



Stebbing Primary School



Stebbing Spotlight

Important Notices

Due to the introduction of the breakfast club, the side gate is now open between 07:30-07:45. If your child is attending a morning club that starts at 07:45, please wait for the club leader to meet the children at the gate at 07:45 before the children enter the school site to ensure the safety of all children.

Headteacher

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who 'put money in the hat' at our Christmas performances last year. Altogether, we are thrilled to report that we raised a massive £605 that has been donated to the extremely worthwhile charity, Young minds. What a difference that will make to a young person going through a difficult time.

An exciting opportunity has arisen at our small village primary. We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring and flexible person to work as part of our lunchtime team. The successful candidate will have experience of working with children. Please ring the office for further information on 01371 856260. Feel free to share with anyone who might be interested.

AFSS

Hello from your AFSS, here are yet another few important announcements for you to remember. Firstly we can't wait to welcome everyone to our Quiz Night tonight! Those who missed out, you will need to be quicker next time we tell you to book your tickets. Now to the important bit, our Bobbie and Clare have reached their end of Chair & Vice Chair duties come this summer. They have loved their time with AFSS but they feel it's time to let new blood join us and help us continue with AFSS traditions, and of course creating a few new ones! If you are even remotely curious, please let us know either catching Bobbie or Clare at school, or drop us an email from at stebbingafss@gmail.com and we can tell you more. No experience is needed and there will be a great support group behind you all the way. Please step forward and help us to carry on giving Stebbing School children the best school they deserve.

Sport at Stebbing

Whilst we have not been able to attend any events over the past two weeks due to COVID postponing all Dunmow and Uttlesford events, we have an exciting few months ahead with the following events:

- Year 5 & 6 Hockey
- KS2 Swimming Gala
- Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby
- Boys and Girls football tournament
- Cross Country
- High 5 Netball
- KS2 Archery

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed taking part in the Dunmow family sports hall athletics competition today as Nick Wilderspin took them through their paces as they took part in a range of events to earn points for their team in competition against schools from the Dunmow area.

Awards

	<u>Friday 21st January</u>	<u>Friday 28th January</u>
<u>Wrens</u>	Freddie Edridge & Nicole Nelson	Axel Steele & Archie Guilfoyle
<u>Robins</u>	Sienna Thorp & James Dawson	Harry Osborn & Indie Hiskey
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Alex Bota and Nathaniel Bota	Amelia Walker and Violet Francis
<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Maya Roye & Mila Swanepoel	Florence Edwards & Kody Clayden
<u>Kestrels</u>	Olivia Wright & Betsy Mayne	Lily Lakovic & Poppy-May Smith
<u>Ospreys</u>	Poppy-Jean Hogg & Hollie Reeve	Eira Fulcher & Alden McGonagle
<u>Owls</u>	Annabelle Cole & Poppy Wright	Daisy Smith & Bella Tuffin

<u>Presentation Award Winners</u>		
<u>Wrens</u>	Ivy Broadfield-Evans	
<u>Robins</u>	Mia Nash	
<u>Kingfishers</u>	Louis Shaddock	
<u>Woodpeckers</u>		Henry Munson
<u>Kestrels</u>		Emily Beeken
<u>Ospreys</u>		James Steadman
<u>Owls</u>		Bea Earle

<u>Date</u>	<u>TT Rockstars</u> % of active players	<u>Spelling Shed</u>	<u>Maths Shed</u>	<u>Year 6 Award</u>	<u>Attendance Award</u>
21.01.22	Ospreys 58% Kestrels 9% Woodpeckers 4% Kingfishers 3% Owls 3%	Owls	Robins	Harvey Lakovic	Kingfishers
28.01.22	Kestrels 39% Woodpeckers 33% Owls 20% Ospreys 4%	Owls	Robins	Edward Carey	Wrens

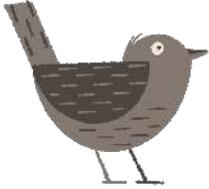


ClassDojo

	<u>Dojo Award Winners</u>			<u>Dojo Points Winners</u>	
 <u>Being Helpful</u>	Emily Beeken Kestrels	Milo Magat Owls	<u>Wrens</u>	Frankie Edridge	Harvey Lakovic
 <u>Being Kind</u>	Isla Fagg Robins	Albert Ririe Kestrels	<u>Robins</u>	Jacob Allen	Clara Bean & Isla Fagg
 <u>Good Manners</u>	Alden McGonagle Ospreys	Malachy Rook Ospreys	<u>Kingfishers</u>	Louis and Rose	Rose Walker
 <u>Listening</u>	Harvey Lakovic Wrens	Alasdair Morton Wrens	<u>Woodpeckers</u>	Darcy Stewart-Wheatly	Darcy Stewart-Wheatly
 <u>Perseverance</u>	Isla Donohue Kingfishers	Lilly Springett Kingfishers	<u>Kestrels</u>	Lily Lakovic	Lily Lakovic
 <u>Teamwork</u>	Edward Carey & Charlotte Charpentier Owls	Genevieve Flynn & Poppy Solomon Robins	<u>Ospreys</u>	Malachy Rook	Arthur Knight
 <u>Working Hard</u>	Sophia Allen Woodpeckers	Ji Bucknell Woodpeckers	<u>Owls</u>	Poppy Bloss	Daisy Smith & William Foxtton

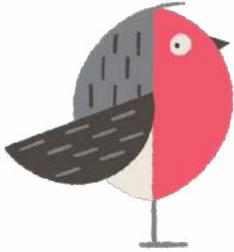
Class Information

Wrens



In Wrens, we have been learning and writing about different types of bears, like grizzly bears from North America or Panda bears from China. Using the field and school's natural resources, we acted out our focus text, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" which was a fun and active way to retell the story. The extra fun surprise was finding a teddy bear at the end! We have also worked hard on our blending skills in Phonics and have been exploring different ways to represent the number six in Maths, counting six eggs or six flowers in a vase. We have also been learning Maths songs like Ten Green Bottles Hanging on a Wall which we have acted out with props during our choosing time.

Robins



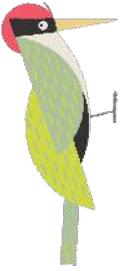
We discovered what was in the mystery box from Elliott's loft and were fascinated to learn that it was a typewriter! Unfortunately after much enthusiastic use his typewriter broke, but Robins created some amazing stories themselves using pictures and got into the mind of our character to write a short diary entry about his feelings. In Science we have been sorting animals by their classes and discussing similarities and differences. We now know of mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. In French we have been counting up to ten and using these skills to play bingo! Yes, bingo! Our new phonics scheme is taking great shape; we have been able to read much more independently and have learned some fascinating facts about bats. I wonder if this has inspired anyone to make a Bat Box yet. In Forest School we have been making food for the birds, to tempt them in for the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch which takes place this weekend.

Kingfishers



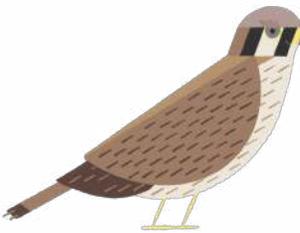
We have had 2 very fun and busy weeks in Kingfishers and they have flown by! In Maths we have been exploring addition, subtraction and equal calculations and the children have been using a variety of representations and approaches to working out the answers. In English we have been exploring a variety of Quentin Blake books and Kingfishers have written their own book reviews. We are now using the internet to research the Author and learn more about him, alongside supporting their computing skills. In science we have been learning about the basic needs for survival and exploring and discussing the difference between what we need and what we want. In History we have been learning about Castles and Forts. In DT the children have designed their own fort which they have been asked to design at home over the next few weeks, and I am really looking forward to seeing and hearing about their fort creations during unhomework. In RE we have been exploring Judaism and Christianity and looking at similarities, differences and symbolism, In PSHE we have been talking about the future, how it may change and what we want to achieve as we grow older. We have also been discussing the importance of, and how to be safe online. Another fantastic 2 weeks, well done Kingfishers for all of your hard work!

Woodpeckers



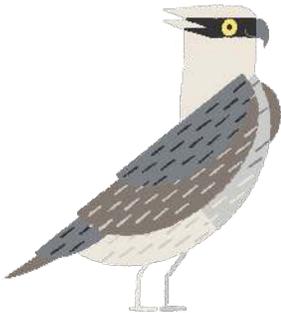
We have had a busy couple of weeks in Woodpeckers. In English, we have finished our myths and legends topic. The children really enjoyed creating their own mythical beasts and writing their own myth about them. I have loved reading some of the trouble the creatures got into! In Maths, we have continued with multiplication and division. In particular, we have worked on our 3 and 4 times table. We have sung songs, played games and completed word problems for all of these. In Science, we have been continuing to learn about nutrition and explored nutritional values in different foods. During RE, we have really enjoyed continuing to hear about Jesus' trek into Jerusalem and particularly loved making the palm crosses even though it was a bit fiddly. We have finally finished our gymnastics unit in PE, finishing with some incredible sequences, which the children created themselves. History lessons have also provided us with a lot of fun as we have started to learn about daily life being in Ancient Greece. We found it very interesting that only boys were allowed to go to school and thought this was very unfair!

Kestrels



In Kestrels we have had 2 busy weeks. We have been diving into our science topic on the digestive system of animals including humans. This has included the types and functions of teeth which has led to our latest scientific experiment in which we are testing how different liquids can have differing effects on our teeth. In Maths the children have shown incredible perseverance with our multiplication and division unit and learning and applying their new found skills using the bus stop method and column multiplication. Kestrels have also enjoyed learning more about their topic on the Mayans and finding out about their number system and how they were only one of two civilisations to have used 0 as a place holder. The children have thoroughly enjoyed their latest PE unit, multiskills in which the children are given different stations that help them practice many differing skills such as their balance by having to move bean bags around whilst stationary on one leg, their agility by practicing how quick they can turn when running round obstacles and their throwing skills by trying to land beanbags on a bench or in a bucket.

Ospreys



It has been another busy couple of weeks in Ospreys class. The children have been working very hard during their English lessons. They have been focusing on what main features make a biography and working towards producing their own biography based on Charles Dickens. Since completing their Hot write, they have now moved onto the differences between biographical and autobiographical writing. In Maths, the children have completed their first section of the "Multiplication and Division" unit, this included building their knowledge on multiples, factors, common factors and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. The Science topic for this half term (Animals including Humans) has been fascinating for the children, so far. They have thoroughly enjoyed the classroom discussion and looking at the various baby and scan photos that were kindly sent in too. In History, the children have been learning about the Early Islamic Civilisation, particularly, the Early Islamic doctors and how significant their work still is to this day.

Owls



Another busy week in Owls class with the children really working hard in all areas of school life. We have brought to a close the most recent journalistic writing unit of work with the children working hard to turn a fairy tale into a newspaper article which was a challenging skill the children accomplished. In math, with KS2 SATs our deadline, we are working our way swiftly through the math curriculum with children completing our most recent decimals hot math with incredible confidence scoring the highest scores of the year so far. I am so proud of the progress all of the children are making and I am excited to see where their journey will take them by the end of the year. We have all enjoyed the exciting science lessons this half term with lots of observational science investigations developing our understanding of light, reflection and refraction. Next week we start to investigate the full spectrum. The children have also created their own Indus Valley civilisation maps to demonstrate their understanding of life during the Indus Valley.

Important Dates

Date	Event
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

