



13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Our Value of the Month:

# Grit

*courage and determination to  
succeed despite difficulty*



## Our Learning this Week

### Nursery

This week we have been learning all about Diwali as a celebration of light. The children enjoyed making salt dough candle holders that I am sure they cannot wait to bring home to show you. We have also had fun with the footballs outside and have worked on our kicking and catching skills. The mouse room have enjoyed learning all about space and the Gruffalo room will be looking at this next week. On Wednesday we watched a lovely animation about poppies and talked about Remembrance Day.



### Reception

This week we have been thinking about Remembrance Day and talking about why we wear Poppies. Throughout the week, we completed a range of poppy art related work included printing and collaging our poppies. With playdough, we made poppies using buttons and green lollypop sticks. We practised counting out amounts to 5 and ordering the numbers. We also had a selection of world war helmets which we tried on and thought about how heavy they would have been. We also have been thinking about initial sounds and forming our letters correctly.



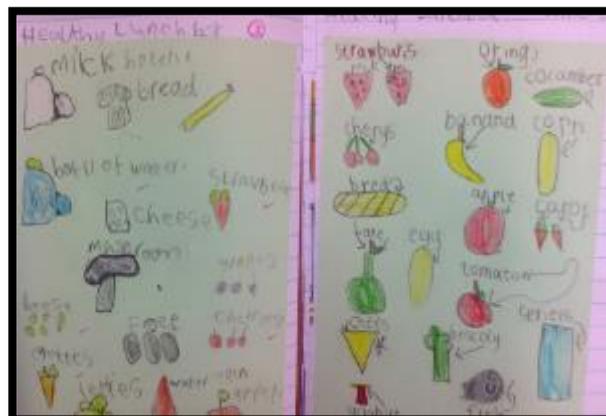
## Year 1

In Year 1 we have been constructing sentences on the Superworm story and making sure our sentences have capital letters and full stops. In Maths we have been partition numbers 6-10 and investigating all the different ways to partition numbers. We have also been looking at odd and even numbers. We have started our under the sea habitat boxes using different materials and crafts.



## Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been working on writing our final setting description of London, 400 years ago. The children have used some brilliant adjectives to describe the cobbled streets, timber houses and busy markets. In maths, we have worked on adding two numbers by bridging ten, and the children have enjoyed using practical equipment to help them see the links between their number bond knowledge and the maths question. We have had a great week learning all about healthy eating and exercise this week. The children have learnt about the different food groups and how much of each we should eat. They have designed some great healthy lunchboxes.



## Year 3

In Year 3 this week we have been working towards our final write up of our battle instructions. The children have all produced an excellent set of instructions that include many instructional devices, imperative verbs and adverbs. In Maths we have been continuing our learning of place value by beginning to look at how to bridge across 100 by subtracting in multiples of ten. In Science, we have been investigating the permeability of different types of soils and investigating how fossils are made. The children have all enjoyed their Spanish learning this week where they have been consolidating their learning of Spanish greetings. They have also enjoyed our new PE topic of outdoor and adventurous activities where we have been developing our problem solving and teamwork skills.



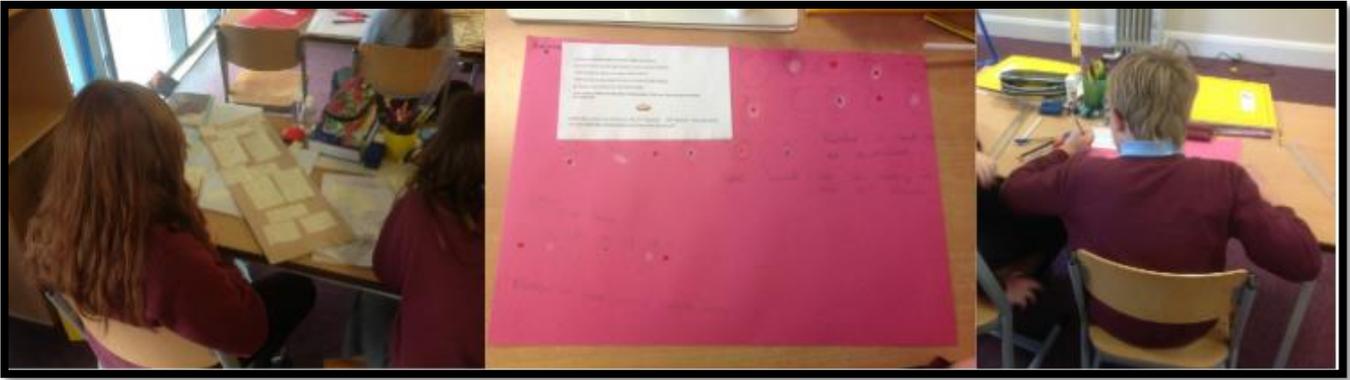
## Year 4

Week 2 of the term has been interesting. We have started to log our times table efforts daily and we are already seeing improvements. It has been our week to have the chromebooks so we have been working on creating blogs through Purple Mash; plus, we have been creating information pages on Google Docs. The children have shown patience and determination when do so as it was not a simple process. However, the experience has taught them how to create text boxes, alter their size and position them on a page. The Art lesson was about exploring repeating patterns and the children discovered how difficult it is to replicate things precisely but, again, they enjoyed the process.



## Year 5

Another great week in Year 5. We have started our learning on Forces in Science this week looking at key forces that act on different objects. We continued our writing linked to Narnia and the children thought about the first chapter of the story. We have also been using parts of the film to help us visualise what is happening in the story. In maths, we have moved on to exploring negative numbers and reasoning about them. In, RE the children were coming up with questions they would ask about religious buildings using the 'w' question words.



## Year 6

Year 6 have had a great week. We have been continuing with our discussion texts about whether to ban fireworks. In mathematics, we have been developing our methods of multiplication with multiples of 10, 100 and 1000. We have also revised and consolidated long multiplication. In Reading, we have explored "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes and have improved our understanding of figurative language, with a particular focus on idioms. In Science, we have created shadow puppets to learn about shadows and have conducted two investigations to understand the refraction of light. In HRE, we have talked about how to look after our mental wellbeing.



**This week's stars:** Congratulations to the following children who have wow'd the staff this week – keep up the hard work!

### Star Writers



**YR:** Summer  
**Y1:** Lincoln  
**Y2:** Tiana  
**Y3:** Georgia  
**Y4:** Vivienne  
**Y5:** Lois  
**Y6:** Ellie

### Stars of the Week



**YR:** Tom  
**Y1:** Amelia G.  
**Y2:** Jake  
**Y3:** Levi  
**Y4:** Amelia  
**Y5:** Blanka  
**Y6:** Scarlett

### Star Readers



**YR:** Huzaifah  
**Y1:** Liam  
**Y2:** Ethan  
**Y3:** Oliwia  
**Y4:** Julia  
**Y5:** George  
**Y6:** zoey

## Primary School Admission – Reception Entry Sept. 2021:

Applications for children starting Reception in September 2021 are open. The key dates are listed below, and all applications are made through Oxfordshire County Council admission team. Please note that **if your child already attends our Nursery this does not guarantee a place** in Reception and you will **still need to apply** via Oxfordshire County Council.

Key dates when applying for Primary School:

- 3rd November 2021 – Applications open
- 15th January 2021 – Closing date for applications
- 16th April 2021 - National offer day

## Face Coverings

Thank you for your ongoing support in reducing the risk of transmission within our school community by wearing a mask when you come onto the school site to drop off and collect your children.



**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

**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](mailto:info@hardwickschool.org) email account or the telephone 01295 285355.

## Christmas Lunch:



### Wednesday 16th December 2020

We are already getting very excited about Christmas and although there are 42 more days to go, it will soon be here! The Christmas Lunch is available to book now through ParentPay.

### Dates for your Diary:

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18th December – End of term at 1pm

Have a lovely weekend!

Graeme Page and the school team