

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

HEADTEACHER

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all of our families.

A big well done to the first two children who have returned their STEPs challenge award.

We are really keen for all children to work towards completing this. Pupils have until the end of the summer term to submit it.

If you would like further information about this please visit our website:

<https://stebbingprimary.co.uk/category/children/>

SPORT @ STEBBING

What an incredible start to the new term for sports at Stebbing, our extra-curricular programme continues to grow with new clubs and more members attending than ever before! Thank you for your support.

Our first event of the year took place last Friday as we took our KS2 swimming squad to represent the school in the medium schools swimming gala. With incredible individual and team performances and wonderful encouragement of all of the participating children, our year 3/4 team finished in 3rd place with our year 5 team arning a place in the next round of the competition finishing in 1st place overall. A huge congratulations to all of our swimmers who took part. Today, we took three teams over to Dunmow St Mary's Primary School to compete against 13 other schools in the Dunmow Family Tag Rugby competition. Braving the cold weather, all three teams worked incredibly hard, putting in fantastic performances, working as a team and developing their skills throughout.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Please ensure that you use the pedestrian entrances and exits instead of walking through the car park. To make sure everyone is safe only families permitted to park in the car park should be using this entrance.

Just a reminder that snacks sent in for break or lunch should only be fruit or vegetables and no nuts or nut products are allowed in packed lunches (eg nutella or cereal bars containing nuts)

We have had further concerns of dangerous parking along the roads near to school. Please ensure that you park safely and considerately. Thank you.

AFSS

Happy New Year from the AFSS! We all hope you had enjoyable Christmas break. As we are slowly getting used to the school routine again, we have been busy planning ahead the events for the rest of the academic year. Next one is our ever popular quiz night on Friday 3rd February. Amazing Ben Chandler is our epic quiz master and it's guaranteed that he will make your brain cells ticking! Tickets are still being sold for £10 each which includes a chilli dinner during the interval. It's selling out quickly but there's still time to get your team together. Please message Sophie on 07703357553 to book and confirm your tickets. More information can be found on ClassDojo. You can also find AFSS updates on our Facebook page called Stebbing AFSS. Please join the closed group for more info on events and meetings. For example there you can find a link to a Christmas Fayre feedback form which we hope that many of you could fill out. The information gathered will help us to shape this years' event to make it even more fabulous.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 13th January	Friday 20th January
Wrens	Delilah & Isla	Dawson & Grace
Robins	Jasmina & Axel	Harvey & Christopher
Kingfishers	Evie and James	Clara & Logan
Woodpeckers	Elias & Albie	Neve & Lottie
Kestrels	Mila & Darcy	Evie & Maya
Ospreys	Amelie & Finley	Dan & Finlee
Owls	Alden & Malachy	Shae & Isabella



HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 13th January	Friday 20th January
Wrens	Amelie	Charlie S
Robins	Archie	Skyla
Kingfishers	Sophia	Albert
Woodpeckers	Alexander	Julia
Kestrels	Ji	Mila
Ospreys	Betsy	Lia
Owls	Brooke	Emil

PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 13th January	Friday 20th January
Wrens	Benjamin	
Robins	Zoe	
Kingfishers	Albert	
Woodpeckers		Violet
Kestrels		Lucia
Ospreys		Liana
Owls		Lan

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
13.01.23		Kestrels	Kingfishers	
20.12.23		Woodpeckers	Kestrels	



WRENS



ROBINS



Wow Wrens! What a fantastic start to the new term we have had. Mrs Earle and I have both been blown away with how confident and ready to learn you are.

We have started our topic 'If You Go Down to the Woods Today...' by learning about different habitats and woodland animals. Over the last two weeks we have sorted animals into their correct habitats and created our own woodland, thinking carefully about where the different animals live within a woodland.

In maths we have been looking at comparing numbers to 5 and bonds to 5. We have become very confident recalling some number facts and have been looking at writing these number facts as a number sentence. Next week we are moving onto mass and capacity.

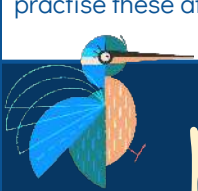
In English we have been reading the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We are fantastic at retelling the story using Makaton signs and have created story maps to help us recall the main events in the story. Next week we are going to innovate the story.

Have a wonderful weekend! Continue to look at your Spelling and Sounds book to see what sounds we have been learning. You can practise these at home.

Robins were sad to say Goodbye to Sue last week. She has read at our school for 14 years contributing greatly to the children's skills, confidence and love for reading. As we learned about letter writing before Christmas, we plan to write one to Sue in a few weeks, catching her up on our news.

We have been enjoying our Music topic, combined with PE and Art. We have listened to the piano compositions of Italian musician Alberto Guirioli; responding to his beat, rhythm, tempo and creating movements and drawings alongside it. One piece we've listened a lot to is 'London' and we discovered that it was composed on a street piano at St Pancras station, before he was able to have a piano himself, at his London flat.

In Maths we completed our learning about Weight & Volume and have been revising Doubles to develop our fluency. Next we will focus on Place Value within 10, checking we know one more and one less, greater and less than equations and seeing if we can complete missing numbers on number tracks and number lines. In English we have been working very hard on our writing. We are ensuring the use of our 'non-negotiables', and have been using our environment to help us be successful, such as sound mats, word banks and our 'robot arms'. This is taking very good shape!



KINGFISHERS



WOODPECKERS



It has been a wonderful first couple of weeks of the Spring term in Kingfishers. They have returned to school ready and eager to learn and they have immersed themselves in our new topics.

In English we are studying the author Quentin Blake. The children are really enjoying his whacky stories and his brilliant illustrations. Next week we are starting our book review on one of his books 'Patrick'.

In Maths we are continuing with addition and subtraction whilst introducing other methods such as number lines and bar models.

In Science we are exploring Materials and the children have enjoyed researching and experimenting with a range of Materials and items, with a focus on their properties.

In History we have been exploring Castles and Forts. Kingfishers have shown lots of interest in this topic and have enjoyed learning about the purpose of these buildings, along with who lived in them and their defenses.

In grammar we have been consolidating our understanding of Nouns, Verbs and Adjectives and have introduced the concept behind using commas and adverbs. It has been great seeing them apply their new knowledge within their writing to make their sentences more detailed and interesting.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend! And don't forget to email me your pictures of your Forts. I look forward to seeing

We've had a wonderfully productive couple of weeks in Woodpeckers class and the children have been very motivated and eager to learn.

In maths the children have progressed onto multiplication and division, where they have been focusing on equal groups and arrays. They have been using a range of concrete resources and images to support their understanding when explaining the link between repeated addition and multiplication. They have been exposed to examples where groups are equal but look different, such as a series of objects that are spaced differently.

In science, the children have been discussing what animals and humans need in terms of the right kind of nutrition. They have been investigating the different food groups and where our food comes from. They took some time to create their own meal based on the food groups discussed and the function of each food group.

Woodpeckers have now moved onto a new unit of English this term. They are now working towards writing an explanation text. So far, they have been investigating the main features of an explanation text. They were able to identify the use of writing in present tense, formal language and conjunctions. In more recent lessons, they have been researching the life cycle of a butterfly where they were set the task to find information about the four main stages. They then produced a fact file and then completed their own drawing to represent the life



KESTRELS



What a wonderful first couple of weeks we have had back in Kestrels class. We have really enjoyed starting a new year on some fresh and new topics. In English, we have started looking at discussion texts. This has been quite challenging as it is a very new concept but we have really enjoyed debating topics and giving our viewpoints. In maths, we have worked really hard on finding the area of different shapes and have really mastered the concept! Our new topic of animals including humans has been very popular so far and we really enjoyed our practical lesson on the digestive system as well as starting to understand the different types of teeth that we have and how they are used for different types of chewing. In RE, we have started to learn about different creation stories across religions and this has sparked some really interesting conversations. During enrichment, we have absolutely loved having Mrs Lonnen-Smith in to look at impressionist painting and I know the children are very excited to get going with their final designs next week. Our new topic in history is Maya and this week we learnt all about how they were one of the first civilizations to invent the concept of 0, which was represented by a shell!



OSPREYS



Ospreys have started off the new term with a 'spring' in their step. They have been working incredibly hard and we are really starting to see some super academic progress from them all. One of the things that I have seen a real improvement in is their pieces of creative writing. It is getting more technical and is a real joy to read. In Science (after a few initial giggles) the children are enjoying their new topic of Birth to Old Age. We have spoken about some of the changes that occur from the moment of fertilisation to old age. We mostly focused on physical changes the body goes through and once the children felt more confident, the questions didn't stop coming! This week we had a look at some data around the growth of babies. We talked about the different ways in which data can be represented and felt that a line graph would be the most suitable to compare the growth rate of girls and boys. I was really impressed with the care and careful presentation of the children's graphs. In English, we have been working through the features of a ghost story and we have loved learning about how to create suspense in writing. We have studied lots of different sentence types in order to achieve this.



OWLS



What a start to the new term we have had in Owls class. Our fractions journey is finally coming to an end as we have now learnt how to simplify fractions, add fractions, subtract fractions, multiply fractions, divide fractions, find fractions of amounts and find the whole when given a fraction. Finally, culminating in the application of all of the above. This proved the most challenging, remembering which methods to use for the different areas. We will recap fractions towards the end of the year before sending them on their way to secondary school. In English, our journalistic writing unit is coming along nicely with the children working hard to piece the building blocks together to write their very own newspaper article. We have loved learning about light in science, this week we investigated how light is reflected. Owls have also been developing their understanding of the Indus Valley (the ancient civilization we are studying) through understanding some of the significant discoveries that were made and who by.

GUEST

No guest this week.
Watch this space for
further articles in
the future!

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