



Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at Lorraine Lee's first workshop yesterday evening, I do hope you found it useful.

The next session is on 23rd January.
7pm – 8.30pm.

Thank you as well for all of you who attended our PSA AGM on Tuesday. Ros Priddle and Charlie Damant are our Co-Chairs. Ayesha Day is our Vice Chair and Kate Brook is our new treasurer. Thank you for volunteering. We are still looking for a PSA Secretary, please do let Ros know if you are able to help with this.

Year 3 enjoyed an amazing trip to Butser Ancient Farm this week, thank you to all our parent helpers.

Well done to Year 5 for a great effort in the inter school cross country event. Congratulation to Ellie J who won the girls race and MacKenzie R who came 3rd.

Key Stage 2 Writing Workshop

Years 3, 4 and 5

**Partners in Learning
Wednesday 16th October**

7pm – 8pm

All parents/carers welcome

Certificate Celebrations

Citizens of the Week

Kitty for consistently demonstrating our Westgate values

Evie Q for being a kind, helpful and organised member of Rowan Class

William for his cheery smile and can-do attitude!

Lujain for great teamwork and helping others

Mellay for trying hard

Isaac J for being a brilliant role model, encouraging others to make sensible choices during learning time.

Kitty for being a kind friend to all children

Luca for being a respectful and responsible member of Chestnut class

Finn for being supportive to his peers during cross country

Freddie M & Harry H for showing tremendous empathy and kindness to other children.

Learner of the Week

Rowan ~ Rufus

Beech ~ Joshua

Willow ~ Ryan and Hattie

Birch ~ Luca

Elm ~ Laila

Pine ~ Harry P

Larch ~ Amelie

Chestnut ~ Nathan

Lime ~ Georgie

Hazel ~ Anais

This week the children have been showing a fascination in animals and their homes. They have made homes for slugs, snails, spiders and hedgehogs in our outdoor classroom really considering the animals needs for food and shelter. We have continued to enjoy the gingerbread man tale, with children requesting it regularly and acting it out independently. This has also led to recipe writing in the role play area and outdoor kitchen.

Please try to leave toys at home, it can get quite confusing when toys are mixed in with school resources causing some upset between peers.

Year 1



ROWAN

BEECH

Year Group News

Year R



ASH

OAK

Talk to your child about homes (habitats) different animals live in.

Please talk to your child about:
Fairy tales and traditional tales.
I wonder if they can find any stories to share together?

A BIG BAD WOLF has arrived in Year 1. We've loved beginning to delve deeper into a story we are all familiar with, Little Red Riding Hood. Our favourite thing has been acting out the story in the new role play area, and also learning new drama techniques such as the conscience alley and freeze frames. We have been investigated 2D shapes in Maths, including how to halve them (and food versions of the shapes!) equally and fairly. Our cursive

handwriting is really developing and we would love to show you what we can do at home! Thank you for your continued support in the transition to Year 1.

Year 2



WILLOW



BIRCH

Please talk to your child about dividing numbers equally and discuss odd and even numbers. .

Next week we are looking at poems in English so it would be beneficial if you could take the opportunity to share some poems with your child. Thank you for bringing in wellies this is helping at lunchtime, if you have a spare picnic blanket at home we would be grateful for it as the children are enjoying sitting on them and drawing at lunch at break. Thank you for continuing to remind your child to leave all toys and fitbits at home so they are not a distraction or at risk of being lost.

Year 3



PINE



ELM

Talk to your child about:
the 3x tables.

Year 3 had a brilliant trip to Butser Ancient Farm on Tuesday. All children had a go at Stone Age activities such as making rings out of copper wire, excavating and archaeological site and using traditional wattling methods to build a hazel wood fence. Every one enjoyed the day and behaviour was fantastic - the children should be really proud of themselves. Thank you to our parent helpers. We have continued our learning back in the classroom with some topic work writing a recount of our trip and annotating photos of Stone Age buildings to say what they are made from. In other very exciting news, we are ready to post 60 brilliant letters to the Queen as part of our English topic - we will let you know when we receive a reply!

Year 4



Please talk to your child about three spelling words; decide, describe and difficult.

This week the children have been creating in art the next scene from the book 'The Journey'. We have then written verbs, adverbs, adjective, nouns and prepositions on top of the scene to describe it. Using our key vocabulary we have created descriptive sentences to take the reader on a journey through the scene. In maths we have looked at rounding whole numbers to the nearest 10 and 100, please talk to your child about how we can use rounding in everyday situations.

Year 5 have been learning about Greek Gods and Goddesses this week in our topic. The children have carried out research in preparation for creating fact files and also learned to draw the gods and goddesses too. In English, we have started a new topic based around 'The Lost Thing' book and DVD. The children have created some amazing writing and have demonstrated great imagination too. In maths we have been learning about factors, multiples, prime number and square numbers. On Wednesday Y5 took part in the cross country event and were amazing at pacing themselves through the race and encouraging each other too.

Year 5



Ask your child if they can tell you what they have learnt about prime numbers, square numbers, factors and multiples!

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Kind regards,

Liz Woodall

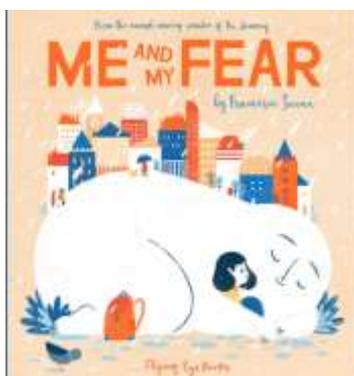
Head of Primary Phase



Isaac and bedtime bear! We hope you are enjoying sharing bedtime stories.



Books to encourage empathy



Me and My Fear

Francesca Sanna

A thought provoking personification of a girl's feelings of fear, which magnifies when she is in a strange country. Helps children to understand how profoundly fear can lead to isolation and anger.

"Calling all knitters/crocheters! We are looking to brighten up three black posts in our Yr R playground and would love to recreate the community yarn bombing project we ran a few years ago. We need brightly coloured sections of crochet or knitted fabric which will then be cleverly sewn together to make a jacket for the posts. We want to decorate the posts to make them look more interesting and pretty but also to make them more noticeable and avoid any bumped heads! We are open to any colour, design or size!

Please bring any sections of crochet/knit to Mrs Priddle, Miss Collins or Miss Sweet.



Christmas Dates 2019

Year R Nativity – Tuesday
17th December 2.15pm

Key Stage 1 Celebration
(Years 1 & 2) Tuesday 17th
December 9.15am &
Wednesday 18th December
2.15pm

Thursday 19th December
Class Christmas Parties pm

Sharing Assemblies

We would love you to come and share in our assemblies. Dates for the year and each year group are below. They are all Thursdays, start at 2.40pm and you are most welcome.

Year 5 14.11.19 Autumn 2 2019

Year 4 24.10.19 Autumn 1 2019

Year 3 13.02.20 Spring 1 2020

Year 2 26.03.20 Spring 2 2020

Year 1 21.05.20 Summer 1 2020

Year R 09.07.20 Summer 2 2020

Partners in Learning Sharing Sessions

You are invited to come and share your child's learning between 8.40am and 9.10am on the following Friday mornings.

25th October 2019

6th December 2019

14th February 2020

27th March 2020

22nd May 2020

10th July 2020

