



Stebbing Primary School



Stebbing Spotlight

Important Notices

Breakfast club is now up and running. If you would like your child to attend, please get in touch with the school office.

Just a reminder that we have an inset day for staff training on Monday 21st February. After half term children will return to school on **Tuesday 22nd February.**

Headteacher

Welcome back to all of our wonderful families, we hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break and it wasn't too disrupted. We have started off the new year by sharing our aims for 2022 with all of the children and staff. At the beginning of the day, all children will be greeted by a member of their class team. We have also been encouraging children to ensure that they are making eye contact with their peers and adults when they are being spoken to. Children have already said how happy this makes them feel to come into school in this way. We have also been demonstrating 'fantastic walking'. It has been so wonderful to see all of the children giving positive praise to each other as they move around the school. Well done everyone, keep up the good work!

AFSS

Happy new year 2022 to one and all from your AFSS! It has been lovely to see the school back in action and filled with happy children. We are excited to bring you more activities for rest of the school year. Get your diaries out and pencil in these dates: Friday 28th January - Quiz Night, Thursday 10th February - Year 5 & 6 Disco, Friday 25th March - Muffins for Mums in the morning, Friday 1st April - Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday 5th June - Summer Fete/ Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and Friday 17th June - Doughnuts for Dads. Quiz night has already sold out and we can't wait to spend the night together in the great company of Stebbing parents. Also thanks to all of your generosity during Christmas Market/Fete, AFSS has collected total sum of £960.83. That's amazing and will help us greatly in giving more for our number ones, the pupils of Stebbing.

Sport at Stebbing

Unfortunately, due to an increase in COVID cases within the Uttlesford area, the planned events for last week and this week were postponed with new dates arranged. The first competition for this calendar year will be the swimming gala at Great Dunmow Leisure Centre. I will be in touch over the next week to organise our swimming squad.

However, our internal curriculum and extra-curricular sporting programme continues to go from strength to strength. We welcomed Carole Wooding and Sheetal Pandya who are running our hockey club for KS2 and delivering tennis coaching to KS2 respectively. It has been wonderful seeing all of the reception children join in with the lunchtime sports clubs for the first time this year and attendance at all of our extra-curricular activities continues to grow.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a busy sporting calendar for Spring term.

Awards

	<u>Friday 7th January</u>	<u>Friday 14th January</u>
<u>Wrens</u>	Christoper Lang & Dylan Robinson	Samuel Maddox & Harry Greenwood
<u>Robins</u>	Elijah Sandom & Mia Nash	Scarlett Dawson & Emily Thomas
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Archie Philp & Louis Shaddock	Hunter Clark-Smith & Julia Morton
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Hadley Sando & Mia Hutchin	Isabelle Perry & Ji Bucknell
<u>Kestrels</u>	Reggie Smith & Lia Campbell	Brody Kiberd & William Ririe
<u>Ospreys</u>	Kai Baldock & Lan Bucknell	Malach Rook & Emil Mannisto
<u>Owls</u>	Poppy Coates & Bea Earle	Freya Blaith & Lacey Raye

	<u>Presentation Award Winners</u>	
<u>Wrens</u>	Archie Guilfoyle	
<u>Robins</u>	Elijah Sandom	
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Lilly Springett	
<u>Woodpeckers</u>		Ava Nash
<u>Kestrels</u>		Lily Lakovic
<u>Ospreys</u>		Shae Baldock
<u>Owls</u>		Callum Walker

<u>Date</u>	<u>IT Rockstars</u> <u>% of active players</u>	<u>Spelling Shed</u>	<u>Maths Shed</u>	<u>Year 6 Award</u>	<u>Attendance Award</u>
07.01.22	Ospreys 58% Kestrels 9% Woodpeckers 4% Kingfishers 3% Owls 3%	Owls	Kingfishers	Olivia Wright Kestrels	Woodpeckers
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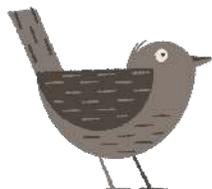


ClassDojo

	<u>Dojo Award Winners</u>			<u>Dojo Points Winners</u>	
 <u>Being Helpful</u>	Ethan Bond Wrens	Freddie Edridge Wrens	<u>Wrens</u>	Dylan Robinson	Axel Steele
 <u>Being Kind</u>	Poppy Bloss Owls	Lacey Raye Owls	<u>Robins</u>	Fred Zelle	Elijah Sandom
 <u>Good Manners</u>	Maya Roye Woodpeckers	Florrie Hale	<u>Kingfishers</u>	Oliver Bond	Louis Shaddock & Rose Walker
 <u>Listening</u>	Alden McGonagle	Henley McPherson (Ospreys)	<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Evie Fagg	Darcy Stewart-Wheatly
 <u>Perseverance</u>	Lottie Wright Kingfishers	Hayden Edwards-Riches Woodpeckers	<u>Kestrels</u>	Florrie Hale	Lily Lakovic
 <u>Teamwork</u>	Brody Kiberd, Dan Bota, Lia Campbell & Reggie Smith Kestrels	Albie, Charlie, Lottie & Neve Kingfishers	<u>Ospreys</u>	Malachy Rook	Emil Mannisto
 <u>Working Hard</u>	Dexter Lodge Robins	All of Robins	<u>Owls</u>	William Foxtan	Daisy Smith

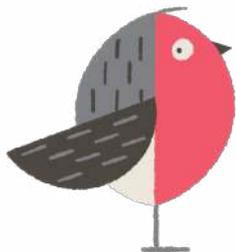
Class Information

Wrens



We have had a very busy, fun and productive first couple of weeks in Wrens, embracing our new topic of "If you go down to the woods..." We have been learning and acting out the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, in our role play cottage and in our small world area. In Maths, we have been comparing sizes, to learn the language of small, medium and large or smallest, middle-sized and biggest, comparing the three bears and comparing all sorts of objects and toys in our play, even the growing bulbs outside! We have some very observant children! We have also learnt that squirrels live in a drey and hide their food to have enough food to take them through the winter. In Forest Schools, we have been making popcorn garland bird feeders and have been planning on how to make a bird hide. Well done Wrens for settling in so well and for your amazing curiosity to learn.

Robins



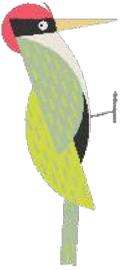
Some of Robins class have helped me out today, by suggesting news they want to share with you... We've been doing lots of learning, and learning about a book. We don't know what it's called and we don't know where he is but we're trying to figure it out and also we don't know what's in the box and we don't know the title. He's in a dark loft, attic or basement and he likes to find things. He's looking for something. He sees a box with his torch. We've been guessing what's in the box; cars, cats, dogs, a plane, jam, Stitch, Titanic (to list only a few ideas). We've been making really, really good models of planets, out of clay; the dwarf planet Pluto, the Sun. It's the Solar System. Everyday we have been talking about the sun set and sun rise and how the length of day changes throughout the year. It sets around half past 4 and rises around half past 7 - we are getting about 9 hours of daylight. Last week it was 8. In PE we did gymnastics, these were the positions we learned... pike, we did the rocket, sitting star and the star. We like playing with the Base 10 and having lunch and playing outside too.

Kingfishers



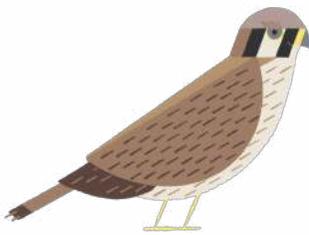
We have had a lovely first couple of weeks back in Kingfishers. The children have all returned with an enthusiastic, hard-working attitude, ready to embrace our new topics this term. In Maths we have been adding and subtracting using a variety of apparatus and approaches. and Kingfishers have wowed me with their speed and efficiency. In English we are studying the Author 'Kes Graves' and the children have really enjoyed listening to a selection of his books, whilst also focusing on key features, character description and the importance of using expression. In PSHE we have been exploring a variety of careers and discovering areas of interest through discussion and activities. Kingfishers really flew with this and I always love where our discussions and questions lead us during these lessons. In PE we are practicing our throwing and aiming skills as we build up to our dodgeball lessons, and Kingfishers displayed brilliant listening and teamwork skills. In Science we have started our new topic on Animals including Humans and we explored the different animal groups and how different animals care for their offspring. In Topic we are learning about castles and forts. We discussed the purpose of and multiple features of a fort alongside exploring Mount Fitchet castle virtually. A very positive and productive return to school - I look forward to a fantastic half term!

Woodpeckers



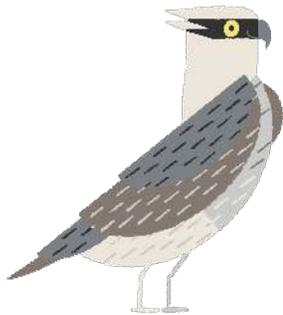
What a wonderful start to a new year Woodpeckers have had! The children have really embraced the new year with a mature attitude and have been working exceptionally hard. We have started our Ancient Greece topic in both English and History. In History, we have started to look at the key events in Ancient Greece and put them on a timeline- understanding BC was a little tricky! In English, we have loved hearing different Greek myths. So far Theseus and the Minotaur and Medusa has been a huge hit. The children have started to learn how to compose more complex sentences including using fronted adverbials. In maths, we have started to learn our multiplication through arrays. We have explored using counters to create different arrays and partition these into parts. In Science, we begun to learn about our diet and how much of each type of food we should be eating. We have explored the amount of sugar there is in different foods and discussed healthy choices. In PE, we have loved being back in the hall for gymnastics, especially that we were able to use the equipment to show off our bunny hops. A lovely first 2 weeks back Woodpeckers- it looks like it will be a wonderful half term!

Kestrels



We have had a lovely couple of weeks back since the Christmas break and the children have been excited to start our new topics throughout the subjects. In humanities we have been looking at the Mayans and the children have been finding out when the Mayans existed and where in the world they built their civilisation. We have continued our hard work in Maths on multiplication and division, with the children looking into how to understand the bus stop method and using column multiplication to work out 2 and 3 digit numbers multiplied by single digit numbers. In English we have started our new unit of learning based on a short film in which a gnome who lives under a wishing fountain works and helps grant those wishes, this unit has helped the children's understanding of how to create a character and setting description. The children have been thoroughly excited and shown a real maturity when it comes to our science topic of understanding the human digestive system and how it is different to other animals. This has led to wonderful discussions in the class on how other animals digest things differently, such as a cow has 4 stomachs and why they might need 4 stomachs.

Ospreys



It has been a productive past couple of weeks in Ospreys class. The children have begun their new Science topic of "Animals including Humans" where they have been focusing on the changes as humans develop into old age. The children were very excited to view some of their very own baby scans and photos that had been kindly received by parents - they created some fantastic discussions and questioning too. In math, their next unit of 'Multiplication and Division' has taken them on a journey learning about square and cube numbers, as well as re-capping on division in the coming weeks. In history, their new topic of Early Islamic Civilisation commenced with knowing when and where it existed and the huge emphasis it had on Scientific and mathematical knowledge. In English, they have been working towards writing their very own Biography based on Charles Dickens. They have been identifying the main features of the text, reading and researching a range of facts about his early and later life, ready to complete their 'hot write' next week.

Owls



Owls class have worked incredibly hard over the past couple of weeks and have returned from the Christmas break in fantastic spirits ready for the hard work ahead. In English, we spent a couple of days recapping our basic punctuation rules following a slight slight in punctuation standards across the class and have now started a new unit of work where Owls class become journalists as we learn how to write a newspaper article using well-known, traditional tales as our stimulus. In maths, we have entered the world of decimals where we have added, subtracted, multiplied, divided, converted and compared all in a couple of weeks. The children are picking up the rules, tips and tricks for all elements really well and are starting to apply them to help them solve tricky SATs problems. A huge thank you to our wonderful year 6 volunteers who supported the school at the most recent open afternoon. The feedback, as always, from the perspective parents was incredible.

A date for your diary, Year 6 Parent SATs information evening will take place on Thursday 3rd February (18:00-19:00). Keep an eye out for the letter coming out next week.

Important Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
17.01.22	Martin Luther King day
26.01.22	SEN coffee afternoon 9.15-10.15am
27.01.22	Parent forum meeting 2-3pm
27.01.22	Parents invited to an after school book look 3-4pm
28.01.22	AFSS quiz night 7pm
03.02.22	SATs information evening 6-7pm
04.02.22	Rosa Parks day
04.02.22	NSPCC Number Day
05.02.22/06.02.22	School park run weekend
07.02.22	Children's mental health week
08.02.22	Safer internet day
11.02.22	Comic relief day
11.02.22	End of half term
21.02.22	Inset day- Staff training
22.02.22	Children back to school
March	Community month

