

At Stebbing we show **KINDNESS**, demonstrate **RESPECT** and foster **BELONGING**.
We are **ASPIRATIONAL!**

HEADTEACHER

We have had a good couple of weeks in school.
We said goodbye to Mrs Hammond this week who goes off on maternity. We wish her well!

We are thrilled with our recent Ofsted report.
Details of this were sent to parents this week but can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted>

Please ensure you park considerately outside the school grounds as we have had a number of complaints.

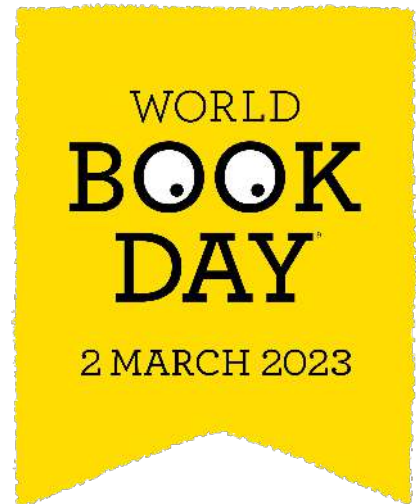
SPORT @ STEBBING

The hockey season is well underway and our hockey squad, who have been working incredibly hard with Carol Wooding, Mrs Bucknell and Mrs Wigmore took part in a friendly against the KS3 team from Helena Romanes School. The children made huge progress throughout the training match getting used to the size of the pitch, positional play and game play understanding to help prepare them for today's hockey tournament. It proved incredibly beneficial as the hockey team represented the school superbly at the Dunmow family hockey tournament at Felsted School this afternoon competing against 8 other teams from the local area winning a few games along the way. This is made even more impressive by the age of our players taking part with our year 4 and 5 players competing superbly against children in year 6 supported by their year 6 teammates.

Last week also saw the rearranged Essex Small Schools football tournament which took place at Melbourne Park in Chelmsford. Competing against tough opposition playing in four highly competitive matches winning 2 and losing the other two by just the one goal.



IMPORTANT NOTICES



Please see Parentmail for an important letter informing you all about the exciting World Book Day plans that we have in store for all of the children at Stebbing Primary School on Thursday 2nd March.

AFSS

So we have already reached February and the AFSS is stepping into action. Tonight sees the return of ever popular quiz night. We hope all who attended had great time and that it was as fun as always. Maybe even the teachers got knocked down from their winner position - finally?! Next week we are focusing on the fun for the children. We will host another disco on Thursday 9th Feb in the school hall to celebrate upcoming half term. KS1 will party 5-6pm followed by older children in KS2 at 6:15-7:30pm. You may have seen us telling tickets at the front of the school but you can also catch us next week. Tickets cost £3 each which includes unlimited drinks and a yummy snack. Now it's also a great chance to get involved in volunteering; you could help out with the disco and sneakily spy on your child - shh. If you are able to help out, please contact Sophie on 07703357553 and she can tell you more. We are also meeting in the White Hart on Wednesday 8th at 6:30pm to start planning and putting in motion the activities for rest of the academic year. Everyone is welcome to join us to help with the brain storming.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 27th January	Friday 3rd February
Wrens	Rhys & Mabel	Michael & Meadow
Robins	Savannah & Maxim	Freddie & Freddy
Kingfishers	Tereza and Poppy	Dexter & Isabelle
Woodpeckers	Amelia & Isla	Lottie & Louis
Kestrels	Elliot & Hadley	Henry & Mia
Ospreys	Emily & William	Isaac & Oliver H
Owls	Lan, Alden, Emil, James S & Malachy	Poppy-Jean & Lee



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 3rd February
Wrens	
Robins	Nicole
Kingfishers	Jacob
Woodpeckers	Rose
Kestrels	Phoebe
Ospreys	Frankie
Owls	Alex

PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 27th January	Friday 3rd February
Wrens	Kalia	
Robins	Archie	
Kingfishers	Bella	
Woodpeckers		Julia
Kestrels		Evie
Ospreys		Amelia
Owls		George

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
27.01.23	Maxim & Charlie	Woodpeckers	Ospreys	
03.02.23	Kai	Kingfishers	Kingfishers	Wrens



WRENS



ROBINS



I have been blown away by the maths Wrens have completed this week. They have been working hard to recognise, represent and order numbers 6, 7 and 8. As a digging deeper challenge we have been looking at the composition of these numbers too. I have been proud of how well the children have accessed maths activities independently during choosing time. It has been lovely to see Wrens consolidate their maths learning from last week too - mass & capacity.

In literacy we have been reading the story of The Gruffalo. Another great familiar story, meaning Wrens have been able to recall the main events very well. Last week we also completed at 'Get the...' writing activity. All children in class were able to write sentence using the symbols to support them.

In science we learnt about animals that hibernate. We completed an experiment with two hot water bottles, protecting one with lots of natural items to keep it warm and leaving the other uncovered. We made many predictions about what 'animal' would stay warm for the longest.

In phonics we have been having a review week and completing our end of half term assessments.

We had a fabulous morning at Pizza Express this week. Manager Greg and Pizzaiolo Nok were very hospitable. We knew that Pizza originated in Italy, the home country of our musician Alberto Guirioli but we found out that the famous Margherita pizza was inspired by the King's Umberto's wife; Queen Margherita, back in 1889. We first washed our hands thoroughly and put on our aprons and hats. We had to flatten our dough with both hands and spread their edges out. Nok was even picking the dough up and flipping it to help it stretch! That was very impressive. We didn't attempt that ourselves though.

We then put them in their pizza pans and pressed the edges to the edge of the pan. Tomato and basil passata was then spread over it using the back of a spoon. Mrs Wigmore and Mrs Lonnen-Smith got excited and felt they had a bonus, because they each had a little basil leaf in their passata! Finally the cheese cubes went on and Nok explained how they melt and spread out once cooked. The ovens at Pizza Express are heated to 371 degrees and because of the heat each Margherita pizza cooks in only 4 minutes. While our pizzas cooked we ate our fruit/vegetable snack and drank from our water bottles. Once we returned to school we got our certificates and for 10 minutes, waiting for our turn in the hall, we enjoyed completing Activity Books with our learning partners. Best day ever!



KINGFISHERS



WOODPECKERS



Another wonderful 2 weeks in Kingfishers! Kingfishers really enjoyed exploring the Author Quentin Blake and his many wonderful books. Everyone produced fantastic, interesting and detailed Book reviews on one of his books called 'Patrick. They generated their book review with a focus on character description, summarising the story and writing their own opinions and I have thoroughly enjoyed reading their thoughts and outlook.

Kingfishers have been eager to share their Forts with the class and it has been lovely seeing their creations. The class are always so interested in what their friends have made and ask lots of great questions. Each fort has been unique and reflects each child's own ideas and designs. If you haven't done your fort there's still one week left, and if you have please send them to me via email so your child has the opportunity to exhibit their work to their peers.

In PE we have been practising our tennis skills. We have focused on holding the racket correctly, stance and posture, perfecting our forehand and backhand placement along with controlling the ball with our rackets in a variety of ways. Kingfishers are really enjoying this topic and display fantastic teamwork skills during partnerwork. They try their best to apply their current and newly learnt abilities and are determined enhance their skills.

It's unbelievable how quickly the past two weeks have flown by! Woodpeckers have been working incredibly hard during their english lessons and completed their hot write for the explanation text unit. They thoroughly enjoyed learning about the four different stages of a butterfly's life cycle and researching a vast number of facts for each stage. They then swiftly moved onto their next unit; Myths and legends. This week, the children have been exploring the main features of a myth through various worked examples.

In maths, the children have continued with their multiplication and division journey. Within these steps, the children have been working hard to bring together their knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 3 and 4 in order to become fluent in their 3 and 4 times tables. They have been constructing fact families and using manipulatives and pictorial representations to make links between multiplication and division.

In PE, the children have been focusing on developing coordination skills. They were split into teams and carried out a number of different stations.

The main factors for focus, were to have an awareness of the action for each object; think about what body part they were going to use, as well as move safely in the spaces between players.



KESTRELS



I have had a wonderful last 2 weeks in Kestrels class and we have been super busy! We have started learning some new multiplication and division tricks, such as finding factor pairs and looking at how we multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 100. In English, we have finished our discussion text topic and I was really impressed with their final hot writes, where they discussed the responsibilities and the positives of owning a dog. We have now started our new topic on the picture book Journey and have been exploring the pictures, thinking carefully about the language used to describe. In RE, we have continued to learn creation stories, looking at the Big Bang theory and the creation story for the Jewish faith. Mrs Lonnen-Smith has definitely kept us busy in art enrichment and I was so impressed to see the wonderful canvases that the children created, which will be shared in our art exhibition in March. In Science, the children have worked really hard on learning about food chains, researching different animals and creating their own food chains. I cannot believe that we have finally got to the point where I have to say goodbye to this amazing class. I feel so lucky to have taught them for 4 years and know each and every one of them will continue to shine at Stebbing and do me proud! I hope to see you all soon.



OWLS



Where are the weeks going! Over the past two weeks, Owls class have worked incredibly hard in all areas of the curriculum to help develop their understanding of a range of concepts. In maths, we have been learning about a brand aspect of the curriculum introduced in year 6 - ratio. We have investigated how useful it is to be able to scale up or down recipes and shapes and have been able to apply our understanding of scale factor to enlarge and shrink shapes. In English, our newspaper articles came to a close in fantastic fashion with a wonderful array of interesting articles about important personal events. Newspaper articles are always a challenging text type to construct so I was really proud of how well the class applied themselves to the tricky text type. In other areas of the curriculum, we have continued to investigate light by understanding how light is refracted and, more recently this week, we have found out about the visible spectrum first discovered by Sir Isaac Newton in 1666. We then demonstrated our understanding by creating our own colour wheels. Owls class have also become Indus Valley Town Planners this week as they start to plan their own Indus Valley city using the information we have gathered throughout the History unit of work,



OSPREYS



I can't believe that we have nearly approached the halfway point in year 5! It has been incredible how much we have fitted into the last half term and much to the children's delight we have finally finished the first part of our mammoth unit on fractions! The children did themselves proud in their hot assessments which showed that they had a really good understanding. Next week, they will be moving onto a multiplication and division unit working on long and short written methods. In science, the children learnt about the changes that happen to boys and girls during puberty and the gestation periods of different animals. We were really shocked at some of the information we found out. One particular shark is pregnant for up to 3.5 years! Today during Number Day, Ospreys have explored many different problem solving activities which has been really interesting and they learnt that the key point of using what they know, to find out what they don't was really important! Osprey's have also been working really hard on achieving their whole class treat which they chose at the beginning of this half term. Their target was to get to 2,000 dojos between them which they smashed this week, so next Friday we will be visiting the park for Friday fun time!

GUEST

We are super excited to be having Art Week soon at Stebbing, the week of March 20th. Our theme is based on **Plastic Pollution**, and doing our best to prevent unnecessary plastic taking up precious planet space in landfill, and polluting our oceans. Each class will have a fiction book with which to begin their week and inspire their art, so you will see on the ClassDojo page requests for particular plastic items.

One thing Owls need (which don't come along too often) are toothbrushes! Even the small ones from an electric toothbrush would do - please bring them in. They can be left at the office or brought directly to me or Mr Le Masurier. I personally will disinfect the toothbrushes before the children use them, but toothbrushes in particular are an item that cannot rot; they just build up and build up, so we'd like to reuse/repurpose/upcycle them and inspire others too also. Perhaps we have in our midst at Stebbing a future winner of the Turner Prize!

A leaflet will pop through doors soon inviting our Stebbing Community to visit our grand **Art Exhibition** and parents will be able to pop in and see the Exhibition each afternoon at collection time, from Tuesday 28th. We do hope you will be able to see the Art we will have created during Art Week, along with art done in our lessons at school, so far this year.

Mrs Lonnen-Smith

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
03.02.23	NSPCC Number Day
06.02.23	Place to Be- Children's mental health week
07.02.23	Safer internet day
10.02.23	End of half term
20.02.23	Inset day for staff
21.02.23	Children back to school
27.02.23	Road safety for Wrens & Ospreys
March	Community Month
07.03.23	Dance workshop with Darren
31.03.23	End of term
17.04.23	Back to school