

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

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

We cordially invite family and friends to join us for an afternoon picnic full of friends, music, food, cakes and games on Friday 5th May in celebration the King's Coronation.

Date: **Friday 5th May 2023**

Time: **13:30 - 15:00**

Location: **Stebbing Primary School Field**

Dress Code: **Red, white and blue.**



Please see letter sent out yesterday for more details - including the Royal Bake Off!

## SPORT @ STEBBING

Today saw the children take part in the first of many summer term events with the Uttlesford Finals of the Swimming Gala for our year 5 swimming squad. Keep an eye on Dojo for an update of how they got on.

Upcoming sporting fixtures this half term;

- 28.04.23: KS2 Mini-Tennis
- 05.05.23 - KS2 3 Ts Cricket
- 12.05.23 - Year 3/4 Cricket
- 17.05.23: Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Finals
- 17.05.23 - Year 5/6 Rounders
- 19.05.23 - Year 5/6 Cricket
- 26.05.23 - KS1 Athletics Festival

## AFSS

A sunny hello from the AFSS! We are so pleased to know that our Easter activities have been appreciated and enjoyed within the school community. The participation for Easter Bonnets was amazing and children's creativity just brilliant. Thank you for supporting us at home by doing the creations. We are thankful for those who remembered to bring a pound in too to cover the cost of prizes. Together with the Easter Bonnets and the Muddy Boot Trail, we have raised roughly £70 for future activities! If you want to find out more about our plans, we are welcoming you to join us on Wednesday 11th May at the White Hart at 6:30pm. We are starting to bring together our plans regarding summer festivities which sound epic by the way! So we hope to see many eager parents joining us and helping us to brainstorm some more ideas.



## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

	Friday 31st March	Friday 21st April
Wrens		Daniel and Benjamin
Robins	Holly and Christopher	Nicole & Harvey
Kingfishers	Albie and Raf	Fred and Leo
Woodpeckers	Elias and Archie	Oliver & Amelie
Kestrels		Savannah & Sophia
Ospreys	Dan and Reggie	Amelia and Olivia
Owls	Owls Class	Jack & Brooke



## HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER



	Friday 31st March	Friday 21st April
Wrens		Archie W
Robins	Alfie	
Kingfishers	Dexter	Poppy
Woodpeckers	Julia	Isla
Kestrels		Ji
Ospreys	Grace	Saskia
Owls	Alex	

## PRESENTATION AWARDS

	Friday 31st March	Friday 21st April
Wrens		
Robins	Ivy	
Kingfishers	Isabelle	
Woodpeckers		Elias
Kestrels		Ji
Ospreys		Grace
Owls		Archie

DATE	YEAR 6 AWARD	ATTENDANCE AWARD	LUNCHTIME AWARD	KEEP IT CLEAN AWARD
31.03.23		Kestrels	Kestrels	
21.04.23		Kestrels	Woodpeckers	



# WRENS



In Wrens we enjoyed learning about Eid and used handprint templates to make Mendhi art whilst practicing our fine motor skills.

Our Garden Centre Role play area has opened up and we have been adding items to the shelves every day.

The positive playtime equipment has been a very big hit with Wrens and they have returned from the playground each day telling us about new games and activities they have played.

We have moved on to numbers beyond 10 in maths and have enjoyed exploring this concept with the Numicon and Montessori equipment. We are beginning to understand that teen numbers are 10 and some more. The '1' digit in the numbers actually represents 10 not 1.

We had a visit from The Very Hungry Caterpillar who has been nibbling his way through our fruit! We wrote him some messages to ask him to stop eating our snack. The children were very thoughtful and collected some crunchy green leaves for him instead.



# ROBINS



Robins thoroughly enjoyed learning about Eid from Jenna, and referred to some facts they remembered from the Ramadan Assembly Jenna & Lina did with Miss Mawson some weeks ago. Jenna enjoyed talking to us about her experiences. We saw some pictures of henna hand tattoos, which many Muslim women like to wear as part of the Eid celebration, and then we designed our own. We took a lot of time and care over these and the room felt very therapeutic - all Robins engaged and engrossed, quite mindful as they drew patterns and coloured. We often like to work with some calming music on in the background in Robins. As this activity was linked to Islam we referred back to the learning we did about Mosques during the Autumn term and listened to some prayer music. We remembered that this is how the Iman calls Muslims 'to prayer' and it sounds very melodic. We wish you Jenna and your family, and all other Muslims around the world many blessings and a very happy and peaceful Eid-ul Fitr during this very special celebration.

Our RE topic this half term will move from 'Special Words & Stories' to 'Special Things in Nature'. We will focus a bit more on Christianity and also introduce Sikhism.



# KINGFISHERS



# WOODPECKERS

Kingfishers have had a fantastic first week back, and we kick started the Summer term with lots of new and interesting topics.

Kingfishers enjoyed learning about Eid and used handprint templates to make Mendhi art and the children got really creative with this.

In English, we have been exploring to story 'How to hide a lion' whilst incorporating our VIPERS and Kingfishers had the opportunity to act out the story in groups in front of their peers.

In Maths we have started learning about fractions, focusing on making and identifying half and its equivalent fractions.

In History we researched the word significant, as our topic this half term is learning about explorers. We discussed that they are significant people because their discoveries impacted the world we live in today.

Kingfishers thoroughly enjoyed their first swimming session with Steve. All of the children practised their basic swimming skills to ease them into the sessions and despite the chill in the air they all had lots of fun.

Welcome back to the final, summer term. We hope you have all had a wonderful break and are feeling a little more refreshed. The children have most certainly been productive throughout their first week back. We have been discussing the religious holiday that is celebrated by Muslims worldwide, Eid. We spoke about Eid al-fitr is also known as 'the festival of breaking the fast', which is a cheerful occasion that marks the end of Ramadan. The children each created their own Mehndi art design and a celebration card.

In English, we have moved onto a new unit, focusing on letter writing. We have also made some cross curricular links to our history topic for this term, World War II. Each letter that we have read and discussed so far, has been based on a range of different children's evacuation experiences during this period of time.

In Maths, we have finished our unit of length and perimeter, where the children have been calculating the distance around a closed 2D shape. They are now preparing for their new unit of Fractions.



Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed a well deserved break. In History we have embarked on our new adventure to Ancient Egypt. Kestrels told us all the facts they know about artifacts, pyramids and papyrus. We are very excited to explore more about this interesting topic together.

In English we have now finished our fantasy story writing, with the children completing their hot write today. Next week we move on to writing all about Ancient Egypt with a variety of writing styles being explored. In Maths we are now nearing the end of our fractions work. The children have been adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers this week. Kestrels have also looked at Quadrilaterals in our Maths lesson on Wednesday and can identify interior angles, parallel and equal lines using mathematical markings. In Science Kestrels have now finished learning all about electricity and have begun our new topic States of Matter. This week we looked at the difference between a liquid, gas and solid. In groups the children represented the particles and the class had to guess which state of matter they were. Finally this week saw the start of our swimming lessons at Dunmow St Mary. We had a very exciting morning and the children enjoyed their lessons in this new venue.



We have officially entered the last term of year 5! I am not really sure where the time has gone! We have had a jam packed week starting all of our new topics. In English we have started to explore the story of Cinderella including all of the different (more gruesome) versions! After we had story mapped it out, I gave the children the challenge of writing a mini saga which summarised the story in only 50 words. This really highlighted the importance of how to use words in the most effective manner. The results were fantastic! In maths, we are learning about percentages and how they link to decimals and fractions. In science, we have begun to look at man made and natural materials and exploring and testing their properties. The children had to learn lots of new vocabulary to ensure they were using the correct descriptions. Finally in history, the children have started to learn all about the British monarchy and jumped right in with William the Conqueror. Each week the children will learn about a new monarch and they will finish on the modern royal family.



Welcome to your final term at Stebbing Primary School. I cannot believe that we are already into the final term and that we are only two weeks away from SATs week. The children are working hard to be as prepared as possible for the upcoming tests to showcase their knowledge and skills and to do their very best. However, it's not all about SATs in owls class and we have been enjoying the start of our new History unit with Mrs Bucknell where we are learning about the different crime and punishment methods through the ages. In science, we spent the first lesson developing our own classification system to help us classify animals - next week, we will study the Linnaean system which helps Taxonomists study and group animals. We have also enjoyed our first swimming lessons at DSM with Steve and hope for some warmer weather around the corner so that we can learn outside as much as possible to this term.



*Watch this space!*

*If you have something you would like to contribute, please feel free to let us know!*

# EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
17.04.23	Back to school
08.05.23	Additional bank holiday for King Charles' Coronation
9th-12th May	Year 6 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
28.06.23	Matilda theatre trip
03.07.23`	Multiskills day- KS1 AM & KS2 PM
04.07.23	Darren dance workshop
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