

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

HEADTEACHER

Thank you so much to so many of you who have been in touch about supporting some of our development projects in school.

In case you missed it...here's a list of some of the things we are hoping for!

If anyone is looking to have a **new kitchen installed** and may have some usable kitchen units or worktops to donate to us or for a small fee, please let us know.

We are also looking for:

- plants any variety, but herbs and perennials would be really helpful
- compost
- decorative stone (shingle etc)
- bark
- garden pots
- large pebble/rocks
- decorative bits for a small wellbeing garden

IMPORTANT NOTICES

A plea to check your children's uniforms this weekend to ensure that they are named. With the warmer weather approaching and swimming, more unnamed pieces of clothing are being left around the school.

Don't forget to sign up to help run a stall at the Summer Fete on 10th June. Sign up sheets are in the school office. Thank you!

SPORT @ STEBBING

The past two weeks has seen the focus move to cricket with our year ³/₄ Rapid Fire squads and the year ⁵/₆ Dynamo cricket squads took part in the Dunmow family events.

Kestrels class lead the way last week with a fantastic event, competing in their first ever rapid fire tournament after just one training session finishing 1st and 2nd, playing each other in a tense final!

Today, year 5 and 6 girls and boys dynamo cricket squads also took part in the dunmow family event - keep an eye on Dojo to see how they got on.

Kestrels have been busy this week as the year ³/₄ tag rugby squad represented the school at the Regional finals, competing superbly as a team to come away with the gold medal!

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 12th May	Friday 19th May
Wrens	Stanley & Rainbow	Kalia & Freddie
Robins	Louie. G & Samuel	Alfie & Maxim
Kingfishers	Logan, Sophia and Millie	Raf and Scarlett
Woodpeckers	Charlie & Lina	Nathaniel & Archie
Kestrels	Hadley and Zack	Lucia and Sophia
Ospreys	Archie & William	Florrie & Isaac
Owls	Owls Class	Owls Class



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 12th May	Friday 19th May
Wrens	Bonnie Blue	Archie O
Robins	Frankie	Christopher
Kingfishers	Ivy	Emily
Woodpeckers	Mia	Remi
Kestrels	Florence	Hayden
Ospreys	Grace	Rocco
Owls	Rocco	Betsy

PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 12th May	Friday 19th May
Wrens	Teddy	
Robins	Charlie	
Kingfishers	Isabelle	
Woodpeckers		Neve
Kestrels		Ava Rose
Ospreys		Amelia
Owls		George

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
12.05.23		Ospreys	Wrens	Kingfishers
19.05.23	Kestrels Class	Kestrels	Kingfishers	Ospreys/Owls



WRENS



ROBINS



We have enjoyed reading the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' last week which led us to planting our own seeds. We are excited to look after them and watch them grow. We wrote a set of instructions before planting so we understood what we needed to do.

In maths we have moved onto addition and subtraction. We have been creating our own first, then, now stories to support us with understanding the concepts. Take a look on Class Dojo to see some photos. Subtraction SMASH has definitely been our favourite!

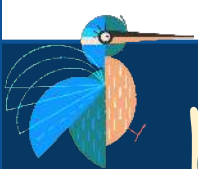
We have updated our self-portrait display this week. Mrs Thorp worked with us to model how to draw a self portrait, reminding us to think about the size and shape of different features on our face.

This week we have read Jack and the Beanstalk. We were very excited to find a beanstalk in our classroom on Tuesday morning. We have been using our imagination to think about what land we would like to find at the top of the beanstalk. We enjoyed building, drawing and writing our ideas. We have worked very hard to remember capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We are also making sure we form our letters carefully.

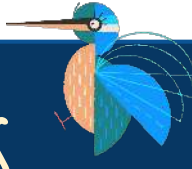
It has been a great delight to have the weather on our side; being more spring/summer like at last. We have been able to use our outdoor area for some independent phonics and maths learning, making the most of our benches which contain numicon resources and missing number sentences, and sitting on the blanket to do some word building with the cubes, magnetic or wooden letters. Robins have enjoyed watching our salad crops grow too and seeing the flowers bloom in our planters. This has tied in nicely with not just Science but also our Guided reading texts this week. We have been getting stronger with our fluency of number - finding number families and seeing how many 'part part whole' calculations we can come up with that include addition or subtraction. Fractions is what we are working on now - we've focused particularly on halves this week, using concrete and pictorial representations and next week we will look at quarters. We are also learning a Percy Parker 5 times table song.

Our spectacular, sensational sentences this week have been based on the wonderful trip we had to Audley End House last week. We are really trying hard to write neatly using the correct letter sizes and formation, and the correct case, ensuring that our non-negotiables (capital letters, finger spaces and full stops) are included, as well as the spellings that we are now aware of and interesting vocabulary.

Exceptional work Robins!



KINGFISHERS



WOODPECKERS



In Maths we have continued to focus on time, length and measure and Money and we have done various hands-on activities in order to explore these areas in a fun and creative way.

Kingfishers completed their persuasive letter and produced lovely hotwrites, with a focus on time adverbs, persuasive language and structure, as well as being more mindful of their presentation and non-negotiables.

In Science we are continuing to learn about plants and this week we explored the different parts of a plant and their functions. Kingfishers had their own flowers to investigate, and now these flowers have been added to our lovely, newly revamped, outdoor area, helping the outdoor space to look more inviting.

Since this warmer, dryer weather has arrived, Kingfishers have enjoyed listening to their class story outside, and as the weather improves we hope to utilise that area more and more. Kingfishers have blown me away with their hard work and dedication during our SATs practices this week.

They have followed the instructions and 'rules' incredibly well and have shown perseverance and a positive, open mind-set. Kingfishers know that all we expect is for them to try their best, and they have certainly delivered.

The Kingfishers adults are so proud of you all. Amazing work Kingfishers!

We have been working on a new unit within our English lessons throughout the last two weeks, focusing on stories in an unfamiliar setting. We have been reading The Lion and the Unicorn, we began with discussing what they felt the book may be about (based on observations of the front cover). We then proceeded to answer a range of questions in relation to our VIPERS skills for reading.

In maths, we have completed our first block of our fractions unit. We have been building on our understanding of unit and non-unit fractions and the exploration of how fractions can be represented on a number line. This involved identifying how many equal parts a number line had been split into.

In History, we have been discussing the impact of propaganda posters during World War II. The children were supplied with a range of different examples, to which they then had to annotate based on why it would have persuaded them. For their task, they were to create their own propaganda poster to persuade Stebbing to join a certain club.

In Science, we have continued building on our knowledge of the three main types of rock. We carried out an investigation into the common properties of rocks, including the density, durability, whether they are permeable or impermeable and also if they are hard or soft.

What an exciting sports week for Kestrels. We are incredibly proud of how well they have represented Stebbing at the recent Rapid Fire Cricket tournament. We would also like to wish our Tag Rugby Squad a huge congratulations for being awarded with gold medals after a nail biting match against Little Hallingbury.

Our Maths lessons with Mrs Clark was all about understanding hundredths as decimals. This tied in beautifully with the lessons about comparing money with Mrs Earle enabling us to understanding the place value of pennies.

In Science we had a sweet experiment, predicting what type of chocolate will melt first. Our experiments were a clear example of fair testing as different scenarios presented us with different results. This raised more probabilities to investigate.

Our History lesson was perfectly timed with our English writing sequence. We found out all about Howard Carter and the discovery of Tutankamun's tomb. This inspired us to use the skill of 'show don't tell' in our paragraphs in preparation for our Hot Writes.

RE was a very good reflection lesson on milestones achieved and highlights to look forward to in the next half term. You all deserve a lovely restful weekend.

In the last couple of weeks Ospreys have been ploughing through lots of assessments linked to their current learning. Mrs Smith and I have been extremely impressed with the way in which the children have applied themselves and for having some growth mindsets. We even joined the Year 6's in SATs week by competing an old reading SATs paper and I have to say I was really impressed by their very first attempt at this. They were all really excited to try it and I think they impressed themselves! I am looking forward to working through it with them over the next week to ensure they all understood the questions fully.

I also have to share with you how impressed we have been with the way in which many of the members of our class have been applying themselves in our wider school community. They have been offering to help Sam in the lunch hall when we have been short staffed; they have been helping to serve and clear tables. They have set such a good example that Sm even brought them some strawberry milkshake during Friday funtime last week! I am really proud of how they are setting such a good example. Well done Ospreys!



OWLS



GUEST

What a fantastic few weeks we have had in Owls class! Last week, the children sat their GPS, reading and maths test papers that they have been working hard on throughout their key stage 2 journey at Stebbing Primary School. As I am sure you have seen in the news, there has been a bit of uproar about the difficulty of the tests. I am so proud of how each and every child tackled the challenging tests. They took them all in their stride, applied all of the skills and strategies they have been taught and did their very best - which is all we can ask of the children. We have now moved on and are starting to finish our final units before the half term break.

In the final term, Owls' weeks will be taken over with Bikeability, transition activities, taster days, leavers prep and lots of rounders along with concluding our units in all subjects specifically focusing on preparing the children for their next adventure at secondary school.

Please keep an eye on Parentmail over the next week for more information on the Class of 2023 end of year Leavers trip which is currently in the planning process having taken all of the children's ideas - some more achievable than others

Alice's Awful Adventure

Drama Club has now been running 2 years with two groups, one on a Wednesday and one on a Thursday. The groups are from years 3-6 and have blended wonderfully to work collaboratively. We have approximately 40 students, some who have been attending for the past 2 years!

In Drama Club we play games, develop drama techniques and learn to work together. The session generally starts with a snack and by the end of the session they have created all sorts of weird and wonderful things! I have been very lucky to have worked with so many children and it's been a joy to be able to provide children with an Art form that can equalise, build confidence and relationships.

Last Summer we put on mini plays in groups outside. This year I have decided to go even bigger and we have created a performance that will take place in the Hall on the afternoon of 5th July and evening of the 6th July.

Students have been working incredibly hard to create a piece based on an 'Alice in Wonderland' type character and various famous books. These include characters from Little Red Riding Hood, The Twits, Jack and the Beanstalk, Minnie the Minx, How to Train your Dragon.... to name but a few. The catch of course is that Alice's adventure is actually awful and the children's sense of humour is definitely apparent in some of the scenes!

Like the professionals do, we improvised ideas, created scenarios and developed a script that gives all children from the club an opportunity to be involved. All of the children have been an absolute pleasure to work with. I feel so proud to see how they have developed, how they interact, how they are all celebrated and included and that this work is truly of their creation.

Tickets will be on sale soon and we really hope that lots of family and friends come to watch this wonderful display of talent, dedication and most importantly fun!

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
22.05.23	KS1 SATs week
26.05.23	End of half term
07.06.23	Back to school
08.06.23	KS2 trip to The Natural History Museum
12th-16th June	Year 1 phonics screening check
19.06.23	SEN awareness week
20.06.23	Class photos
21.06.23	Manor Adventure Information Evening
28.06.23	Matilda theatre trip
03.07.23`	Multiskills day- KS1 AM & KS2 PM
04.07.23	Darren dance workshop
06.07.23	Drama Club Drama Production
07.07.23	Sports day- KS1 AM & KS2 PM
10.07.23	Music concert- details to be confirmed
14.07.23	AFSS summer disco
21.07.23	Leavers' assembly