

Shipton Bellinger Primary School

Weekly School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of January, it was lovely to invite our families into school this week to share all the wonderful learning the children have done this half term. It was also a great opportunity for our parents and carers to see the progress the children have made in their books since Parents Evening last half term.



Next week sees the return of our Family Assemblies. Cassiopeia Class will be starting them off on Wednesday 4th February at 2:30pm. We look forward to welcoming the parents and carers of the children from Cassiopeia Class then.

We have introduced a new system in school for collecting letters etc. that the children are returning to school. Each class has a special wallet in their classroom that is returned to the office each morning with the registers. This means that children do not need to hand these in directly at the office and they will be reminded by their class adults if they have anything to hand in.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please let us know.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

From Miss Seed

EYFS - TRASH TO TREASURE

Cygnus Class are in need of the below items for crafting and creating! In our efforts to reduce waste and be more eco-friendly, we are keen to repurpose items that might otherwise end up in landfill and also develop the children's creativity in turning 'trash into treasure' so please think of us when you're doing your recycling or having a clear out! Thank you



For junk modelling & collage

egg boxes, small cardboard boxes, toilet rolls, lids & bottle tops - all sizes (plastic & metal), old birthday and christmas cards, magazines, newspapers

Bits & Bobs

buttons, CDs & DVDs, beads, curtain/shower rings, old keys, spools, photo & picture frames - all shapes and sizes, small mirrors

Art supplies

chalk, chalkboards, tissue paper, pom poms, pipe cleaners, lollipop sticks, wool, string, scraps of fabric, ribbon

Woodwork resources

Off cuts of wood (untreated), washers, screws, corks, corkboard, spanners, screwdrivers, nails, bolts, hammers and any other tools for tinkering with!

FRIENDS OF SHIPTON



Valentine Disco - Thursday 12th February

Reply slips will be sent out early next week, please return the forms and payment, tickets will be issued and exchanged for snacks at the event!



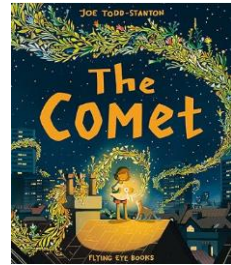
"No one can do everything but everyone can do something"

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK.....

CYGNUS CLASS

The children have worked so hard this week and it's so exciting to see the amazing progress that is being made by each child in their own unique way.

This week we started a new story to inspire our writing. The Comet is about a little girl who moves house and whilst most is new and different, the sky is her constant and when she sees a comet one night it gives her comfort and her imagination comes alive! Inspired by the magical night sky, the children have written some wonderful descriptive words and sentences focusing on using adjectives to describe the nouns (expanded noun phrases), verbs to describe the action and prepositions to add more detail. For example, 'Zooming stars shot through the dark sky', 'A glowing moon shone brightly above the ocean.'



In Maths, we've explored time in terms of telling the time to the hour and half an hour and also time in relation to the rhythm of our school day, days of the week and months of the year. We've also explored the concept of time and counted to 60 to understand what a minute feels like.

For Science, the children were introduced to the terms herbivore, carnivore and omnivore and sorted animals into these groups. Did you know that carnivores such as lions, dogs and crocodiles can be identified by their sharp teeth and forward facing eyes whereas herbivores such as rabbits, rhinos and horses, usually have their eyes on the side!

In Geography, we mapped out the route that we'll take through the village next week to explore features of our local area. The children did a brilliant job in Art experimenting with the size of their drawings to add perspective and create a more realistic street scene. Next week the children will be drawing the exterior of their own home. Please email a photo of the outside of your home to the office to support this.



Have a happy, restful weekend!

ARA CLASS

We have had some good fun this week!

In art we have continued to explore drawing using our pencil in different ways.

Whilst last week we explored the different ways that we could shade: scumbling, stippling, scribbling, hatching, cross-hatching and blending, this week we have been exploring perspective. The children



drew some beautiful pictures of a close house (which was much bigger) and a house that was further away (much smaller). They did such a good job and used some of their shading techniques to add texture and 3D-ness to their drawings.

In Music we have been learning how to create our own music inspired by the weather. This week it



was ICE themed. The children chose a range of instruments and created some very noisy ice music!

In English this week we have begun a new book - The Comet, by Joe Todd-Stanton. The children have been further developing their descriptive sentences and working hard to remember their capital letters and full stops.

In Maths we have been learning how to tell the time! The year 1 children have concentrated on o'clock and half past times, whilst the year 2's have moved on to quarter past and quarter to. They have learnt that there are 24 hours in a day and thought about what things they may do in the morning and in the afternoons/ evenings.



Have a brilliant weekend!



CONSTELLATION ROOM

This week in the Constellation Room has been very busy and full of fun. We have focused on developing the children's social skills, particularly turn-taking and communication, helping them to grow in confidence and independence through a range of engaging activities.

We have really enjoyed Rhyme Time, focusing on *Baa Baa Black Sheep*, and linked this with sensory trays that the children loved exploring. These activities supported both communication and sensory development.

In English, we started a new book, *The Comet*, which sparked lots of interest in space. The children were especially fascinated by shooting stars and asked many thoughtful questions about where they come from.

In Maths, we have been learning about time and had great fun playing *What's the Time, Mr Wolf?* on the playground with our peers.

We ended the week by making constellation biscuits, which were very yummy! As always, things got very messy—adults included—and we can't wait to do it all again next week. ✨



PEGASUS CLASS

What another eventful week!

We started a new task in English. We have moved on from diary entries to persuasive writing. To get us started, we had a look at some persuasive posters which we discussed and annotated the key features in persuasive writing. For example, we noticed the use of rhetorical questions and modal verbs.



In Maths, we started a new unit on fractions. The children found it difficult at first but then we used fraction circles to physically see adding and taking away fractions with the same denominator. The children then had to apply their learning in their books by drawing fraction bars and shading in the correct fractions using different colours.

PE was super fun! During dodgeball, the children worked on their dodging skills by trying to avoid getting hit by a ball. We then played a game of adults vs. children to see how well the children could dodge the ball. It was great fun! Our gymnastics unit focused on shape jumps from apparatus. We worked on star jumps, straight jumps and pikes.

Music was a lot of fun! We listened to different pieces of music and sang a few songs with actions to them. It made us feel like we were performing!



Art was another very practical lesson this week. This time, the children looked at still life drawings of flowers and then had a go creating their own still life drawing using a flower display. We had fun arranging the very colourful flowers on our tables and sketching the shapes of the flowers we can see before adding the shadows using hatching, cross hatching and blending techniques.



ORION CLASS

PE has been really exciting this week and we even managed to make it outside in between the rain! We have been working on our balancing skills in gymnastics and putting together short sequences involving transitions. Dodgeball was great fun and we were beginning to think more tactically for our game play.

In reading, we have met additional characters who are beginning to change the course of the plot. There are so many twists and turns that our predictions keep changing. The children have worked hard on linking their ideas back to initial events to consider the plausibility of their predictions.

Writing has been all about persuasive leaflets this week. We have been introduced to a new text type and have spent time immersing ourselves into the format of persuasion. Using different leaflets, we moved around the classroom to explore each one in turn. We thought about features that were the same in each and features that were different. It was also important to consider what it was about the leaflet that interested us or captured our attention as a reader. Miss Burns also challenged us to persuade her to wear non-school uniform for an upcoming trip. Time will tell whether we were successful!

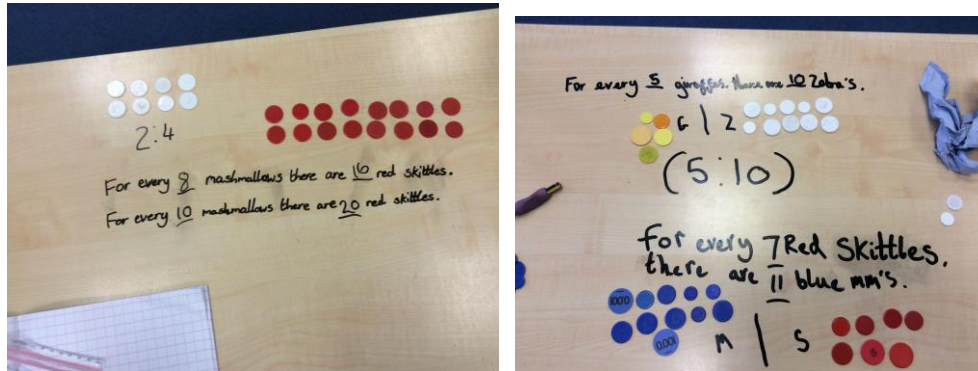


Maths has taken us on two different journeys this week but both related to our knowledge of geometry. In Year 4, we have focused on the properties of quadrilaterals and triangles. Did you know that there are four types of triangle? Ask us about it and see what we can remember. Year 5 children have been more focused on angles from identifying them, to measuring them, to drawing them - it has definitely been a rollercoaster of emotion!

CASSIOPEIA CLASS

We have been busy learning so many new things this week.

In maths, we have been learning about ratio and how this can relate to real life problems. Ratio tell us how much of one thing there is in relation to another and we used concrete resources and our own sentences to demonstrate this. We realised how important our timetables and fraction knowledge was to support us in solving ratio problems.



This week in science, we were planning our own investigation into the size of shadows. It was important to think about the one variable that will change and the other variables must stay the same. The children worked in groups to carry out their investigation to test if their prediction was correct. Once the results were gathered, the results were plotted onto a line graph.



In Music, we have been learning the Arabic scale on the glockenspiel which is characterised by the use of the double harmonic scale with the use of flat notes d and a. This creates an exotic sound, middle Eastern sound.



We have continued to read our text *The Nowhere Emporium* and enjoyed meeting Lucian Silver, the owner of the shop. We have also discovered Daniel's special gift and thought about Lucian's character and looked for clues about his intentions towards Daniel.

We are looking forward to sharing with parents and carers on Wednesday our learning.



Wednesday 4th February	Cassiopeia Class Family Assembly - 2:30pm
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11th February	Orion Class Family Assembly - 2:30pm
Thursday 12th February	FoS Valentines Disco - More details to follow
Friday 13th February	Last day of Spring Term 1
Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February	HALF TERM BREAK SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 23rd February	School re-open for Spring Term 2
Monday 23rd February	TOGETHER school values day
Wednesday 25th February	Year 6 SATs Presentation for Parents - more details to follow
Tuesday 3rd March	Parents Evening - booking to follow
Thursday 5th March	Parents Evening - booking to follow
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day - children come into school dressed as a book character. Parents invited in for assembly at 2:30pm
Monday 9th March - Friday 14th March	STEM Week - Parents invited in on Friday 14th March in the afternoon for STEM activities in their child's class
Tuesday 10th March	Rural Schools Cross Country - invite only
Thursday 12th March	Pegasus Family Assembly 2:30pm
Friday 13th March	FoS Non-uniform day - in exchange for Chocolate eggs etc.
Wednesday 18th March	Ara Family Class Assembly 2:30pm
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day and FoS Cake Sale

Wednesday 25th March	Year 1 and 2 Trip to SeaCity Museum
Wednesday 25th March	Cygnus Class Family Assembly - Date to be changed due to trip
Thursday 26th March	EYFS and KSI Easter Church Service 9:45am KS2 Easter Church Service 11am
Friday 27th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday 27th March	PM - FoS Sponsored Event
Friday 27th March	Last School Day of the Spring Term 2

All dates and timings are accurate at the time of publication but are subject to change.