

WILLIAM MORRIS NEWS

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Darwin: In Darwin Class this week we have started our new topic on 'Dinosaurs'. We have had an exciting time finding out about the different types of dinosaurs and learning about special qualities that they had. We have learnt about the word 'Herbivore' and 'Carnivore' and even chosen which Dinosaur we would love to be and why!

Our new role play area is now a 'Dinosaur Den'. The children have loved sitting in there, taking part in a Dinosaur Hunt or looking through a selection of Dinosaur Books. In Art, we have made our own Dinosaurs and given them our names. We have been reading the series of books 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs'. Next week our focus book will be 'Dinosaurs Love Underpants'.

We have focused on subtraction in maths this week and played a fun game with the play dough called 'Subtraction Splat'. If you are able to reinforce the areas of addition and subtraction to 10 with your child at home, it would certainly help their learning in the classroom.

Kandinsky: In Kandinsky, we have been using time connectives to sequence events in order and writing our own version of 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' as the character of Sophie. We have been striving for excellence this week by correctly forming our letters and numbers in Literacy and Numeracy. We have been learning about fractions, halves and quarter of amounts and shapes as well as. In Art we have been using mixed media collage techniques to camouflage out painted printed tigers based on the famous piece of art work, "Surprise" by Henri Rousseau. We have thoroughly enjoyed our multiskills P.E lessons this week with Mr Pemble and have been improving our determination to supersede our own challenge times.

Seacole: Seacole have had a great week focused on excellence. They are trying hard to show excellence in all that they do. In English they have been writing a character description based on

Value of the Month: Excellence

The quality of being outstanding or extremely good

the horrible Grandma from George's Marvellous Medicine. In maths, Seacole class have been working hard on finding different equal groups. They have enjoyed the competition of Times Table Rock Stars and have showed enthusiasm for trying to beat Valentina class. This week we are up again Da Vinci class! Let's ROCK ON! In our STEAM lessons we have been thinking carefully about how to produce good self-portraits by practicing how to get the dimensions right. Also in PE, Seacole class have shown great progress in their throwing and catching skills and on Wednesday they had a great game of Dodge Ball!

Valentina: This week in Valentina we started reading our new book, Emil and the Detectives. It has inspired us to practice writing direct speech and also start learning about Berlin as the story is set in Germany. We began our Maths unit on fractions and we found out how important times tables are for finding fractions of whole numbers! We have learned how light travels and enters the eye, and we really enjoyed learning about different types of light on the electromagnetic spectrum. Two people in our class have been awarded a wristband for consistently demonstrating the value of the month, Excellence. As a class, we are trying to work on excellence in times tables as our Battle of the Bands with Seacole class

draws to a close. We have really enjoyed decorating our Reading Rocks with our signatures, taking inspiration from a street art alphabet to form our letters creatively.

DaVinci: This week DaVinci have been continuing with their learning all about the Celts and the Romans, we looked at how the Celts lived in round houses made of wattle and daube, and often shared with several other families. In our geography work we used the link with the Romans to understand more about the country of Italy, looking at the culture and how it is affected by the landscape. For our English we have been using the story of Boudicca and her revolt against the Romans to write historical narratives – the children have been generating some wonderful ideas and focused on things like dialogue and fronted adverbials. We have also spent a bit of time thinking about our value for the month; excellence. We discussed what the children would like to achieve excellence in and how they would go about achieving it.

Shakespeare: Shakespeare class have had a smashing week - planning, drafting and writing biographies about Piet Mondrian. We have been excited researching his artwork and creating examples of our own. In our maths lessons we have been focused on decimals and percentages, reminding ourselves of what happens to numbers when we multiply or divide by 10, 100 or 1000. Our topic,

Gallery Rebels continues to be exciting and has inspired us to create art based on **pointillism which is a technique** of <u>painting</u> in which small, distinct dots of colour are applied in patterns to form an image. Next week we will be planning our contribution to the art gallery showcase event in the last week of term. Another great week Shakespeare- keep it up.

WIlliam Morris' Timestable Rock Stars!

What a week! What a battle! The battle between Seacole and Valentina class was ferocious, with each class winning at different points of the week. Valentina class came out triumphant with 8606 points, Sealcole class were very close with 8181 points. The battle was fierce between Da Vinci and Shakespeare with key individuals from each class really pushing to win. The final winners between these two classes were Da Vinci class with a staggering 22, 092 points!



This week's battles are now in play! Please encourage your children to help their class win by playing on Times Table Rock Stars at home.

STEAM Challenge: The new STEAM challenge this term is based on ART and has a focus on printing and textiles. We are incredibly pleased that the Banbury Art College will be judging and are supporting our Art projects as well as Tudor Hall. We will be hosting an **Art exhibition on Thursday 4th April** in our school halls which will display our Art work based on each classes STEAM printing and textile challenge. **F.S and Key Stage 1 are invited to attend the exhibition from 2.30 to 2.45. Key stage 2 from 2.45 to 3.00.** *You have a fantastic opportunity to purchase your child's artwork for just £2.00* based on the whole class's final collaborative piece. Letters will be sent out on Monday 1st April *please return by Friday 5th April with £2* if you would like to purchase your child's individual piece of art. These purchased pieces of Art will be available on Friday 26th April. We look forward to seeing you at the exhibition and thank you for your increasing support with our innovative STEAM curriculum.

Book Fayre: Thank you to everyone who came along to our book fayre this week. It was really successful and as well as our families being able to buy some lovely books, the school also gets some free books from the book fayre people as a thank you for hosting!

Tapestry (Darwin Parents): In order to show all the achievements the children are making, we need parents to send in photos to Tapestry showing reading, exploring their environment, counting and having fun!

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:

- Friday 5th April 2019, last day of term
- Tuesday 23rd April, return from Easter break

Have a lovely weekend!

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Julie Hiddleston and the school team



Morris School

WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Kadinsky: Harper Mc

Valentina: Chase E

Shakespeare: Finley B

Darwin: Isabella Z

Seacole: Loui E

DaVinci: Taylor P



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

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

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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