

Message from Mrs Langton:

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It was such a pleasure this week to have so many parents join us in school, first of all for HD's class assembly and then for our art and craft afternoon. It is always a bit of a juggling act as to the best way to do these events as I know how difficult it can be for people to get time off work. It is also difficult for parents who have more than one child in school and would prefer us to do it over 2 or 3 days. We will always try to do the best we can to accommodate everyone as the children really enjoy having you in school and showing you what they are doing.

It is important for us to get your feedback on what we do in school and how you feel your children are doing. To help us with this we are going to be sending out an electronic questionnaire next week for you to complete. Please take the time to complete it (it should only take a few moments) so that we can continue to move forward as a school. We are also going to ask the children to complete something similar as their voices are also very important to us. So watch out for it dropping into your e-mails some-time next week. Thank you as always for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Dates for your diary:

Tue 26 Nov	9.00am	CH class assembly + SATs info
Mon 2 Dec		Y3/4 Pedestrian skills
Mon 9 Dec		Y3/4 Pedestrian skills
Thur 19 Dec		Last day of school



Tue 7 Jan	Children back to school
Fri 10 Jan	Y5/6 trip

[More information will follow regarding individual events.](#)

Parent/Carer's information:

Children in Need

Thank you for all your support.
We have raised nearly £200 !!



Foundation stage - F1/CG

In the classroom this week, the children have taken part in celebrations for Remembrance Day, making poppies, recreating Van Goghs 'Field of Poppies' and participating in the two-minute silence.



The children have been practising their football skills, recording their scores, using red and yellow cards and scoring goals! We have also made a large target board for the children to practise their throwing skills.

Thank you to everyone who brought in an autumn bag of natural things they had collected during half term. The children loved discussing the items found and made a display for others to use in class.

In maths, the F1 children have been learning about finding 1 more than a given item, using the small world farm animals in class to support their findings. The F2 children have compared different amounts to say whether they have more or fewer. They have also started to make up some number stories using the stem sentences of: 'First there were... Then one more came... Now there are...'

In Talk for Writing, both classes used the original nursery rhyme of Old McDonald had a Farm, they used signifiers to help remember each part, then made changes to the setting and animals he kept to create their own versions. The children had some very good ideas.

Finally, thank you to all everyone for sending in or adding the children's homework to Tapestry. The children love sharing their achievements in class! Also to everyone who was able to attend the parents and carers crafts session we held on Thursday afternoon. All the children really enjoyed sharing their classroom with you.

School Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for w/e 08.11.24 was 95.2%
Individual classes were as follows:

F1 - 95.5%	CG - 96.0%	BC - 94.6%
HD - 99.0%	RK - 94.0%	SB - 95.2%
JS - 94.1%	CM - 97.3%	CH - 90.5%

Well done class HD having the highest attendance last week.

ClassDojo team winners:

w/e 08.11.24 - **Wilberforce**

Weekly wins so far this school year:

Johnson = 2	Sullivan = 3
Skelley = 1	Wilberforce = 3



Year 1 - BC

This week in English we have been learning the story of 'The Rainbow Fish' and the children have all taken home a story map to practice with you. They are doing very well at retelling the story and have been able to sequence the key events. We have also looked at description and talked about adjectives. The children have all tried really hard to write some sentences describing the fish and are using their toolkit bookmarks to check these when they are finished. They had a fantastic time on Thursday when you all came in for the craft afternoon to help make the paper plate rainbow fish. It was lovely to see so many people there and I hope you enjoyed it as much as the children.

In maths this week we have been learning addition within ten. The children have learned to read and write number sentences using the plus and is equal to symbols. We have also explored fact families. This is where the children understand they can write 4 addition number sentences using the same 3 numbers (for example, $3 + 2 = 5$, $2 + 3 = 5$, $5 = 2 + 3$ and $5 = 3 + 2$). We have now moved on to finding the number bonds of the numbers within ten.

We have started our history topic too. We are exploring how childhood has changed since the children's grandparents were their age and we began by looking at the kind of toys their grandparents might have played with. The children were able to sort a selection of toys according to whether they or their grandparents might have played with them.

In our PE lessons this week we have started to learn some simple gymnastics looking at different ways of moving and learning some shapes and balances which the children can put into a sequence. There are still a few children who haven't returned their PE kit to school after the half term so if you could make sure they bring it back in for next week that would be great.

Finally this week the children had a great time coming in non-uniform for children in need. The day started with an assembly explaining the purpose of the day. The children then took part in a live link with the gladiators and made their own gladiator name badges. They also did some maths challenges linked to children in need. They have talked about positive relationships and trusted adults, drawing and writing about an adult who inspires and encourages them.



Year 2 - HD

In English the children have been planning a set of instructions to trap a goblin as part of their innovation. The children used these plans to write the 'method' section of how they would capture such a creature. They used their knowledge of time adverbials and imperative verbs to write precise instructions. In Maths we have consolidated our understanding of adding a one-digit number to a two-digit number and started to look at subtraction.

The children became investigators in science this week. They had to find the most 'hardwearing' fabric that a toddler's dungarees could be made of. They discussed and predicted which of the materials they thought would be best and explained why.

In PE we have looked at invasion games and have worked on understanding what being in possession means and how to support teammates to do this. In music this week the children have begun to learn the songs to their Christmas production. They showed great enthusiasm and have worked hard to learn the words to first few songs.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended our Class Assembly and the craft session. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you and taking part in Christmas crafts.

Year 3 - RK

What a great week in RK this week. In our English lessons this week, we have been recapping and learning some new skills with using speech marks. We also explored similes and wrote an exaggeration poem about ourselves. In maths, we have continued our Multiplication and Division topic, we have looked at strategies for the four times tables ready for the eights next week. Our Jigsaw this week was all about families and what makes a family. We have been very excited to see our parents for the Christmas Craft and it was so lovely to see you all enjoying time with your children. Children in Need has been a blast! Thank you everyone who dressed up and donated. We have had lots of fun watching 'The Gladiators' from the TV show doing a live link with CBBC; we drew our own Pudseys and looked at some tricky maths challenges using Money skills. We would also like to say thank you to those who are reading and practising spellings at home every week, we know you are all super busy and making time for these activities with the children is really appreciated. Looking forward to another amazing week in Year 3, have a great weekend.

Year 4 - SB

Another fun and action packed week in Class SB. In math, the children are nearing the end of addition and subtraction. We have efficient strategies for subtraction and estimated our answers. In English, we have started a new text called Elf Road. We have read it and started to think of actions so we can remember it. The children have focused on prepositions and expanded noun phrases. In reading we are on our final chapter of Stig of the Dump. We have answered questions about the text and also did the same with our non-fiction text about Remembrance Day.

In RE we have compared Christians and humanists looking at similarities and differences in their life. In science we have started a new topic about solid, liquids and gases and thought about their properties. In PE, we have continued with rugby working together in small teams. In Jigsaw, we have started celebrating differences and worked in groups thinking about seeing people as equal. We had some interesting discussions.

It was great to see so many parents and relatives come into class for our craft afternoon. It was great to see the children having so much fun.

Year 5 - JS/CM

As ever, it has been a busy week in Year 5 this week. We started the week learning more about why we have Remembrance Day, learning about the history as part of our learning in Reading, discussing the event further in our assembly and then designed our own poppies thinking about the meaning behind them. The children also observed a two minute silence. In Maths this week, both classes have continued their work on multiplication and division, learning more about prime, square and cube numbers as well as looking at strategies for multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. In English, we have been looking at suspense writing through a model text called The Key. This week, the children have worked on using a semi-colon, writing sentences with relative clauses and looked at the impact of short sentences when creating tension and suspense. In PE, we have continued developing skills and learning more about the game of tag rugby and in Science we have continued with our forces topic looking this week at pulleys and levers. It was lovely to welcome parents and carers into our classrooms on Thursday afternoon for our Egyptian craft. Thank you all for your support. We finished the week with a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need.

Year 6 - CH

We've had a fantastic week in Year 6! Within maths, I feel that the children have really worked hard to master their understanding of multiplication and division and so we have begun applying this to the topic of fractions, using understanding of common multiples to help the children simplify, order and compare fractions when they have different denominators. Some children have then applied this understanding to more complicated reasoning and problem-solving activities, really requiring them to think through what they have learnt. Within reading, we have not only looked at the short story 'The Giant's Necklace' this week but have also done some comprehension work based on both Remembrance Day and Children in Need, identifying why both of these events are important and what the charities involved in the organisation surrounding events for these occasions do to support people in need. With it being Children in Need, the children have also done some work on how donations work within maths, developing their numeracy skills when using money quantities. For English, we have begun learning a new 'meeting tale' called Little Vixen Street, where we have identified features used within the text and identified how noun phrases, personification and semi-colons can all be used effectively within our writing to add more detail. For our P.E. sessions since coming back to school, we have been focusing on 'gymnastics', using the mats in the hall to practice different balances that the children learnt last year (including the pike, front support and back support) as well as then moving onto re-visiting the straddle roll and forward roll for those children who felt more confident.

It was fantastic to see so many of you yesterday for our parents' arts and crafts afternoon; myself and the pupils really appreciated you giving up some of your afternoon to help us produce some 'pharaoh Egyptian art'! Today, the Year 6s should have brought home their invitations to our Egyptian themed class assembly which will be on the morning of Tues 26th Nov, followed by a quick SATs information meeting in our classroom. We hope to see you all again then!