

8<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Darwin:** Darwin's topic 'People Who Help Us' culminated in a brilliant visit from the Police on Tuesday afternoon. They talked about their job and even showed the children their police car, putting on the blue light and siren! The remainder of the week has been all about the 'Meg and Mog' stories leading up to World Book Day. We've made our own magic potions, decorated some cauldrons, and we've been painting pebble spiders just like in the Meg and Mog stories. The children have chosen their favourite books from the Meg and Mog range and these books have given us great practise at blending our sounds. It was brilliant to see the children dressed up as book characters on Thursday – thank you for supporting this, and for joining us for 'Bedtime Stories' on Wednesday. We hope you all had a great time.

Our next topic is 'Dinosaurs' and this will take us through until the Easter holidays. Please feel free to send in any items from home or books to support your child's learning on this topic.

**Kandinsky:** In Kandinsky this week we had a wonderful 'Bedtime and Biscuits' on Wednesday with Darwin class. We enjoyed listening to stories such as 'The Fox Who Was Out In The Dark' by A.Green and 'Catherine and the Lion' by C Jarrett. We have been using time connectives and conjunctions to write about 'What The Tiger Ate For Tea' by J Kerr in our Literacy lessons and spotting best friends such as a-e in ate, made and cake. We are very excited about our ART STEAM challenge and have started to explore printing techniques to create art work representing big cats. In Maths we have been counting in tens and reciting our tens times tables related to our measures topic the number of centimetres in a metre. Our fluency lessons have been counting from any multiple of the two times tables backwards from 30. We have been making halves and quarters and identifying them in different ways as part of our new Maths focus of fractions this week. We have been also demonstrating our school values of determination in our Multi Skills P.E lessons as we are preparing for the Multi Skills Festival. Excellence is our new value this month and we are working hard to see if we will be awarded a special wrist band if we have demonstrated this value and are voted by our peers in the forthcoming week.

## Value of the Month: Excellence

The quality of being  
outstanding or extremely  
good

**Seacole:** What a busy week Seacole have had! In English this week the children have started exploring the text, George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl. They have been working on their prediction skills and using evidence from the text to help them back these up. They loved discussing how horrible George's Grandma was and came up with some great sentences that described her. In maths this week Seacole class have been exploring multiplication. They have been investigating the link between equal groups and repeated addition. The children are also working hard on Times Table Rock Stars. Lots of them are appearing high up in our school's leader board! Seacole class looked fantastic dressed up as book characters on World Book Day. They enjoyed carrying out activities based on Roald Dahl. They learnt all about this incredible author and even learnt how to draw like Quentin Blake.

**Valentina:** This week has been incredibly busy in Valentina! We have been learning 24-hour time and it has helped us to tell time on lots of different types of clocks. Stories at Bedtime on Wednesday was absolutely lovely, and everyone enjoyed their hot chocolate and cookies! We all loved listening to Miss De Santis' story about a naughty cat, and a funny Roald Dahl poem. We spent most of World Book Day celebrating the life and work of Dr Seuss, who is a much more interesting character than we first realised. After making fact files about him, we read part of the Lorax and then wrote pledges saying what we plan to do to preserve our Earth. We wrote about what we

are grateful for, and then made little books with our own mini stories about our favourite Dr Seuss characters. We sang the Cat in the Hat song that we've known for a while and listened to a new one from The Lorax about planting trees. As we have been thinking about our value of Excellence, the most important thing we learned about Dr Seuss is that he practised writing for 8 hours a day, which is how he came to be an excellent author. It made us think about the time and effort we will put into skills in order to become excellent ourselves.

**DaVinci:** We've had a wonderful week in DaVinci class. On Wednesday evening the children enjoyed our Stories@Bedtime event. All the children dressed in their pyjamas and snuggled down to some stories being read to them, not forgetting of course the break to have some hot chocolate and biscuits! On Thursday, World Book Day, we looked at the Author Michael Morpurgo. We learnt all about his life through a scavenger hunt and enjoyed doing some drama based around his short story The Beastman of Ballyloch. We were motivated by how he aspires in all his writing to make it as good as it could possibly be, linking to our value of the month; excellence. We also decorated our story rocks inspired by books, characters or authors we enjoy. Finally, the highlight of the day had to be the World Book Day quiz, which had famous authors asking lots of book based questions, the children loved the chance to pool their book knowledge in teams.

**Shakespeare:** This has been a very busy week for Shakespeare class who have been researching and investigating different periods in art history. Working together, the children have created an entire piece of artwork inspired by The Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh. All the children have drafted a short story focussed on using figurative language and lots of literary techniques. For World Book Day, the class used David Walliams as their inspiration to create poetry and book marks. The Reading Rocks are bright and interesting, they will look brilliant around our school when they are complete.

**World Book Day:** The children and staff celebrated World Book Day on Thursday by dressing up as their favourite book character. The school was full of interesting and varied characters including Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland, Cinderella and Gruffalo (plus many, many more). Each class spent the day researching and following the work of a particular author with lots of fun activities taking place. During the day, the teachers even swapped classes to read a story to different class!! I am really looking forward to seeing the finished 'Reading Rocks' that will be displayed around the playground once they have been varnished (See photos pages)

A super day celebrating reading was had by all. A big 'thank you' to all of the parents and carers for supporting the event and providing such brilliant costumes.

**Stories at Bedtime:** The children and staff enjoyed lovely story sessions snuggled up in their classrooms on Wednesday afternoon, followed by a yummy hot chocolate and biscuit. All the children that stayed for the reading event changed in to their colourful pyjamas and onesies which looked very cosy. A big 'thank you' to all the parents, staff and children for making it such a special and enjoyable event. (See photos pages)

### **William Morris' Timestable Rock Stars!**

It's been a busy week on William Morris' leader board with a lot of children moving up and down it! The competition is really heating up.

Our fastest rocker is still **Maddox Jarvis** at answering questions in 1.46 seconds...he's very close to beating Mr Johns! Our top earners this week are:

1st - **Danny Baxter** (Valentina)

2nd - **Tehya Dell** (Seacole)

3rd - **Kacper Pilch** (Seacole)

Starting today is our first round of Battle of the Bands! Classes are going head to head to see who are the true rock heroes of William Morris! Please encourage your children to go on Times Table Rock Stars at home to help their class win!

The battles this week are:

Seacole vs Valentina

DaVinci vs Shakespeare

**Value Wristbands:** The children will soon be coming home with 'Value Wristbands' if they have been spotted following this month's 'Value of the Month'. This month's Value is 'Excellence'. These wristbands will be given out by the class teacher if a child has been seen showing 'Excellence' in something during the school day. The wristbands are waterproof and so we hope that they can stay on your child's wrist for the month. If your child no longer wants to wear the wristband they will need to be cut off- please do take care when doing this!

**Healthy Cooking Club:** We have an exciting announcement! We are teaming up with the Banbury Healthy Cooking Skills Project. They are looking at offering a weekly club for parents next term, here at William Morris. It will be for five weeks and even better is that course is FREE and ingredients are provided! Parents will get the opportunity to learn how to cook real homely but healthy snacks, light meals, family meals as well as treats and desserts. Parents will also hear about money saving tips and of course get to socialise with other parents. All of the food cooked is portioned up for families to take home and enjoy and the end of each session.

We are proposing to start the course on Wednesday 6th March from 1.30-3.05pm and finish in time for school pick up. We can cater for up to 10 families. Please contact Miss Evetts to express your interest, we will be offering this on a first come, first served basis. Be quick though, we have a feeling that this is going to be very popular!

### Key Dates for your Diary:

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 4:30-5:30pm – Whole School Disco (£3 to include chips, sweets and a drink)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019, last day of term
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, return from Easter break

Have a lovely weekend!

*Hiddleston*

Julie Hiddleston and the school team

WRITERS OF THE WEEK	
Darwin: Oliver	
	Kadinsky: Ananya
Seacole: Mikaila	
	Valentina: Jakotay
DaVinci: Severyn	
	Shakespeare: Mateusz







# CLUBS

at William Morris  
Primary School


All clubs for this term run from 3:15-4:15pm

Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Choir Yrs 3-6	Football £3 per session	Dance Club Temporarily suspended due to staff shortage
Free of charge	Netball	


## 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](mailto:MJmusicservices@aol.com)



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Darwin: Stanley

Kandinsky: Harper

Seacole: Kacper

Valentina: Kelsie

DaVinci: Jeremiah

Shakespeare: Elsie