



29th March 2019

Darwin: In Darwin Class this week we have continued our theme of 'Dinosaurs'. The children have made some wonderful salt dough fossils and written a label to go with them. They are on display in the classroom if you would like to come in and take a look. We have been reading the Funny Bones story 'Dinosaur Dream' and learning about the different bones in a dinosaur's body. We have learnt about fossils and how they are found, learning some big words such as 'Archaeologist' and 'Palaeontologist'.

In maths, our focus number has been '17'. We have been learning about '1 less and 1 more' and counting forwards and backwards. We have been using positional language such as 'under', 'behind' and 'in between'. Please do reinforce this language with the children at home.

A reminder that reading should be done every night with your child and that sounds and letters should be revised as often as you can!

Next week, for our final week before Easter, we will be doing lots of fun Easter activities- we may even be going on an Easter Egg hunt!

Kandinsky: Kandinsky thoroughly enjoyed the Year 1 Multi-skills festival at Blessed George Napier on Thursday this week. They all showed perseverance and strove for excellence in all of the eight activity stations they participated in such as Rugby relay and the Shuttle Run. We were pleased that Mr Pemble was also there to watch their performances as he has been developing the children's skills towards this event. Based on our topic Paws, Claws and Whiskers we have been writing instructions about how to be a zoo keeper based on research from our tiger reports and videos. We have also been block printing different shapes onto our tiger prints for the STEAM ART exhibition next Thursday and the children are very proud of their work. In maths, we have been solving word problems using fractions and proving our reasoning using numicon. In maths fluency, we have challenged ourselves by timing to see how fast we can count backwards as well as forwards in multiples of twos and tens in groups of three. As part of Vote For Schools we thought about the question should junk food adverts be banned on television? We had an interesting debate about healthy foods and how we can look at packaging to see how healthy it is for us when we are in the supermarket shopping. Also how advertisements we watch on television can persuade us to want and buy products that perhaps we do not really want, very thought provoking.

Seacole: Seacole have had a busy week being artists. They have looked into Roy Lichtenstein and the Pop Art movement to help inspire their self-portraits for next week's Art Exhibition. They have shown great determination in this and have worked hard to show excellence in their pieces of art. In English, the class have been working hard on writing sentences with conjunctions and have started to draft their chapter from George's Marvellous Medicine. In maths we have been looking carefully at the different ways to divide - grouping and sharing and in fluency we have been looking at how to solve questions using the most efficient method. Seacole class have also shown great team work and sportsmanship in our P.E lessons. They are fantastic dodgeball players!

Value of the Month:

Excellence - The quality of being outstanding or extremely good

Valentina: It has been a super productive week in Valentina! We are racing ahead with fractions and have been trying harder and harder challenges. Our favourite thing has been writing our mystery stories. Not only are our stories quite creepy and scary, we're also managing to include some advanced grammar and punctuation that we've been learning. We've been thinking about excellence all month, and particularly this week as it was our class assembly on Wednesday. It took a lot of hard work to learn our new song, but in typical Valentina style we managed to get it perfect in time for our performance! We're so excited for our STEAM celebration next week, and we've been planning our art projects carefully. We won't give too much away now, but we're taking inspiration from our topic work about cities and inspirational buildings. We will be learning to print, which is going to be a new technique for all of us. We hope you love the results!

DaVinci: It's been another busy week in DaVinci class. We have been working very hard on our art work in preparation for the STEAM gallery event next week. The children have been brilliant at trying to achieve excellence in their art work, taking great pride in all they have been doing. We started the week celebrating the amazing shields the children produced for this term's topic; they will make a great addition to our element of the William Morris Art Gallery. We have also been hard at work creating Roman mosaics for each child to sell during the gallery event. Our final masterpiece is a huge printing sheet decorated with printed Celtic crosses, all in traditional Celtic blue paint. We can't wait for it to be on display. Finally, the children in DaVinci had a brilliant trip on Friday, going to



Longford Park School to help the children in year 1 with their art work and printing, it was a lovely day and both classes benefited from the experience enormously.

Shakespeare:

Shakespeare class having been showing the values of resilience and

determination all week writing their excellence short narratives based on a painting by Dali. They have been perfecting their use of possessive pronouns and extended noun phrases to write brilliant story starters - I can't wait to hear the next instalments. In our maths lessons we have been investigating perimeter, as well as translating and reflecting shapes on a four quadrant grid. The Year 6 children have been revising their skills of adding and subtracting fractions, as well as mixed numbers, and applying those skills to past SATs questions. Plans are developing for our STEAM challenge and we are almost ready to start our final piece of art work which will be displayed at the Art Gallery next week.

Building Update: As with anything building related, things are progressing slowly, however they ARE PROGRESSING! There have been some delays between us (GLF) and Oxfordshire County Council and a lot of red tape as I am sure you can imagine. Finances in schools are at an all-time low (regardless of what the government says) and so trying to secure the money is also slowing progress somewhat. We are certain that there needs to be 2 phases of development with **hopefully** the first being completed by September or early September (don't hold me to it though!). If I could have it my way then everything would have been done months ago! Thank you all for your everlasting patience and unending support, we may not have shiniest newest building in town **at the moment**, but by goodness our kids have THE BEST educational experience on offer.

Fond farewell: This week we said a fond farewell to Cleo Jones who has been working with Mr Johns in Da Vinci class for the last 2 months. She has been amazing and we have loved having her as part of our team. So much so that she will be returning as a familiar face in September!

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.

Y5 parents: If you haven't already done so, please could you pay the £50 deposit to secure your child's place on the Year 6 Residential week (4th - 8th November 2019).

Key Dates for your Diary:

- Thursday 4th April, STEAM Art Exhibition – 2:30-3:00pm
- Friday 5th April 2019, last day of term
 - A reminder to parents that this will be an early finish at 1:00pm
- Tuesday 23rd April, return from Easter break
- Thursday 23rd May, last day of Summer Term 1
- Monday 3rd June, first day of Summer Term 2
- Friday 19th July, last day of Summer Term 2 – 1pm finish

Have a lovely weekend!

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team

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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?**

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