

Stebbing Primary School



Stebbing Spotlight

Important Messages



What a wonderful way to commemorate all of the service men and women past and present. Thank you for your donations. I am sure you will agree the

display was a lovely way to remember this year and the children participated very well in the daily mile in school and at home. It was great to see your photos of this on Dojo. Today in assembly a couple of children from each class have been awarded with a medal or a snood donated by Grange Farm Runners.

Headteacher

I wanted to begin my Spotlight entry this week by thanking our Chair of Governors, Nikki Munson for her hard work and dedication over the last three years. She has made the decision to pass the baton on and I am pleased to announce that Catherine Smith has been appointed as Chair of Governors for this year. Further information from the governing body will be shared over the next few weeks.

I would also like to say a special thank you to Amara <https://www.amara.com/>. They are a home and lifestyle online store (based locally) who sell a number of different products. They recently donated 7 computers that they no longer needed in their offices and one will be installed in each classroom to be used in conjunction with our interactive whiteboards. They have also donated a number of artificial trees (boxes full of them are stacked in my office.) These are going to be used to decorate the school over the next few weeks. Thank you!

Over the next few days we hope to be able to share our Christmas calendar of events with you. Of course this is unfortunately reduced this year due to the restrictions, but we are still planning a few class-based and virtual events for the children to get involved in. There will also be a couple of surprises along the way!



Thank you to everyone that donated to sponsor two of our fabulous Stebbing School parents! Hannah Wigmore and Emma Fulcher completed a triathlon at the beginning of November to raise money for a mindfulness space for our school. They raised an incredible £1000! Thank you to both ladies (you are amazing!) and to everyone who kindly sponsored them! (it's not too late to sponsor them if you would like to!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hannah-and-emma?utm_term=MZgJP9BMy)

Our termly raffle will launch on Monday the 16th November - please keep an eye out on Class Dojo for more details. This term it is a children's raffle with some great prizes including a 1:1 football training session and a princess pamper session! As before tickets will be £1 a strip, cashless entry. The draw will take place on Friday the 11th December. We are sad that we are unable to run the usual Christmas events this year but we know that you all understand. It just means that next year the events will be even more fabulous!

Awards

	<u>Friday 6th November</u>	<u>Friday 13th November</u>
<u>Wrens</u>	Scarlett Dawson & Albert Smith	Elijah Sandom & Isabelle Clayden
<u>Robins</u>	Archie Philp & Camryn McIntyre	Oliver Bond & Lottie Wright
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Ava Nash & Hayden Edwards-Riches	Elly Wootton & Millie Piggot-Yeoman
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Emily Beeken & Saskia Brown	Albert Ririe & Dan Bota
<u>Kestrels</u>	Brayden Young & Sienna Ball	Isabella Arnett & Jensen Ball
<u>Ospreys</u>	Freya Blaith & Daisy Smith	Poppy Coates & William Foxton
<u>Owls</u>	Sophia Brown & Ariana Bota	Mei Bucknell & Charlotte Wallbank

	<u>Presentation Award Winners</u>	
<u>Wrens</u>	Clara Bean	
<u>Robins</u>	Julia Morton	
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Savannah Edwards-Riches	
<u>Woodpeckers</u>		Florrie Hale
<u>Kestrels</u>		Brayden Young
<u>Ospreys</u>		Hannah Dobney
<u>Owls</u>		Henry Hill

<u>Date</u>	<u>TT Rockstars</u> % of active players	<u>Spelling Shed</u>	<u>Lunchtime Award</u>	<u>Attendance Award</u>
06.11.20	Owls	Kestrels	Poppy Wright for always behaving and having great manners during every lunchtime.	Wrens
13.11.20	Owls	Kestrels	Tallula Blackley for always eating lunch and being the perfect yr 6.	Owls



ClassDojo

	<u>Dojo Award Winners</u>			<u>Dojo Points Winners</u>	
 <u>Being Helpful</u>	Lucia & Hadley Sando Kingfishers	Sienna Thorp Wrens	<u>Wrens</u>	Florence Price	Dexter Lodge
 <u>Being Kind</u>	Grace Greenwood Woodpeckers	Harry Clark Ospreys	<u>Robins</u>	Mia Putley	Lottie Wright
 <u>Good Manners</u>	Mei Bucknell Owls	Maisey Lynch Owls	<u>Kingfishers</u>	Zachary Cohen	Ethan Thorp
 <u>Listening</u>	Poppy Bloss Ospreys	Leigh Lyons Kestrels	<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Betsy Mayne	Amelia Magat
 <u>Perseverance</u>	Rafael Roye Wrens	Alexander Bota Robins	<u>Kestrels</u>	Malachy Rook	Brayden Young
 <u>Teamwork</u>	Nathaniel Bota Robins	Rocco Chandler Woodpeckers	<u>Ospreys</u>	Alfie Price	Bea Earle
 <u>Working Hard</u>	Malachy Rook Kestrels	Elliot Hogg Kingfishers	<u>Owls</u>	Mei Bucknell	Harry Brinkley

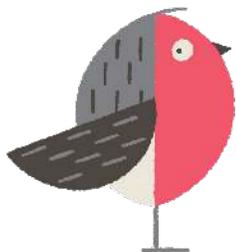
Class Information

Wrens



Wrens class have returned to school confidently, have settled back into our class routines and have been so engaged in their learning. It is wonderful to watch Wrens during choosing time and see how they lead their own learning. In phonics, we have continued to learn phase 2 sounds - g, o, c, k. The children are becoming more confident with recognising and writing these sounds. We have also put more of a focus on blending and segmenting CVC words. In math, our number of the week has been three. Wrens are great at recognising and representing this number pictorially. It is lovely to hear the children use maths language throughout their play too and linking their learning back to number three. We have enjoyed learning about Remembrance Day and understanding the poppy symbol. Wrens have been so creative and have made poppies using lot of different mediums and techniques - independently too! Their crosses were incredible. We have begun our new topic, Winter Wonderland. Before moving on to lots of Christmas activities, we are focusing on penguins. Their penguins show and tell were brilliant and they already have so much knowledge about penguins. We are going to be learning about their appearance, diet and habitat. We are hoping to have a penguin day too, so keep your eyes peeled for more information on this.

Robins



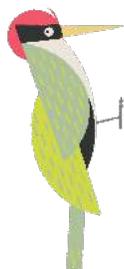
It was great to be back! Robins returned with such confidence and happy faces and cracked straight on with their learning! We had a craft day completing Christmas cards for the AFSS and decorating beautiful crosses for Remembrance Day, and painted some stunning self-portraits. We thoroughly enjoyed our daily run and found it really helped us focus better on our learning, so this is something we will continue. Thank you Mr LeMasurier! In maths we have moved on to subtraction, and are deepening our skill and understanding of number sentences and part-whole models. We have introduced the usefulness of a number line now too. In English we have begun a new story - Benji Davies' 'The Storm Whale'. We will be learning this story very well, making story maps and putting actions to it for a retell to perform for you soon (via Dojo). We have begun to learn about forces in Science and look forward to doing lots of Scientific Enquiry based on this, and some investigations/experiments. In Topic this half term we are focusing on Geography; continents and oceans, which began with some very peaceful painting; Robins are a very creative and artistic class. Our reading groups are named after the continents, so I'm sure we'll know them very well very soon. We have also begun some preparations for Christmas which the class are loving!

Kingfishers



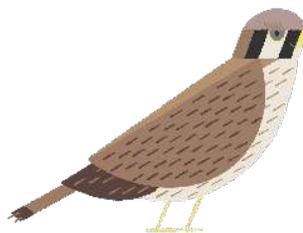
I can't believe it has been 2 weeks since half term already. Kingfishers have been working so hard over the last two weeks. In maths we have continued with our addition and subtraction, starting to work on column addition through the use of practical resources. Although this is a little tricky, the children have worked so hard in their partners to solve problems together. In English, we have started to look at the story 'How to hide a Lion' and have been completing different activities based on the story. Our topic this term is all about where we live and we have been thinking about our small town of Stebbing in relation to the country. This is a project that we will be continuing with all term! In D & T, we have started to look at puppets, thinking about how we will design our own puppets. We have also started to take part in Barvember, where the children have to represent different maths problems using bar models to help their fluency. The children also really enjoyed joining in with the rest of the school to create beautiful poppy crosses to remember the soldiers who have fought for our country. Overall it has been a very busy and jam-packed couple of weeks!

Woodpeckers



In Woodpeckers we have had a brilliant start to half term. We have started learning about the UK in Geography, starting at Stebbing School and working our way out to the world, as well as locating counties and cities across the UK. In Science we have been predicting and experimenting with forces. Last week we learnt about friction and this week we will be testing Buoyancy! In English we have started our new focus on recounts and the children are looking forward to creating their own recount based on an exciting memory. In PE we have been exercising a wide variety of sports skills and all of Woodpeckers have persevered and pushed themselves to further improve these abilities. In maths we have been focusing on adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers with exchanging, using various approaches. There are a range of steps to completing these calculations accurately and Woodpeckers have been absolutely brilliant with practising and applying this knowledge within their work this week. Woodpeckers have been enjoying their Tag Rugby sessions and D&T lessons - two very fun and practical lessons on a wednesday afternoon! The children all designed their own crosses to commemorate the soldiers who have fought and protected our country, all of which were beautiful and unique. It was clear to see that they had all carefully thought about their design and took great joy and pride in creating them.

Kestrels



The children have all come back from half term ready to continue working hard and have done a fantastic job of recognising their next steps and taking on new challenges. We have begun our new Geography topic in which we are comparing England, Russia, Michigan USA and Peru. So far we have practised locating them on maps and have been looking at their human features. We will be moving on to look at the similarities and differences in their physical geography and climate based on their global position. We haven't quite left our History topic behind yet though. After enjoying learning about the Romans and Boudicca's rebellion so much, we decided to work on a persuasive piece of writing as Boudicca encouraging the Celts to join in the battle. We have looked at rhetorical questions, alliteration, similes, metaphors and the use of humility. We have completed our first drafts and will be polishing them up next week! We have also started our new Science topic this week focusing on sound, first investigating how it is created and how it travels.

Ospreys



Ospreys have really thrown themselves head first into all of the learning that has been going on since half term. During the past 2 weeks we have started off our new topic areas in science and geography which meant starting learning all about Space and Natural disasters (my personal 2 favourite areas to teach!) So far we have talked about the process of night and day and the effect that the Earth's rotation and axis has on the length of the days during the different seasons. We also had a session studying the largest star in our solar system, the Sun. In geography, we have been learning about tectonic plates and how volcanoes are formed. The children were amazed at some of the videos we watched! In English we are nearing the end of our nature documentaries. The children have been working so hard on these- keep an eye out on dojo in the next couple of weeks as they will be posted on their individual dojo pages. It was really lovely to have a chat with you this week via Google to discuss your child's progress, I felt that it went really well and was super efficient. I hope you found the chats useful too. Thank you again for your continued support and keep an eye out for future announcements regarding Christmas festivities!

Owls



Owls class have come back from their well earned half-term break and slotted straight back into the school routine with a breeze with plenty of hard work, lots of creativity and bundles of fun! The past two weeks has seen the children start their new English unit of work focusing on journalistic writing. All of the children have been working hard to identify the key features as always and have started working towards putting the individual pieces together to create their own based on well-known traditional tales. In maths, we have started the wonderful world of fractions which will see the children cover a broad range of skills in a relatively short period of time before the Christmas festivities begin. On top of that, the children have had a quick tag rugby refresher and are ready to develop their skills building on last year's hard work. In science, the children have been working hard to understand the term 'inheritance' and have used pictures of their peers to understand what characteristics we inherit and what traits we acquire from our environment. In humanities, we have switched onto geography from history and now the children are working hard to understand the UK's trading links. We found it fascinating which countries we trade with and are now able to explain why we trade with certain countries such as Brazil and Germany. The work that the children are consistently producing in all subjects continues to blow me away and I am thoroughly enjoying seeing them all make fantastic progress in all walks of school life and it was lovely sharing that with you this week during family consultations.

You will notice over the next couple of weeks that our Christmas festivities will start to filter into our school week and I cannot wait to give our wonderful group of year 6 children the best 'last Christmas at Stebbing' that they can possibly have in the situation.

Important Dates

Date	Event
09.11.20	Reception 2021 primary applications open
18.12.20	End of term
04.01.21	Non pupil day
05.01.21	Back to school- Start of the Spring term
15.01.21	Reception 2021 primary applications closing date
11.02.21	Break up for half term
12.02.21	Non pupil day
22.02.21	Back to school
26.03.21	End of term
12.04.20	Back to school- Start of the Summer term
28.05.21	Break up for half term
07.06.21	Non pupil day
08.06.21	Non pupil day
09.06.21	Back to school
21.07.21	End of the school year

