



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week it's been. Well done Year 5 on a great Sharing Assembly yesterday. Thank you Mrs Farrell and Miss Stewart and the Year 5 Team.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Partners in Learning coffee am on Monday 18th from drop off until 10am. Our Lead Family & Pupil Support Practitioner will be leading a short workshop with tips for supporting your children at home.

We are always keen to hear from you if you would like to share your career with our Key Stage 2 pupils. It is helpful for the children to find out about different jobs and careers. These now take place on a Thursday at 2.40pm.

Certificate Celebrations

Citizens of the Week

Phoebe H for always following our Westgate values

Finlay E for displaying reliance

Keira for being a brilliant role model and demonstrating great listening skills.

Bea for being a super role model to others.

Flossie for always helping others and respectful Westgate attitude

Zane for showing a positive

Janki for being kind to others

Ellie for increasing resilience

Sophia for showing kindness and empathy to others

Stanley for being a respectful listener

Learner of the Week

Rowan ~ Erin D

Beech ~ William

Willow ~ Polly

Birch ~ Emma

Elm ~ Thomas McKee

Pine ~ Eilish

Larch ~ Misan

Chestnut ~ Ryleigh

Lime ~ Ellie

Hazel ~ Isabel S

A useful website with lots of ideas for children from birth to 5 years old:

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

We have been exploring length in mathematics through ordering, comparing and creating in practical situations. For example making homes to fit animal toys or masks to fit our heads.

The children have enjoyed making sculptures out of paper in the creative area. They have been turned in to water parks, play parks and car tracks. This developed further in to giant paper tracks that went around whole tables with bridges and other features made from paper!

Year Group News

Year R



ASH

OAK

Talk to your child about measuring.

Year 1



ROWAN

BEECH

Please talk to your child about:

Teen numbers, and why 11 and 12 are special.

This week we have written our own, innovated versions of The Enormous Turnip. We have had gargantuan peppers and colossal carrots... it's been great fun! Not only did it help us develop our writing

skills, but we also went to Year R to read our stories to them, allowing us to practise our reading aloud skills. In Maths we have really been challenging ourselves to understand tens and ones. We now know that 13 is made up of 1 ten and 3 ones, 10 and 3 more. We helped our understanding of place value by playing a game called 'Swap Shop!'. Our POW and BANG art work was also a very exciting part of the week. We used collaging to gain a 'superhero comic strip' style and looked at onomatopoeia words! We have begun guided reading in Year 1 now, so your child will read in a group once a week. We will change their reading books on this day, but they can change their book as many times as they like independently. Please remember to ensure your child has tracksuit bottoms and a jumper in their PE kit now that the weather is getting colder. It is also essential that your child has wellies and a warm coat in school everyday! Thank you! Have a lovely weekend.

Please practise counting backwards from 99 (starting at different numbers). You might also like to discuss food chains and look at different bird artists on the internet.

Year 3



PINE



ELM

Talk to your child about:
Telling the time.

Year 2



WILLOW



BIRCH

Please talk to your child about how to subtract a number from a 2 digit number using a number line. eg: 45-12.

have been learning about evaporation and condensation.

Please practise daily with your child telling the time, both with analogue (clock faces!) and digital clocks. This is a difficult skill, and daily practice works wonders. Also, use simple time problems eg. "How long is it until we leave for school?"

Please could we have lots and lots of newspapers for a science activity we have planned.

Whole school - please ensure that your children stay with you on the KS2 tarmac playground at the end of school and do not go up onto the slope or on the playtime equipment. Families are free to use the Village Green after school.

Year 5



Please help your child to learn our next three spelling words: convenience, correspond, criticise.

Year 4



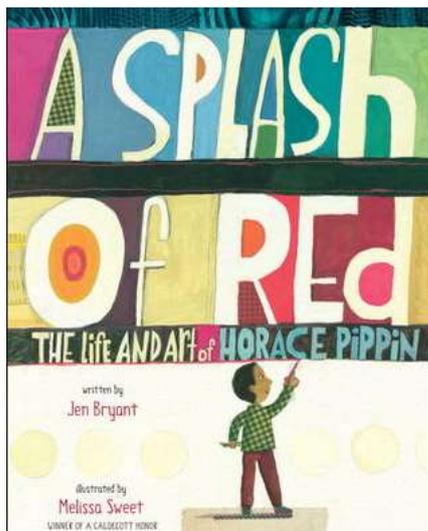
Please talk to your child about our three spellings: Strange, strength, length

English this week we have been asked to explore the main characters in our story The Firework Makers Daughter. In science we

It has been another incredibly busy week in Y5 this week and the children have risen to the challenge brilliantly! Starting on Monday with Little Lifesavers, who we have received a lovely email from saying what a delight the children were to work with. The volunteers commented that it was lovely to see such engaged and enthusiastic children and that they were so great at learning and concentrating. Thursday was incredibly busy! We went on our cinema trip before returning to school for our sharing assembly. A huge well done to all the children, who performed brilliantly. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch too.

Books to encourage our growth mindset approach

Key Stage 2



"A picture-book biography for early elementary school readers, *A Splash of Red* tells the remarkable true story of Horace Pippin, a painter who overcame many hardships to become a world-renowned artist. Inspiring and entertaining non-fiction."

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Liz Woodall

Head of Primary Phase



Christmas Dates 2019

Year R Nativity – Tuesday
17th December 2.15pm

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

Thursday 19th December
Class Christmas Parties pm

Year 3 Recorder concert

Friday 13th December

PSA Christmas Fair
Saturday 7th December
11am to 2pm

Years 3, 4 and 5 will be
entertaining us with carol
singing.

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 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. Years 1 to 5

6th December 2019

14th February 2020

27th March 2020

22nd May 2020

10th July 2020