



No.141

Spring Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Red Nose Day!

We all enjoyed a wonderful Deep Learning Day on Tuesday focused on Matisse.

Thank you to Mrs Priddle for organising this.

**Year 6 Partners in Learning – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm via TEAMS. We will be sharing about our curriculum and transition activities planned.**

### Learner of the Week

Rowan ~ Toby G

Beech ~ Dougie H

Willow ~ Izzy S

Birch ~ Evie L

Elm ~ Hermione

Pine ~ Cameron

Chestnut ~ Asha

Larch ~ Ava

Lime ~ Niklas

Hazel ~ Charlotte

Maple ~ Beril & Mary

Sycamore ~ Katie & Arthur

**Please can all dogs be kept on a lead outside the playgrounds, due to allergies and anxieties? Unfortunately there has been some dog's mess left near YR, please do clear up after your pet. Thank you for your support.**

### Citizen of the Week

Megan B for setting a fantastic example in the classroom

Iona P for having a positive attitude to school and all her learning

Miles for helping others in their learning

Graci for always being kind to others

Noah for supporting friends at playtimes to make good choices

Elise for following teacher directions herself all the time and supporting others by her example

Nour for his determination to help out at all times

Thomas Mac for trying his best and showing resilience in his learning

Janki for being mature and responsible

Kian for collaborative partner skills

Amelia for demonstrating a determined and resilient attitude since returning to school

Rio for always encouraging others to join playtime games through his own enthusiasm.

**Summer Term 2021 Extra- curricular**

**Clubs:**

**ALL STARTING WEEK OF 19TH APRIL 2021**

**A letter has been sent out informing you about the clubs that are available in the summer term. If you are interested in your child attending any of the clubs, or need any further information eg. costings, places available, please contact the relevant individual coaches/ teachers listed in the table.**

**RETURNS / REPLIES BY FRIDAY 26TH MARCH 2021 Thank you Mrs Pawsey**

## Year Group News

### Year R



Talk to your child about our allotment area and the seeds that have been planted.

The children have been so enthusiastic and keen to share their own knowledge about growing plants from seed. We have enjoyed sharing non-fiction books and discovering more about the parts of a plant, how it grows and what will help a seed to grow and survive. We've talked about setting up our own experiments to learn more about conditions needed for growth and how a plant transports water around its structure.

This has created lots of writing opportunities for the children and they are showing increasing confidence at being brave writers during their play.

A big thank you to all the families who have donated seeds, plants, pots and soil to our garden project. We are all so excited and can't wait for the seeds to grow!

Thank you also to Lola's Mummy who has kindly donated a pack of peas for each child that we will send home today.

### Year 1



Please talk to your child about:

The Little Red Hen and see if they can retell the story with actions.

This week we have begun to learn the traditional tale 'The Little Red Hen' and can now retell it orally with actions. We have learnt the story so that next week we can innovate it - changing the main character and writing our own version.

In Maths we have particularly focused on tens and ones of numbers and how we can add using this knowledge of place value.

We have all been amazed at how much we already know about animals, but this week have deepened and extended this by learning how to classify animals and so we are now beginning to be able to sort animals into Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians, Fish and

## No.141

## Spring Term 2

Birds. Next week we will be designing and cooking our bread, just like Little Red Hen, as part of this half term's Design and Technology project.

Please do ensure that your child has named wellies, coat and water bottle in school every day as we need these daily! Thank you for your support and kind words on the children's transition back into school. We have loved having Rowan and Beech all back!

## Year 2



WILLOW



BIRCH

Please talk to your child about:  
Reduce, Reuse and Recycle -  
How can we change our habits  
at home?

This week we have continued with our learning about endangered animals and how humans have an impact on the planet. This week we have focused on the Giant Panda and the children have been very creative in making 'Attenborough style' videos about their habitats. Next week we will be looking at animals who are extinct and writing newspaper reports about this. They have also been making posters and writing letters to Mrs Dean about how we can make our school more eco-friendly. The children are really keen to improve our playground with more habitats for animals, reduce the paper wastage in the classroom as well as save energy during the day by turning off lights etc. We have been using reduce, reuse and recycle to explain this. We will be keeping you

updated about developments in this and how you may be able to help so watch this space! In maths, we have been revisiting number bonds up to and within 20 and how these relate to addition and subtraction within 100. Please keep practising quick fire numbers within 20 as this really does support the children in their fluency and recall of addition and subtraction facts.

Have a great weekend!

Year 2 Team

Year 3

This week we have continued with our fantasy story 'Flotsam'. We have written adverbial phrases (swam gracefully, danced merrily, floated gently) to describe our underwater fantasy scenes. Next week our English will be linked to the Easter story of Jesus' disciple Peter. The theme of our RE is 'Second Chances' .... and we all need second chances!

In maths, we have introduced non-unit fractions where the numerator (top digit in the fraction) is larger than one. Eg. three quarters, three fifths, 7 tenths etc. We will continue this work next week and apply it to solve problems.

Please talk to your child about the Easter traditions that you or others may have followed, and about how you have experienced a 'second chance'

## Year 4



LARCH



CHESTNUT

Please talk to your child about how the digestive system works.

Year 4 have really enjoyed a variety of activities this week, including Deep Learning Day on Tuesday. The children arrived at school so excited for their day learning about the French artist Henri Matisse and creating their own 3D sculptures in the afternoon! Everyone was so engaged and the behaviour was excellent - well done Year 4! We all had fun on Friday, telling jokes and enjoying a day of fun in aid of Red Nose Day.

**A short message from Mrs HP:** Thank you to all our wonderful Year 4 children and their families for a fun, enjoyable (and slightly unusual!) 2 terms. It has been an absolute pleasure to continue to teach the year group in addition to last year. It is with sadness (and excitement!) that I am saying goodbye for a while, but look forward to the coming months and all the adventures they will bring!! Wishing everyone a happy and more normal Summer term.

## Year 5



Please talk to your child about The Eden Project virtual workshop on Tuesday 23rd. Please return the reply slip if you have not already done so. Thank you! The workshop has been postponed by a week.



We've had an action packed week!

In English we have thoroughly enjoyed building model rafts from art straws and wool (wood and vines!) We were so impressed with the inventive ways the children created their rafts and worked together in pairs. This practical activity supported writing an information text about raft making as we have just read about in The Explorer! Next week we are writing about a journey on a raft down the Amazon, we will be looking for the children to create atmosphere in their writing. On Tuesday 23rd we will be looking forward to our Virtual Rainforest workshop, led by The Eden Project.

In Maths we have learnt how to translate and reflect shapes describing their positions using co-ordinates. Next week we will be multiplying and dividing by powers of 10. In

**No.141**

**Spring Term 2**

Science the children loved investigating the gravitational force of dropping objects into sand and measuring the craters they formed!

Deep Learning day was amazing. We learnt all about Henri Matisse and Beatrice Milhazes and used their art work to inspire our own creations! (see photo!) We also made paper plate flowers to be displayed in our shared area. Spellings next week are; Persuade, Physical, Prejudice.

Thank you so much for all your support, The Year 5 Team.

**Year 6**



Sycamore



Maple

Please talk to your child about the 'painting with scissors' challenge.

This week we have been blown away by the children's use of figurative language to create poems based on one of the pictures in The Arrival. These are some of our favourite lines the children have generated:

The inner clockwork of the trumpets wailed as the giants forced them to suck up another swarm of people.

Thunderous steps as herds of people scurried away from the giants.

Rays of light split and slice the crowds of human fear.

Blinding searchlights cut through the ebony black sky like a knife.

Towering buildings pierce the skyline casting eerie shadows.

A crimson sky filled with fear.

Beautiful white birds, just specs of light in a city of chaos and destruction.

Gloved hands clenched the vacuums of despair.

Beams of bright, blinding spotlights break through the dome of darkness.

The shadowed strangers walked through the ebony darkness.

Deep Learning Day on Tuesday was amazing! The children learnt about the artist Matisse and have created 'Fauvism' style self- portraits as well as creating sketchbook pages all about Matisse.

**Childcare places for Inset Days**

**Do book your place as soon as possible.**

**1<sup>st</sup> April and 9<sup>th</sup> July**



Child care for Primary Phase children for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (Inset Days)

8.30 am – 5.30 pm

£45 single day or £90 for both days.

**Brilliantly equipped playground. Experienced Team, Arts and Crafts focus**

Book early to guarantee a place! In the event that there is a lockdown you will receive 90% of payment back. This will take place subject to sufficient interest. Please pay via Tucasi the link for payment can be found in 'Optional trips and events'.

THE WESTGATE SCHOOL  
Hampshire's First 4-16 'All Through' School





## Colleague News

We wish Mrs HP all the best as she starts her maternity leave today. We look forward to hearing her exciting news soon! Mrs Edwards will start teaching Chestnut Class from Monday.

Mrs Gorman will be teaching Beech Class full time from next week...

**Please may we ask you to leave school as quickly as you can in the mornings and afternoons to keep us all as safe as possible? We do ask that parents avoid waiting in the Village Green during lockdown. Thank you. Enjoy a restful and sunny weekend and thank you for your continued support.**

## Safeguarding Slot

Minecraft – Please note " Minecraft is rated 7+, meaning that the game is recommended for children from the age of 7 upwards. The PEGI system classifies a 7+ rating as a game that "contains non-realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters (...) that could be upsetting to very young children."

The NSPCC has a useful leaflet regarding the safe use of minecraft:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/online-safety/minecraft-pdf.pdf>

Kind regards,

Mrs Woodall

Head of Primary Phase

**The RSPB has some lovely ideas for activities to do with your children:**

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

**Also the National Trust website is full of suggestions too:**

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/>