



1st February 2019

Darwin: This week the children have been learning about 'Vets and pets'. They have listened to stories about animals and have been acting out different scenarios in the vet role play area. The children were shown a selection of items that have been surgically retrieved from animals - stones, plants, socks! We discussed how they got there and learnt about X- Rays and surgery. The children were asked to write questions to ask a vet as a sentence. They wrote their ideas in a speech bubble and these have been placed in the role play area on display.

In maths this week the class have been learning about addition and number bonds. The children have counted the number of items in two groups and then counted them altogether to find the total. They have also learnt to say and write a number sentence using the addition and equals sign.

In PSED we have been thinking about the importance of practising a skill and persevering when you find something challenging. The children all thought of a goal that they would like to achieve this year.

Kandinsky: This week we have been drawing story boards and writing our Superkid story endings. In gymnastics we have been synchronising our Superhero travelling and jumping sequences to music. In science, we experimented with a different flying Superhero aeroplane design to see if we could make them travel further than last week and recorded our results in metres. In Maths we have been solving subtraction calculations, explaining our reasoning using our preferred choice of equipment. In our Votes For Schools lesson we discussed what a role model was and who inspires us. We voted about the question 'Is there were enough role models on television?' The pupils thought carefully about how they see themselves and choose one word which they thought represented them as a role model in class.

Seacole: We have had a busy week this week. In English we have started to find out how to write a good set of instructions. The week started with Miss DeSantis making a mustard sandwich and the children then wrote the instructions for this. Afterwards some brave souls even tried the sandwich. The loud sounds of "YUCK!" could probably have been heard from Miss Hiddleston's office! However there were some that really liked the taste and so these children soon polished off the rest of the sandwich! In maths we have begun looking at subtraction and are using our number facts to help us solve these calculations. Throughout the week, Seacole class have also been fully embracing their inner pirate by singing sea shanties in Music and in P.E they took part in a Pirate Training Camp and came up with their own pirate inspired dance. What an ARRRRRRsome week!

Valentina: We started a new Maths topic this week as we started to develop our knowledge of time. It turns out even a minute is quite a bit longer than lots of us thought! We finished diary-writing on Monday with a spectacular Golden Write, and we've started to look at non-chronological reports. Now that February has arrived, we have started to think of our new value of the month: Resilience. Our favourite thing is our new song that we're going to sing in the Values assembly next week - I'm Still Standing! We're all working hard in swimming and everyone is making progress. 2 more pen licences went out this week - who will it be next week?

Value of the Month:
Resilience

The ability to recover quickly from difficulties or challenges; toughness

DaVinci: This week we thoroughly enjoyed performing our assembly all about tolerance to the rest of the school. Every member of the class excelled, with loud and confident voices. We looked at the value of tolerance through some practical illustrations, poetry and through drama. In our science this week we have performed an experiment investigating the effect temperature has on the rate at which a solid dissolves. We found out that warmer water will allow salt to dissolve quicker than cold water. In maths we have been finding equivalent fractions and also simplifying fractions. In our English work this week we used the wonders of the internet to explore a valley filled with monkeys in Japan; the children were focusing on creating a range of descriptive noun phrases.

Shakespeare: We have been busy all week exploring their STEAM project challenge, to build a submarine. All children have had the opportunity to plan and carry out an experiment, investigating buoyancy!! Next week will see the children designing prototypes for their submarine!!!!!! In our English lessons we have been writing balanced reports, arguing the good and bad aspects of evacuation during World War 2. I have been challenging the children to include historical facts and lots of emotive vocabulary - we will be editing and revising our reports next week ready for a Golden Write session on Friday. Maths lessons have really got us all thinking hard this week - we have been learning about algebra and algebraic equations. All the children have also been practicing their multiplication and division facts through Timestable Rockstars - keep working on this at home everyone!

Science Fair: On **Thursday 14th February** parents and carers are invited to the first ever William Morris Science Fair. Each class has been working hard on their own STEAM projects, planning and carrying out investigations and experiments. All the work completed will be on show in the hall and the children are really looking forward to showing you around and talking to you about their work.

To really make the event a celebration, we are asking the children to dress up as a famous scientist for the day (e.g. **Albert Einstein, Ada Lovelace, Marie Curie, Professor Brian Cox, Alan Turing, Tim Berners-Lee**)

KS1 parents are invited at 2.30pm
KS2 parent are invited at 2.45pm.

We very much look forward to welcoming you.



Y2 and Y6 SATS Parent Meeting: On Tuesday 12th February we will be holding two SATs information sessions for parents of Year 2 and Year 6 children. We will be running two half an hour sessions starting at 3.15 and 5.30 on this day. Please keep an eye out next week for a letter that will give more information about this important information meeting.

Key Dates for your Diary:

- Wednesday 6th February, 3:20pm – Y1 Phonics National Test, Parent Meeting (Crèche provided)
- Tuesday 12th February, 3:15-3:45 and 5:30-6:00pm, Y2 and Y6 SATs Parents Meeting
- Thursday, 14th February – Science Fair
- Friday 15th February, last day of Spring Term 1
- Monday 25th February, first day Spring Term 2
- Thursday, 7th March, World Book Day – SAVE THE DATE!

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	Football £3 per session Netball	Oxford United Football Ladies Invitation only, date to be advised	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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