



William Morris Primary School

10th November 2023

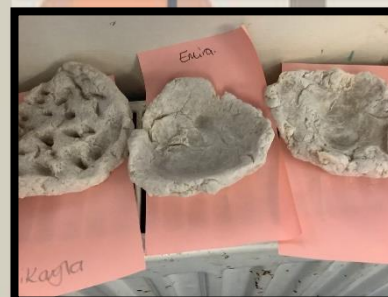
What's next ...

Flu Vaccinations
14th November

Darwin Class:

In nursery we have been using our senses to explore Diwali, the children have been using difficult materials to explore how to make a diva lamp. We used our hands to create different shapes using clay, play dough, we used salt dough to create their Diva lamps. The children then chose their favourite colours to paint their Diva lamps. We have by using natural materials to press different shapes into the play dough. We have been talking about the different shapes we can see in our playdough. We have been sharing our experience of bonfire night with each other, the children have been making firework pictures.

Stars of the week : - Ada for becoming more confident when talking to class adults



Cartwright Class:

It was lovely to see you all at Parents' Evening and share all the successes we are seeing in Reception. We have had another busy week learning about the differences between nighttime and daytime. In Literacy we read Owl Babies and talked about where different animals live, the students used their phonics knowledge to begin to spell CVC animals and where they live. In our Curriculum learning we have been talking about the jobs that people do at night, like paramedics who help us when we are poorly. We talked about when the people who work at night sleep and several of the students talked about the jobs that their grown-ups do. In Maths we have been using our speedy eyes to subitise and talk if the spots they see are equal to, more than or less than three. We also talked about Remembrance Sunday and why poppies are important. Good work this week as always Cartwright Class.

Star of the week - Victoria, for being a shining example of excellent classroom behaviour and trying hard in all her learning this week.

Star Writer – Mia, for her concentration in her writing this week.

Star Reader – Muhammad, for continued excellent effort in phonics.

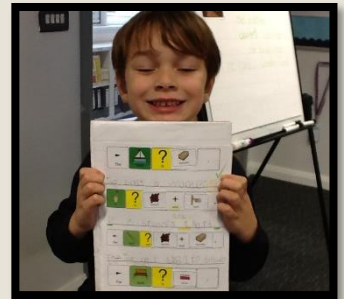
Kandinsky Class:

Year One have had another packed week. In our curriculum lessons we have been looking at the changes that have happened in our local area over time. We have particularly focussed on the buildings and the market. It has been interesting to see how our lives have changed and think about why this might have happened. In our writing lessons we have been describing the settings in our story. We have tried to use our senses to consider different elements of each setting and then write our ideas in a paragraph. In mathematics we have been looking at one more and one less. We have thought about how we can use different resources to prove and check our answers.

Star of the Week – Poppy for showing her appreciation through her excellent manners.

Star Writer – Logan for showing grit and determination in our writing lessons.

Star Reader – Sophie for showing excellence in our phonics lessons.



Seacole Class:

We have had a lovely week in Seacole Class! In Maths, we have been focusing on how we can show ten more or ten less through addition and subtraction equations. We identified a pattern that when we add or subtract the ones stay the same and the tens change. To support our understanding we looked at different representations such as part-whole models and bar models. In English, we have continued to develop our writing through introducing apostrophes for possession, expanded noun phrases and using the conjunction 'and'. We have been describing the dragon's character and physical abilities as well as making sure to include these features in our writing. For our curriculum lessons this week, we started to think about the different shapes and structures we might see when creating our own 1666 or modern day house. We first got out a range of 3D shapes, explored their names and made predictions on what shapes we are most likely to see. As a class, we then went on a walk around the school with our 3D shapes to see which ones we could find. It was amazing to see how creative all the children were being when looking at the different aspects of a building and how they can be made up of more than one shape. Once back in class, we then stuck in a picture of a 1666 house and a modern day house to annotate the different shapes we could see before deciding which one we saw more regularly and which shapes we will see in our houses when constructing them. Well done for a positive week Year 2!

Star of the Week – Eleanor for challenging herself in maths to find 10 more or less of a 3-digit number.

Star Writer – Leo for being creative when describing his dragon's physical abilities.

Star Reader – Daisy for reading her phonics book fluently during her phonics lesson.



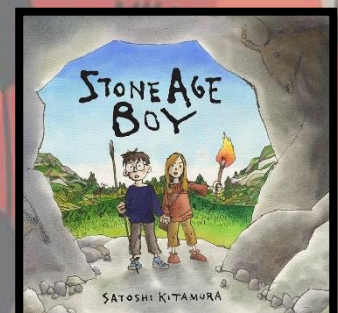
Chawla Class:

In Writing this week, we have been securing our understanding of expanded noun phrases to add impactful word choices in our writing, as well as extending our ideas using a range of subordinating conjunctions. We have been planning our own chapters of our class text, 'Stone Age Boy', which we will be drafting next week. In Maths, we have been placing three-digit numbers on a number line by looking at the previous and next multiples of 100. In our wider curriculum lessons, we have been ordering the process of fossilisation, before exploring the placement of the Stone Age on our historical timelines.

Star of the week – Muhammad for being a supportive and encouraging team member and classmate in all lessons.

Star Writer – Austin for his grit with his writing, becoming more confident and independent with his writing tasks

Star Reader – Comfort for her beautiful reading with lots of expression and using vocabulary in the text to identify the author's opinion



Ramanujan Class:

This week we have been progressing with our Romans topic in our Wider Curriculum lessons. The children have looked at different maps to see how England changed over time after the Romans settled. We have learned about Boudica and her army and are looking forward to making our models in a few weeks. Please do begin bringing in any clean junk modelling items and hand these to any member of staff at the Year 4 door. Lots of the children have expressed a lot of enthusiasm about completing a task off of the homework menu which is great! Please do encourage your child to pick something from the menu which interests them. Hockey has been a huge success the past 2 weeks. The children's listening during the outdoor PE lessons has been excellent and they have earned many class dojos as a result. They have worked well in pairs, small teams and have had a chance to already play some short games. They should all be very proud of themselves. As mentioned at many of the parent appointments please continue with regular reading at home and the times tables also.

Star of the Week – Julia for incredible language choices when writing descriptions and for wonderful dialogue for the characters.

Star Writer – Tyler for excellent use of punctuation in English. Well done for using punctuated speech and clear finger spaces!

Star Reader – Ben for excellent focus this week during Reading lessons and answering questions in sentences.

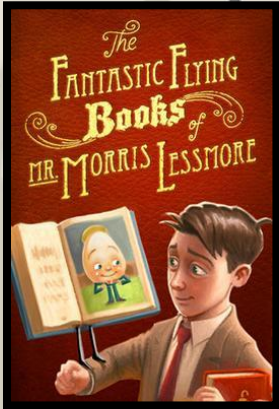
Davinci Class:

This week, we have watched the remainder of The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore and the children have continued writing their version of the narrative. We have explored and implemented different techniques such as, colons, personification, dialogue and relative clauses. The children have written some wonderful sentences including these techniques. In Maths, we have been exploring coordinates and how they link to our understanding of positive and negative numbers. We have explored how to read coordinates on a grid and we have begun exploring how to plot them. In our project lessons we have been researching different aspects of Ancient Egypt. We have found out what life was like back then, in particular the different resources they used to build and collect water. Well done for a fantastic week Year 5!

Star of the Week – Daniel, for demonstrating the value of grit across the curriculum this week, especially within his writing.

Star Writer – Noah, for incredible focus in writing lessons this week and for working hard with his adult.

Star Reader – Heidi, for having a wonderful love for reading both in and out of school.



Shakespeare Class:

Year 6 have had settled in brilliantly following their residential. During our week away, I was so impressed by all the children's determination to challenge themselves in a variety of activities - we are incredibly proud of the excellence they showed the entire time. This term, our focus is upon World War Two and the impact this had upon children at the time. Within our writing lessons, we have been reading Friend or Foe, the story of two children evacuated from London due to the Blitz. The children have carefully considered the emotions these children would be experiencing at the time. In our wider curriculum lessons, the children have been learning about key countries involved in fighting. We have used atlases and our research skills to identify these on a map.

Star of the Week – Leo for his keen interest in our wider curriculum topics.

Star Writer - Mason for his thoughtful explanation of the lived experience of evacuees.

Star Reader - Harper for her excellent retrieval skills from Friend or Foe.



Information For Parents

Danceathon – Children in Need

Our Children in Need Danceathon will take place on **Friday 17th November**.

The children are welcome to wear a spotty t-shirt, hat, scarf, headband, socks or tie. All other items, such as jumpers, trousers, shoes, skirts, dresses **must** remain standard school uniform.

The children will be having dance breaks throughout the day, to get them moving in the name of Children in Need, and donations / sponsors can be done via ParentPay. The recommended donation on ParentPay is set at £1 per child but there is to option to donate more if you so wished.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and support of the children in their fundraising event.

There will be awards for best dancers including staff!

Up Coming Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13th Nov <i>Christmas Lunch Bookings Open - ParentPay</i>	14th Nov <i>Flu Vaccinations</i>	15th Nov	16th Nov	17th Nov <i>Children in Need - Danceathon</i>
20th Nov	21st Nov <i>Year 3 Trip</i>	22nd Nov	23rd Nov	24th Nov <i>Christmas Lunch Bookings End</i>
27th Nov	28th Nov	29th Nov	30th Nov	1st Dec