

11th January 2019

Kandinsky: In Kandinsky we have been talking and writing about our favourite superheroes. We are really excited about our Superhero day on Tuesday 15th! We will be coming to school dressed up as a Superhero ready to participate in our Superhero hunt around the school grounds! In Literacy we have been thinking, saying, writing then editing our sentences and self-assessing our sentences using marking ladders. In P.E with Mr Pemble we were making superhero poses such as Mr Strong and Miss Elastica. We have been making magic ten when adding 1 and 2 digit numbers together in maths using tens frames and counters. In our class assembly we discussed what tolerance means and how we can show this value in our daily school experiences.

Darwin: Darwin Class have started back exceptionally well after the Christmas holidays, it has been lovely to see how smart and happy they looked as they came into school this week. We welcome a few new starters to our class, 5 new Nursery children and 1 new Reception child. They have all settled in beautifully and it is a pleasure to have them.

This week we have been learning about our new topic on 'Cold Places'. We have been reading the book 'Say Hello to the snowy animals!' By Ian Whybrow and learning about the different animals that live in Cold Places. In Art, the children investigated frozen paint and looked at the changes that occurred over time. We iced some biscuits and decorated them with 13 sweets, as a link to our 'Number of the Week' which has been 13.

We have started to think about the Value of the Month which is 'Tolerance' and have been really tolerant of each other as we played and worked in the classroom.

Next week, we are continuing our topic on Cold Places, as it's certainly cold in Banbury at the moment!

Seacole: Ahoy, Me Hearties! It is full steam ahead for Seacole class this week with them getting stuck into our new topic - Land Ahoy! As a class we have explored the different seas and oceans on our planet and learnt about a terrible pirate called Captain Blackbeard! In our English lessons we have been working on developing our vocabulary to help us describe a setting based on the book 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. Whilst reading this book we have found out the meanings of lots of new words. Ask us what perched, with great gusto and concocting mean, we would love to WOW you with our knowledge. In Maths we have been working on adding numbers that cross boundaries and have been drawing number lines and using resources to help us work out the maths problems.

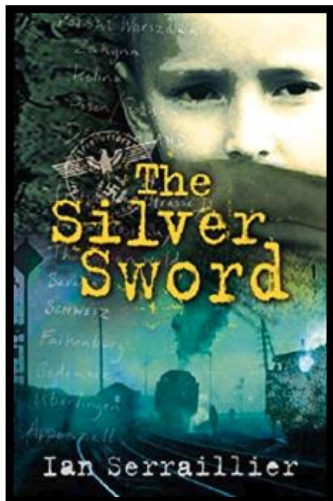
Value of the Month:

TOLERANCE

Willingness to accept
behaviour and beliefs that
are different from your
own, even if you don't
agree with them.

Valentina: Valentina have truly hit the ground running this term! This week we have been exploring multiplication and division, and doing some problem-solving with the 3 and 4 times tables. We have really enjoyed starting our new class book, The Firework-Maker's Daughter. It has helped us to learn how to use the present perfect tense, which we will be using when we write our diary entries about Lila's adventure. We have been absolutely fascinated by rocks this week - we're all confident with using scientific vocabulary like igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic now. We have read about the ingredients Lila uses to make her fireworks, and we have designed our own. Everyone is really excited to learn about volcanoes in the coming weeks so that we can put our best feet forward in the Science Fair!

DaVinci: The children in DaVinci have made a great start back to school after the New Year. We have dived straight back into our work. In maths, we have been multiplying using the written method, before moving on to start to look at dividing, also using the written method. In English we have been doing a week of poetry, looking closely at Kennings. Kenning are poems with just two words in each line; a noun and a verb. The subject of the poem is a secret and each line gives clues as to what the subject might be. We have linked this to looking at hyphens and using thesauri to improve and develop our word choices. In our geography we continued our work on maps and looked at working out six figure grid references for locations, tricky - but the children really got the hang of it after a while.



Shakespeare: Shakespeare class have started Term 3 with such a positive attitude. Our new topic is A Child's War and we are already exploring key events and figures during this time in our history. The value of the month is tolerance and we have been exploring how this can be applied to the start of World War 2. We have started our new class text which is called The Silver Sword and have been developing an excellent piece of extended writing based on the father's experiences in a Prisoner of War camp in Poland. This week we welcomed Mr Cour Palais to our class and he has been teaching some very interesting and informative lessons in the afternoons. There is a lot of work to cover this term, and I already know that Shakespeare class will be successful.

Year 6 Tuition: This resumes next week and it is really important that children attend all sessions. Next week's session is on Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Choir: Please note there is no choir next week.

Lock-down Drill: For those of you who wish to speak to your children in advance, there will be a lockdown drill at school on Friday 18th January in the morning.

Home-School Link Worker: We are delighted to welcome Megan Evetts as our newly appointed Home School Link Worker at William Morris and Longford Park schools. Megan joined us this week, moving on from working within a local secondary school where she supported many different children and their families. Most recently, her role was supporting year 11 students, preparing them for their upcoming GCSE exams, ensuring that they have the best possible knowledge, skills and confidence to reach their full potential in school and beyond.

She is very excited to be able to use her experience in supporting children and families, particularly in the transition from year 6 to year 7, where she hopes to be a source of encouragement for those that should need it. Megan has lots of experience of managing challenging behaviour and in supporting children with special educational needs and warmly welcomes any questions that you may have.

Megan has lived in Banbury all her life, growing up on the Bretch Hill estate and attending local primary and secondary schools:

"I truly believe that this gives me a unique understanding of some of the challenges faced by many, but more so motivates and drives me to support our children and families in realising and achieving their dreams, goals and aspirations, irrespective of the varying starting points of life.

I am thrilled to join such fantastic schools and am eager to meet you all! Please do say hello and do not hesitate to contact me if I can support you in any way."

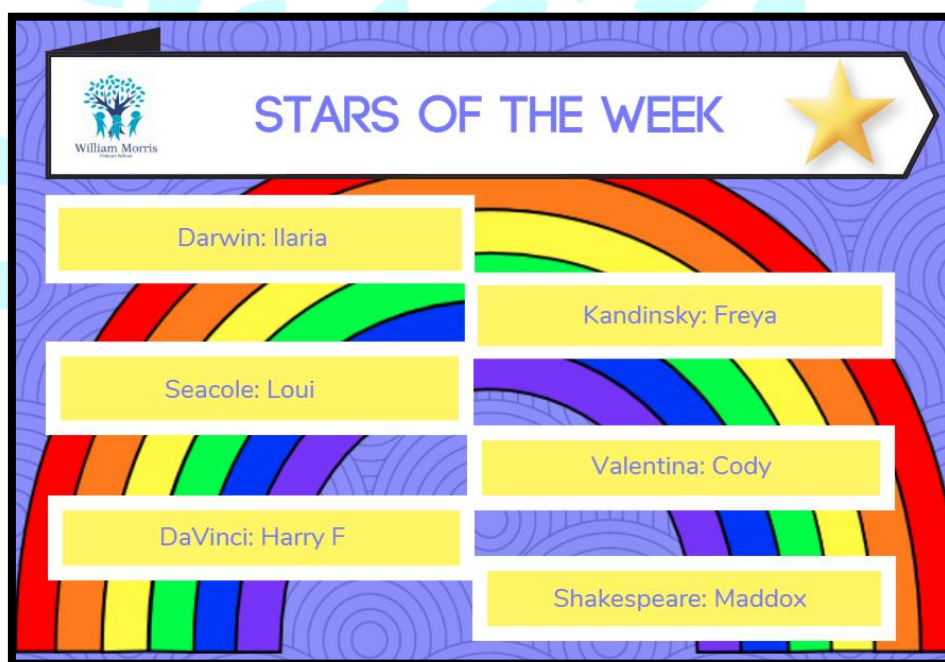
Key Dates for your Diary:

- Lock-down drill - Friday 18th January

Have a lovely weekend!

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team





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?**

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