

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

HEADTEACHER

Today has given us an opportunity to reflect and remember.

You will notice the wonderful artwork produced by the children in our windows.

This weekend we have The Grange Farm Runners using the school grounds for their Remembrance day run. We would still welcome any support you can give on the day to help us set up, serve and tidy away refreshments.

Thank you for all of the contributions of cake too.

A huge thank you to the Baldock family (Kai and Shae from year 6) for their donation of sausages and bacon for the run on Sunday. This is so appreciated and means that we can raise even more money for the school. THANK YOU!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Parking continues to be an issue outside the school at drop off and pick up times.

Please consider how and where you park for the safety of all. I am concerned that with a growing school we must make sure that the school entrance and zig-zags are not used for parking for the safety of all children.

Thank you for your cooperation.

We will shortly be sending out our Christmas calendar of events to ensure you are up to speed with all of the events happening. It is set to be a great time of year.

SPORT @ STEBBING

It was football overload this past two weeks in the build up to the FIFA Men's world cup coming up. Last Friday, our year 4 girls and 5 girls represented Stebbing Primary School at the Dunmow family football festival which took place at Dunmow St Mary's Primary School. Our girls took part with such positivity and enthusiasm having the best time with their friends. This week, our year 5 boys football squad represented the Uttlesford family at the Essex FA small schools football competition at Melbourne Park. Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions, the tournament was called off after just one match with the tournament being rescheduled for another day. Finally, today, our year 3/4 boys football squad attended the Dunmow family football competition competing against 7 other local schools. All of the boys worked incredibly well together, supporting each other (especially our year 3 boys who were up against children a year above them). After 5 matches and lots of goals, the team finished in a fantastic 4th place. To conclude the week, a small group of children attended the KS1 multi-skills festival at Felsted school this afternoon taking part in a wide range of activities and events earning themselves stickers galore for all of their hard work and efforts.



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2022



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 4th November	Friday 11th November
Wrens	Amelie & Achie O	Daniel & Cooper
Robins	Fifi, Dylan & Jenna	Holly & Harry
Kingfishers	Indie & Clara	Harry & Albert
Woodpeckers	Lilly & Nathaniel	Oliver and Summer
Kestrels	Kody & Hadley	Sophia & Zachary
Ospreys	Saskia & Finlee N	Frankie & Amelia
Owls	Arthur, Hollie & James S	Owls class



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 4th November	Friday 11th November
Wrens	Stanley	Dawson
Robins	Freddie	Fletcher
Kingfishers	Ivy	Millie
Woodpeckers	Rose	Neve
Kestrels	Mia	Ava
Ospreys	Albert	Emily
Owls	Eira	Jack

PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 4th November	Friday 11th November
Wrens	Delilah	
Robins	Ivy	
Kingfishers	Sophia	
Woodpeckers		Louis
Kestrels		Kody
Ospreys		William
Owls		Isabella

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
04.11.22	Robins	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Rollover
11.11.22	Rose W	Woodpeckers	Wrens	Kingfishers



WRENS



ROBINS



In PE Wrens have been learning to move to music like animals across the Savannah. We counted to the music: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and moved eloquently. Wrens did small performances in two groups and gave each other a score out of 10. We have been so surprised at how independent and quickly we get changed now and celebrated together on our achievements. Our Role Play area has turned into a Post Office and we have been very busy. The Postman delivered mail to the School and we received messages from Pets and Grandparents! Wrens have really enjoyed experiencing how the Royal Mail Service works and staff have been receiving various parcels to sign for during each day. We are so proud of our Wrens' journey to the big playground. After welcoming our Owl buddies to play with us in our outdoor area we gradually introduced other children to join us in our playground. This has really helped Wrens find familiar faces on the playground and enable us to foster that sense of belonging and kindness as a School community. The Wrens have supported each other by introducing older siblings and encouraging each other to join in with group games. What an incredible achievement Wrens! We are so proud to be part of your journey. In Maths we have been reading The Button Box and explored different patterns. We have been Mastering the skill to subitise! (Seeing and saying an amount) Our story sequencing skills and teamwork were tested by retelling Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We loved hearing the Wrens retelling The Three Billy Goats Gruff in the outdoor area, pretending the climbing frame is the Troll's bridge. We are excited to announce that we have all been given a part in our Christmas performance. Rehearsals have begun and we already know a few words to the songs we plan to sing.

It truly has been lovely to be back from our Autumn break. We completed our 'Gunpowder Plot' History topic just in time for November 5th. We consolidated our learning by watching the 2021 'Guy Forks' episode of Worzel Gummidge, and enjoyed a variety of painting techniques to create some stunning firework pictures which were embellished with some glue & glitter. We have just finished reading a children's chapter book about the plot as well, and now before home time we are reading Rudyard Kipling's 'Just So Stories'.

As the winter festivities draw closer we have begun to read a winter or Christmas themed story before lunch each day, as a bit of extra fun and preparation as well as the occasional RE learning. Each day this week we have been monitoring the Rain Gauge in our class flower bed; gathering and recording results for Science and linking well with our maths too. We learned about the water surface (known as 'meniscus') and have been careful to measure the water from the bottom of its meniscus to get an accurate reading. From the weekend, on Monday morning (7th) our Rain Gauge had caught 33mm of rain!

We are preparing to learn how to write a letter soon - so any opportunities you have to send us postcards, from a weekend visit or trip away, that you could post to Robins, would be gratefully received. Send them to: Robins Class, Stebbing Primary School,, High Street, Stebbing, Essex, CM6 3SH. Thank you! :)



KINGFISHERS



WOODPECKERS



We have had a brilliantly busy 2 weeks in Kingfishers and they have settled back into school life and routines really well after the half term. We have been exploring many different concepts with a focus on addition and subtraction involving bonds to 20, 'chocolate' bar models, number lines, related facts and fact families. In English we are writing our own stories. We have been exploring a variety of settings and created our characters, alongside learning about different perspectives and predicting what might happen next based on what they already know.

In Science we discussed seasons and had an interactive, hands on lessons discussing what changes occur in Autumn. We then learnt about an influential person of Science - Charles Darwin. We explored his theory that species evolve in order to survive and the 'Survival of the fittest' concept. In Geography we have been learning about the UK and it's capital cities and Kingfishers have certainly enjoyed using Atlases in order to underpin their learning and understanding.

What an incredible couple of weeks we have had in Woodpeckers class. In our English lessons, we have been exploring and becoming familiar with Julia Donaldson texts.

First, we read through a range of her books as a class. Then, in groups, we discussed what we noticed about her stories. We were able to identify many features, including rhyme, strong characters, all of the stories were fiction and that there was a moral to each. Later in the week, we worked together to understand how to perform rhyme. The children were split into groups and provided with a Julia Donaldson text, they were then to perform using expression. In preparation for remembrance day, we worked hard to produce our own poppy inspired stained glass window. We began with a simple black frame and carefully added strips of coloured tissue paper. We finalised our own windows by cutting out a poppy silhouette and sticking it to the front of our wonderful creations. In maths, we have been continuing with our addition and subtraction unit. We have been exploring a range of strategies to add 1-digit numbers to a 2-digit number crossing 10. We used place value charts and number lines to aid our learning and built on this by then adding 1-digit numbers to 3 digit numbers.



KESTRELS



Kestrels have started our second Autumn term with enthusiasm and excitement. We have loved continuing to learn about persuasive speeches and this week have finished their own persuasive battle speech to encourage their tribe to battle against an evil creature. In maths, we have continued with addition and subtraction using column methods. The children's deep understanding of this has been reflected in such wonderful practical work and they have really enjoyed manipulating numbers. Rehearsals for our Christmas play are well underway so be prepared for a lot of FUNKY camel lyrics being practised at home as this seems to be the most popular song at the moment!

In Science, we have started to learn about sound and have enjoyed experimenting with vibrations of sound in different forms. During enrichment, Kestrels are now taking part in PE and Drama on a Wednesday afternoon. The buzz of excitement when they see these subjects on a Wednesday morning is wonderful to see.

We have also really enjoyed playing games with each other on our Friday fun time, the yes and no game being a huge hit in the class with lots of giggles constantly surrounding the classroom!



OSPREYS



Ospreys have enjoyed another two weeks of fast paced action in the classroom. They are really developing, each and every day and it is so wonderful to see the progress that they are making. In maths, they have just completed their first multiplication and division block which focused on square, cube and prime numbers as well as factors and multiples. Next week, we will be moving onto the first fractions block of the year. We can't reiterate enough how important times table knowledge is going to be support the children's work in fractions, so any extra practise you can do at home would be much appreciated! In Science, we have started to explore the wonderful world of space. It is one of my favourite topics to teach and the children have created some really excellent pieces of work so far. They have been sent home a moon diary today to help them identify and recognise the different phases of the moon. I will look forward to seeing those completed in a months time! Finally, with Mrs Smith, Ospreys have been learning all about 'Extreme Earth' and I know they will be excited to know that there will be some volcano construction in the very near future!



OWLS



Owls class have been incredibly busy over the past two weeks with a wide range of learning and enriching activities. Not only have the children continued to work really hard to reinforce and develop their mathematical understanding as we progress through the four operations unit of work taking particular care and attention when using long multiplication and short division.

One of the many benefits of being in Owls class as a year 6 is the fantastic opportunity to tour prospective parents around the school sharing their own personal experiences at Stebbing. As the children toured, they were able to discuss the ins and outs of the school with confidence and positivity and were fantastic ambassadors for the school - we couldn't have been prouder. The children will have another opportunity to take part in another open morning in a few weeks time. I am sure their confidence will go from strength to strength and they will continue to blow us away.

Within English, we are continuing to utilise the children's understanding of Skellig to help develop their writing skills focusing on writing setting descriptions. We have practised using our senses to describe what can be seen, heard, tasted, felt or smelt and will now move onto using 'SHAMPOO' to help the children vary their sentence structure - all will be revealed next week.

GUEST

Do you have something you would like to write about or share with the Stebbing community. If so, please get in touch with Miss Mawson via her email:

miss.mawson@stebbingprimary.co.uk

with an article between 250-300 words to be published in the Stebbing Guest spot.

Thank you so much!

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
10.11.22	Reception 2023 open morning (9.30 and 10.30)
14.11.22	World Diabetes Day
18.11.22	Children in Need
23.11.22	Reception 2023 open morning (9.30 and 10.30)
25.11.22	Non uniform for chocolate tombola
02.12.22	AFSS children's Christmas market Wear your Christmas jumper and bring a bottle for the tombola
02.12.22	AFSS Christmas fayre (3-5pm)
07.12.22	Christmas lunch
12.12.22	Performance week - Year 3 & 4 afternoon performance
13.12.22	- Year 5 & 6 afternoon performance - Year 1 & 2 evening performance
14.12.22	- Reception afternoon performance - Year 3 & 4 evening performance
15.12.22	- Year 1 & 2 afternoon performance - Year 5 & 6 evening performance
20.12.22	Christmas carol concert at the church and Christmas jumper day - LAST DAY OF TERM