

30th November 2018

Darwin: In Darwin Class this week we have been continuing our focus on Traditional Tales and have been listening to and acting out the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children have made stick puppets for the characters and used a variety of coloured paper to create the setting. They then acted out the story in small groups, which was a real pleasure to see! We have continued to follow our Value of the Month of 'Creativity' and drawn story maps to outline the structure of the story. Every child has drawn the pictures and some key phrases to map out the story.

In maths, we have been learning about the Number 9 and using the Numicon resources and the cubes to make 9 in different ways. Later in the week we learnt about the days of the week. Please do discuss the days of the week with your child and talk about the activities you do on each day.

In connection with our book of the week, we learnt about a variety of bridges and how they are used. The children then used the building blocks and the junk modelling materials to make their own bridges.

Kandinsky: Kandinsky have written planet descriptions for their story settings focussing on using adjectives. We have been using purple pens to edit our work both in Literacy and Maths. In Maths we have been recalling days of the week, months of the year and sorting events into chronological order. We thoroughly enjoyed making our space hats ready for the dress up space day next week as well as practising our songs for the Christmas performance.

Seacole: Seacole class thoroughly enjoyed our day with our visiting poet James Carter. We loved listening to his poems especially the ones about Space. James taught us how to write space themed kennings. We had great fun coming up with lines of the poem. Here are some of our favourites: space invader, slime lover, human hater, trouble maker.



In maths, we have been looking at symmetry and we explored the shapes around us to see if they have lines of symmetry. Our afternoons have started to have a focus on our nativity, 'Christmas with the Aliens'. We are rehearsing our songs and lines and cannot wait to show it to you all!

Valentina: After the success (don't laugh...) of last week's rocket launch, we were delighted to spend all of Monday thinking about space, moons, and aliens in our workshop with the wonderful James Carter. We learned about kenning poems and have presented our own kennings inside our alien drawings. We have discussed the varying purposes and media representations of the news, and have started thinking about writing our news reports about one of the shocking events in The Iron Man. We've been grappling with all sorts of problems relating to column addition, and we are quite sure that Times Tables Rock Stars is going to become our favourite part of the day very soon! We'll be giving out login details soon so that everyone can do some practice at home.

DaVinci: It has been another busy week this week in DaVinci class, we are still basking in the glow of our successful and winning rocket launch last Friday afternoon! In our maths we have been looking in detail at the commutative and associative laws, working out when and why they work and also when they don't work. The children also shared the lessons with teachers from other schools, eager to see the William Morris way of teaching maths Mastery. In

our English we were writing our persuasive speeches to Lord Farquhar, then beginning to edit them. The highlight of the week must have been visiting Wykham Park for our virtual reality tour of space, I'm sure you children will tell you all about it!

Shakespeare: Shakespeare class have had an utterly cosmic week. On Monday we had a fantastic session with James Carter, a guitarist and poet. The children wrote their own poetry using imagery and science facts. They shared their poems in assembly. James Carter told us that they were some of the best Year 5/6 poems he has ever read. On Tuesday we attended a Geography game show at Tudor Hall where an incredible man drew a map of the world from memory - we even won some prizes!!! On Thursday the class visited the virtual reality suite at the Space Studio Banbury at Aspirations Academy. All the children were able to have a session with the VR headset, ordering the planets and exploring the space station. On Friday we will be completing our 3D planets and constructing the sun in the hall, ready for our Space event in a couple of week's time. A truly metamorphic week.

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. Non-school uniform with a space themed item (ie planet hat or tinfoil hat etc). Please don't spend lots of money on an outfit, be creative!!

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!

All the fun of the Christmas Fayre: Please bring in raffle donations and for class hampers. These need to be in by Wednesday 5th December at the latest. Any donations of Christmas cakes would be very much appreciated. Please come along and join in, and don't forget to book your place to visit Santa in his grotto.

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.

Special well done: Dawid from DaVinci Class shown here presenting his totally cosmic homework which certainly deserves a special mention. Fabulous, well done!

Parking: It has been reported that some parents are parking across chevrons outside the school gates. Please refrain from doing this, it is illegal and dangerous.



Class Dojo: If you haven't already, please do sign up to Class Dojo. If you aren't signed up you are missing out on lots of lovely activities from inside the classroom!

Space Hopper Competition: Space Day Friday 7th our kitchen is giving away 15 space hoppers! To be in with a chance of winning, your child will need to have a hot dinner that day. There's a special menu, see the poster in reception and all over the school.

James Carter Poet: We were really lucky to have a poet join us on Monday. He worked with the children, showing them different styles of poetry and they had lots of fun!

Some information regarding winter benefits that may help some parents: SoWarm Home

Discount - £140 off your electricity bill for winter 2018 to 2019 under the Warm Home Discount Scheme.

The money is not paid directly to you - it's a one-off discount off your electricity bill, between September and March.

<https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme>

Cold weather payment - If the average temperature in your area is recorded as, or forecast to be, zero degrees Celsius or below for 7 consecutive days, eligible families will be entitled to receive £25 for each 7 day period of very cold weather between 1 November and 31 March. <https://www.gov.uk/cold-weather-payment>

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

STARS OF THE WEEK

Darwin: Anna G	Kandinsky: Mikayla W
Seacole: Charlie L	Valentina: Harley M -G
DaVinci: Paige E	Shakespeare: Finley B

WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Darwin: Krystal W	Kadinsky: Jacob A
Seacole: Amy B	Valentina: Kelsie G - H
DaVinci: Carley P	Shakespeare: Erik K

Winter Term Activities

Dates for your diary



Thursday 6th December

Christmas Fayre

Friday 7th December

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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!

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CLUBS

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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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