: Darwin class have had a super week learning about traditional tales. This week we have been focusing on 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and have written story maps to help us remember the beginning, middle and end. In the classroom we have been playing with dry porridge oats and using them to fill containers of different sizes. The children enjoyed pretending to feed the 'porridge' to Goldilocks and our three teddy bears. At the beginning of the week, the class tasted some real, cooked porridge and made a chart to record how many people liked it and how many did not - the results were: 8 liked it, 3 did not! In maths, Darwin class have learnt about the properties of 3D shapes and learnt some common names such as; cube, cylinder and cuboid.



Kandinsky: Kandinsky class have been writing character profiles about their alien they created. We painted the clay aliens we made and have used Lego to build rockets for them.

Kandinsky have enjoyed trying to launch a rocket using bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. After an unsuccessful attempt yesterday we have adapted the formula, bottle and cork size to create a possible winning entry for the rocket competition!

In maths, we have been using the cherry model to identify the parts of the whole to calculate number bonds that equal 5 and double sided counters in ten frames.

Seacole: Seacole have used grit and determination this week when trying to make a successful rocket launch. After many unsuccessful attempts and adaptations to the design, Seacole showed great resilience and they also gave brilliant scientific explanations as to why it might not be working and what to change. They are all fantastic scientists! Watch this space for hopefully a successful launch on Friday! In maths Seacole class are investigate 2D shapes and they are also practicing the 2 times table. In English they have been using text mapping to help them remember and recall a text.

Valentina: Valentina were all excited to get this week underway, as we knew this week would be rocket week! We have been testing our fizzy bottle rockets with mixed results, and along the way we have been learning about evaluating and honing our design whilst finding out about the science of some chemical reactions. We have all had a highly successful week of Maths, as we have all got to grips with column addition - this feels like a very grown-up skill to have accomplished! Our journey with the Iron Man continues, and we have been looking deeper into Hogarth's character. Year 6 have kindly worked out the dimensions of the planets we are going to build, so over the next couple of weeks we'll be immersing ourselves in facts and research to do with Earth and Saturn! Many thanks if you have donated newspaper and egg boxes - we now have enough for our project.

DaVinci: This week DaVinci class have been getting creative with our persuasive writing! We have used a clip from Shrek, during which all the creatures of Fiarytale Land are banished to Shrek's swamp. We have been trying to persuade Lord Farquard, writing from a character's perspective, that we should be released. We've had some brilliantly persuasive points, such as Cinderella needs to clean houses which will be getting dirty without her, the three bears are desperate to replace their furniture that was broken by an intruder! We also had Woodsmen who need to get chopping trees in Fairytale Land and even the Gingerbreadman wants to escape as he is afraid of being eaten by the other creatures stuck in the swamp!

In science we have continued looking at forces and focused on who was right, Galileo or Aristototle when it came to the speed things fell at, ask you child if you want to know the answer!

Shakespeare: SPACE, SPACE, SPACE. Our week has been dominated by our Space topic - planning and building our planets, constructing and launching the rocket, and completing the fact files. We have been very busy and the children should be very proud of their achievements. All children have planned and written a newspaper report, launching a new item of technology (making sure we are using Y5 and Y6 vocabulary). The children have been continuing their excellent maths work - developing their knowledge of multiplying 3 digit number by 2 digit numbers. The missing number questions really challenged out thinking and reasoning.

Space Day: On Friday 7th December we will be celebrating all things Space!! Please come in space themed costumes and bring a £1 to help raise money for a school piano.

No Nut Policy: We have several children with severe allergies to nuts and therefore we have a policy whereby we can't have nuts (in any form) in the school. If you choose to send in chocolates or sweets for a birthday celebration, please can you guarantee they the items are completely nut free. Staff will check and if they are not sure, will not be able to hand them out.

Christmas Card Competition: The deadline for the Bloor Homes Competition is on Monday 26th November. Please bring in your entries on Monday!

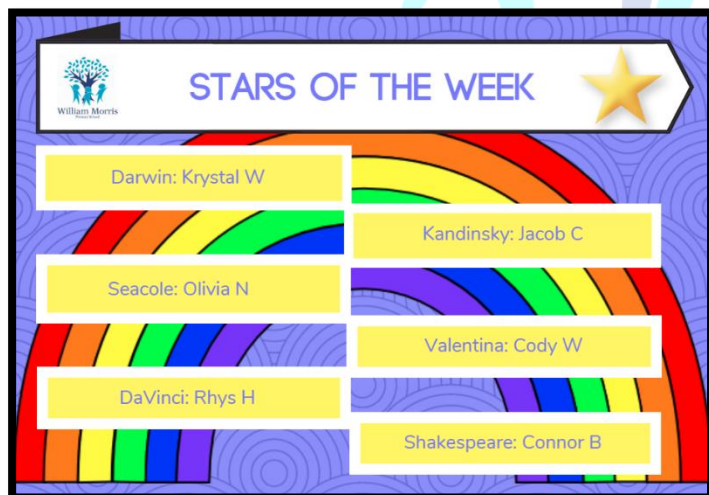
Key Dates for your Diary (next page for full list):

- Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 14th December
- Break-Up Day – Friday 21st December
- School Opens – Monday 7th January 2019

Have a fantastic weekend!



Julie Hiddleston and the school team



STARS OF THE WEEK

Darwin: Krystal W	Kandinsky: Jacob C
Seacole: Olivia N	Valentina: Cody W
DaVinci: Rhys H	Shakespeare: Connor B



WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Darwin: Natalia K	Kadinsky: Freya F
Seacole: Anthony C	Valentina: Dominik S
DaVinci: Mitchell M	Shakespeare: Millie B

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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