

BE READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE and KIND

HEADTEACHER

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual quiz last week and a special thank you to Ben Chandler for being our Quiz Master once again!

We are still keen to sources some items to continue to develop our outdoor play opportunities.

We have had some wonderful donations from families recently and I would like to thank you for your contributions.

Our wish list is shared below and will also be on Dojo in case you are having an early spring sort out and wish to donate things to us. Thank you in advance.

[OUR WISH LIST](#)

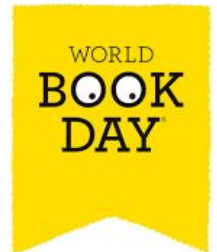
IMPORTANT NOTICES

With World Book Day just around the corner, I wanted to inform you of all the fun, book related, activities that we have planned. At Stebbing Primary School, we celebrate books every day but we like to go that little bit further for World Book Day. In order to make the most of the day, we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8th March 2024**.

Please see below a list of initiatives that we will be embarking on throughout the day to continue to promote a reading for pleasure environment:

- Donate a Book for the Book Swap
- Dressing Up:
- World Book Day Free Book
- Story Telling
- Book Club

[World Book Day 2024 - Letter.pdf](#)



SPORT @ STEBBING

It has been a slow start to the sporting Calendar in 2024 but it is about to kick off, starting today! Friday 2nd February: Year 5 Hockey Tournament A huge congratulations to our year 5 & 6 hockey team who have worked incredibly hard in their after school training sessions with Mrs Wooding and Mrs Wigmore along with some amazing volunteers (Jo & Hannah). Competing against 8 schools from the local area, Stebbing came away undefeated winning all of their matches 13 goals along the way and only conceding 2! A fantastic achievement from all involved and we cannot wait for the Uttlesford Finals coming up next half term.

Upcoming Events:

- **Wednesday 7th February** Year 5 & 6 SHA Finals
- **Friday 9th February** Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby
- **Tuesday 13th February** Essex Kurling Finals
- **Wednesday 14th February** Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby

AFSS

The AFSS had great time hosting the long running annual Quiz night the other week. Thanks to all participants, the fabulous assistant Mrs Earle, and the ever-entertaining Quiz master Ben Chandler for the laughs! The night made a whopping £653 for the school pool fund. What a great way to start the year off! Next event is the Disco on Thursday 15th February. It's all about love and care for each other so we encourage children to dress up in dashing sparkles and dancing shoes! More info regarding the disco will be published on ClassDojo closer to time. If you are curious to find out more, please join us on our monthly meetings which happens the first Wednesday of the month. Next one on 7th February in the White Hart at 6:30pm. Hopefully we will see some of you there to share a glass or two wine with.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 26th January	Friday 2nd February
Wrens	Finley & Charlie	Larosa & Oscar
Robins	Rainbow & Rhys	Meadow & Harry
Kingfishers	Monty and Lois	Esmae & Ivy
Woodpeckers	Fred & Elsie	Millie & Albie
Kestrels	Amelie & Oliver	Tilly & Hunter
Ospreys	Ava B & Ethan	Phoebe & Lucia
Owls	Reggie, Dan & Olivia	Frankie & Finley



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER





	Friday 26th January	Friday 2nd February
Wrens	Cassia	Robyn
Robins	Millie	Grace
Kingfishers	Fifi	Zoe
Woodpeckers	Mia	Florence
Kestrels	Nathaniel	Summer
Ospreys	Phoebe	Kaelyn
Owls	Saskia	Amelie

PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 26th January	Friday 2nd February
Wrens	Robyn	
Robins	Archie	
Kingfishers	Louie Gormer	
Woodpeckers		Jacob
Kestrels		Julia
Ospreys		Mia
Owls		Isaac

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
26.01.24		Woodpeckers	Wrens	
02.02.24	Saskia	Ospreys		Kestrels

						
Date						
26.01.24	Owls	Robins	Kingfishers	Woodpeckers	Owls	Robins
02.02.24	Owls	Kingfishers	Robins	Woodpeckers	Owls	Kingfishers



WRENS



ROBINS



We have had a fantastic week filled with Gruffalo themed fun. Wrens enjoyed making Gruffalo crumble as a role play activity. In Literacy we have discussed different characters. We have been drawing our own characters and Mrs Earle magically made them come to life on our interactive whiteboard. We will continue to work on our adjectives for our characters next week. In Maths we have been learning all about Six meal Sid and Kipper's toy box. Wrens explored in number 'one more' and 'one less'. We introduced rekenreks to represent number more than 5 and during choosing time we counted out skittles to complete our stem sentence: "all together I have....." Our PE lesson was outside this week on our balance bikes and Wrens displayed really good skill and control. In Phonics we have learnt two more digraphs and trigraphs. We will be working hard to perfect the recognition and use of them in our reading and writing. In Art we did beautiful Gruffalo paintings and in PSHE we read a story: Once there were Giants. Wrens discussed how everyone might appear like giants to a baby until the baby grows up to be a giant himself. In our snug we have new sensory story sacks with painted wooden spoons, puppets and natural items to help us retell familiar tales and explore books with friends in a peaceful book nook.

What a spectacular fortnight we have had in Robins... Writing is really coming along! The children have been writing a recount every Monday morning describing their weekend. We first did this using adjectives, this week we had to include the explaining conjunction 'because' and now we have been introduced to Time Conjunctions, so we can add flow and interesting information not only to our sentences but now our whole paragraph. The Robins' enthusiasm for this has been astounding to see. In Science we have been learning names of our body parts, we compared the structure of a human body to that of a snow dog and now we are preparing for a Scientific Enquiry Investigation which we will begin next week. The doodle animal art of Olivier Leger has been an enjoyable style to observe and copy. The children were fascinated finding the little tiny doodles inside the whole picture, such as pirate ships, trees, sunshines/moons and other ocean creatures. Their recall of the features of Leger's art was impressive as they tried to describe it to Mrs Lewis who spent the afternoon with us and guided me to recreate one myself. Robins did their own free-hand creations and also a more structured doodle using the outline of an ocean animal. We will move on to creating coloured animals in this style, based on the climate of where they live.



KINGFISHERS



WOODPECKERS

We've had another busy but fun couple of weeks in Kingfishers. In Science Kingfishers have learned about metamorphosis and exploring many different habitats and the types of animals that live in them. In History we have been learning about the events that took place during the Great fire of London and we spoke about how we might feel if we lived through this event, which opened up some interesting discussions around feelings, linking our own experiences and knowledge, and exploring the senses. In Grammar we have been learning about different uses for apostrophes, including possession and contractions and it has been lovely to see some children apply this knowledge to other areas of their learning and writing. In English Kingfishers have just completed their hot write and I have been incredibly impressed with the amount of writing produced, the use of paragraphs, subtitles and detail that's gone into their writing, ensuring it is a fun and interesting fact file. In Music we have been listening to different songs by The Beatles, identifying the beat, rhythm and talking about how each song made us feel. In Maths we have been exploring various problem solving approaches and methods around multiplication, incorporating money, fact families and finding the missing part of a calculation. Kingfishers have really enjoyed listening to the BFG and George's marvellous medicine, which we finished this week, and it's lovely to hear and see that the stories have inspired some of the children to read various Roald Dahl books at home and during our quiet reading morning sessions.

Another productive couple of weeks in Woodpeckers class. In our P.E lessons, the children have been working very hard on their multi-skills. The children have been focusing, in particular, on one of the three fundamental movement skills - coordination. The children were extremely focused and worked incredibly hard in their teams at each station. During this week's cricket session with Grace, the children continued working on their catching (scoop) and throwing skills. They worked in teams and also focused on their batting and bowling technique. In our recent multiplication and division unit in maths, we have been focusing on dividing by 3, 4 and 8. It is important at this stage, that the children are confident with the understanding of division as sharing and grouping. In our history topic this term, we have been exploring the Ancient Greeks; Gods and Goddesses. We spent some time discussing prior knowledge of the subject, which then enthusiastically progressed onto building upon this knowledge, through conducting their own research. In English, the children worked towards producing their very own explanation text, based on the life cycle of a butterfly. The children have now moved onto a new unit of English, where they have been identifying the main features of a Myth.



Kestrels have been working extremely hard over the last two weeks! The children have learned to multiply and divide 2- and 3-digit numbers by a single digit and I have been impressed with how they have moved from using lots of concrete resources to being able to do this on paper in an abstract form.

In English, the children wrote a discussion text weighing up whether or not video games should be banned and they were very well-structured and balanced. We have now moved on to studying a wonderful picture book and I am excited to see what wonderful creative writing they produce with this as a stimulus.

We are continuing to enjoy learning about Impressionism in Art and emulating the painters of the era by going outside to work to capture the natural light.

In Science, we are continuing to learn about humans and other animals, particularly looking at how teeth relate to an animal's diet.



Another few weeks have flown by and we continue to learn new and important skills! We have been progressing nicely through our second fractions unit of the year- this time our focus has been finding fractions of quantities and multiplying fractions. The children have been so good at thinking about the skills that they have learnt previously and confidently been applying these to their new learning. They have also learnt how important it is to know their times tables as they are so vital in working their problems out! In English, the ghost stories have been concluded and it has been a real pleasure to read their finished articles. We also spent a session this week editing and improving what they had written. I recorded feedback on Seesaw and the children could listen to my comments and change the work in their books accordingly. In Science, we have continued on our journey from birth to old age and have covered physical and emotional changes during puberty. We had some really good questions asked and some very sensible and mature conversations. Please remember to fill in the questionnaire which was sent home this week as the children will need it for their English lesson on Tuesday. Thank you!



Another two weeks under our belt and I am not sure where the time is going as we approach the halfway point of the year!

Owls class really do bring 100% effort and energy to every lesson and are seeing the benefits of that in their understanding and progress.

The past two weeks have seen the children move through ratio and algebra in maths as we start to look at the more complex areas of the maths curriculum. The children have enjoyed using a range of resources to demonstrate their understanding through the use of SeeSaw.

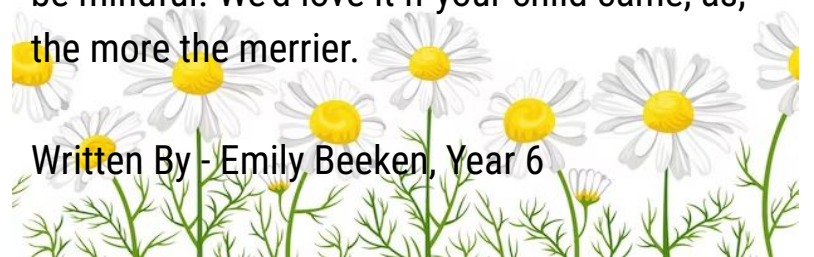
In English, we brought to a close our newspaper articles based around traditional tales with the class working hard to maintain that journalistic style of writing. Some then had the opportunity to write an article based on their own personal events.

In either areas of the curriculum, the children's swimming confidence continues to go from strength to strength; we have conducted more investigations into how we see colour and the refraction of light; the class have produced incredible pieces of artwork with Mrs Bucknell along with their very own Indus Valley town maps and much, much more!



Mindfulness is such an important part of our lives and knowing how we can be mindful can have a huge impact. Lots of people use different techniques to apply mindfulness to their daily lives. Many of those methods include breathing, going for a walk and doing things that make you feel happy inside. At Stebbing we run our very own mindfulness club in the morning for children to come and be mindful. We'd love it if your child came, as the more the merrier.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
02.02.24	NSPCC Number Day
06.02.24	Safer internet day
15.02.24	School disco 5-7.30pm
15.02.24	End of half term
16.02.24	Staff inset day
26.02.24	Back to school
27.02.24	Great fire of London workshop for Kingfishers
28.02.24	SEND family forum 1.45-3pm
March	Community month
04.03.24	SEN awareness week
06.03.24	Robins to Pizza Express
08.03.24	World Book Day
14.03.24	Ospreys making pizza at the White Hart 10.30am
19.03.24	Family consultations
20.03.24	Family consultations
21.03.24	Owls to Chelmsford Museum- Electrical engineer workshop