



16th October 2020

Our Value of the Month:

Curiosity

a strong desire to know or learn something



Our Learning this Week

Nursery

It has been a bit of a muddy week in nursery as we have enjoyed going out on to the school field lots, collecting as many different coloured leaves as we could find. We used all the lovely leaves we collected to make leaf crowns, leaf wreaths and leafy art. We have thought about all the changes we can see at this time of year with the trees changing colour.



Reception

This week, we have been thinking about Harvest and what happens at this time of year. We are enjoying exploring our bakery role play area and using the salt dough bread we made to support our play. We have also been naming different vegetables and drawing them. We have now moved onto collaging pictures of them but you will have to wait till the art gallery to see these! In writing, we have been thinking about the initial sound and writing it for different harvest related words. In maths, we have been exploring number 5. We have been looking at different ways to represent it and counting forward and backward to 5.



Year 1

This week we have started our RE lessons and have been looking at Christianity and their beliefs. We have looked at features of churches and why Christians may go to church. In maths, we have started looking at one more and one less and different ways to represent this. In English, we have started a new story 'The snail and the whale' which we all really enjoyed! We have constructed sentences using labels from different pictures and making sure our sentences include capital letters and full stops.

Year 2

Year 2 have been working to write an information page this week all about castles. We have discussed what life was like living in a castle and how the castles were protected from attack. The children have practised writing simple sentences and worked hard to make sure their full stops are consistent. In maths, the children have worked on adding numbers in any order. The children have drawn on their prior knowledge and I have been impressed at how their number bond knowledge is improving. We have worked on collaging pennants this week and the children have enjoyed thinking up their designs. We have had some creative ideas!

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have continued to develop our understanding of number bonds and partitioning. In English we have been identifying conjunctions and writing the coordinating conjunction 'and' in our sentences, in preparation to write our leaflets next week. In art we have been using the hieroglyphic alphabet to create our own cartouches and in HRE we have been recapping our understanding of oral hygiene.

Year 4

This week, we have been continuing to draft our scene descriptions of Heorot by including various elements of descriptive writing, from the use of interesting adjectives to incorporating similes. Similarly, in reading we have been exploring how an author's word choices helps to create a specific feeling or atmosphere. In maths, we have been using our knowledge of multiples of hundreds to help us solve addition or subtraction word problems. Year 4 are getting very good at representing such problems using the bar model or the whole-part model.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a great week. We have learnt about the layers of the Earth and they are writing a great information text about what they have found out which will be displayed in the classroom. We have written our newspaper articles about an alien invasion at Hardwick Primary school and we have been revising our column method for addition and subtraction. Most homework came in today, we will be looking at it on Monday afternoon in class so if you need to bring yours in then please bring in on Monday, so you get to show off your hard work.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 conducted their experiment exploring the effect of wire length on components in a circuit. We also completed our William Morris-inspired artwork. We started writing a newspaper report about the coronation of Queen Victoria and all the blunders that happened during the ceremony. In Maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction methods. Year 6 have moved to online learning on Thursday and Friday and have been working really hard on their learning at home.

School Dinners – The Return of the Hot Lunch: As the weather is turning colder, we have been keen to get back to providing the children with a hot lunch. I am pleased to say that we are now in a position to offer a hot school dinner as of Monday 9th November. A new simplified menu will be available soon and children will continue to eat in their classroom bubbles. In order to have a school meal, you must have booked and selected your child's lunch option on ParentPay by 5pm on a Thursday ready for the following week – for example if you wish for your child to have a hot lunch during the week of the 9th November, you must have selected this on ParentPay by Thursday 5th November at the latest. You can book/select the meals as many weeks in advance as you like, or you can do this on a week-by-week basis. You can provide your child with their own packed lunch if preferred.



If you have not already done so, please sign up to ParentPay. From Monday 2nd November, all lunches **must** be booked online. Even if you do not pay for your child's lunch, you will still need to book via ParentPay. You will only be asked for payment if you do not qualify for free school meals or are in years 3 – 6. You will be required to bring in a packed lunch if you haven't booked a lunch and your child doesn't have one with them. This is to help with kitchen planning and reduce waste and associated costs. **Thursday** is the last date you can book a meal for your child for the following week.



Flu Vaccination

The deadline for submitting the consent form for the Flu Vaccination is Thursday 22nd October at 5pm. Please complete the form, to either give your consent or to inform the Nursing team that you do not wish your child to have the vaccine.

Please use the link below to access the form.

<https://www.oxfordhealthimms.co.uk/forms/flu>

What to do if your child is unwell: If your child is unwell, please phone the office at your earliest convenience to let us know the reason for their absence. We have recently received some updated guidance from the government around the management of coronavirus symptoms which we will be following. Your child, and the rest of the household, must self-isolate immediately and arrange to have a test should your child display any one of the following symptoms:

- a new, continuous cough;
- a high temperature; or
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell.

If we observe any of these symptoms in school, we will call you to collect all of your children and take them home. You must then follow the government's '[Stay at Home Guidance](#)'. You will need to organise a swab for the child displaying symptoms. The **swab must be done within 5 days of onset of symptoms**. If this is not possible, the child will need to complete **10 days of isolation**, and all **household members will need to complete 14 days isolation**. The household will only need to be swabbed if they develop symptoms themselves, of which they will need to isolate for a further 10 days.

Even if the child is feeling better but unable to have a test, they will need to **still complete their 10 days** of isolation.

They do not need to self-isolate if their **swab is negative** and:

- everyone you live with who has symptoms tests negative
- everyone in your support bubble who has symptoms tests negative
- you were not told to self-isolate for 14 days by NHS Test and Trace – if you were, see what to do if you've been told you've been in contact with someone who has coronavirus
- you feel well – if you feel unwell, stay at home until you're feeling better

Home Learning

For those children who are self-isolating, home learning packs have been provided. Please ensure you follow any guidance and video lessons on Class Dojo and that your child knows how to log on to their Class Dojo portfolio. If you have issues logging on, please call Mrs Williams in the office who will be able to help you.

Contacting us: The office is now manned 5 days a week between the hours of 8.30am-4.30pm but will be closed to parents unless by prior appointment. The best way to communicate with the office is through the info@hardwickschool.org email account or the telephone 01295 285355.

Dates for your Diary:

23rd October	End of term
2 nd November	Return to school
3rd November	Flu vaccinations R – Yr 6
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
18 th December	End of Autumn Term 2

Have a lovely weekend!



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