

New Close News

Friday 18th January, 2019

Executive Head - Mr James Evans
Head Teacher - Miss Jane Brown

We had a very successful Open Morning last Saturday and there is a really good feeling about the new Nursery which is opening after Easter. Application forms are available from reception to book children in, if you or friends are looking for a place. There is a limit of 10 places and we are putting together a timetable for these places which will be given on a first come first served basis. Please speak to Mrs Wootten at reception if you require a form.

As part of this we are looking to set up before-school and after-school care from Easter. The morning times would be from 7.45am – 8.45am at a cost of £4 per day and after school from 3.00pm – 5.30pm at a cost of £10 per day. The after-school care is dependent on interest so please could you inform the school office if you would intend to use this facility.

Congratulations to Otter class who are the first class this year to have 100% attendance for the whole week. There's a challenge for other classes to take on. Good luck!!

The Reception children in Rabbit class have progressively become more and more confident with their numbers and with counting objects. This week they went to the hall and were learning to count actions. They did star jumps, climbed steps, threw balls in a hoop and were beginning to count beyond 10. Well done to all of them.



Fox class have been working on recount writing based on the book 'When Jessie Came Across the Sea' by Amy Hest. Having discussed the features of this genre, the children have worked really hard to: write in paragraphs, using sub-headings, and in chronological order; use time connectives; include subordinate clauses; mark relative clauses with brackets, dashes or commas and include passive and active verbs. They have all created truly evocative pieces of writing – voicing the experiences of a young immigrant travelling to America at the turn of the twentieth century - of which they should be really proud. Well done Fox Class!

"Jessie felt anxious and alarmed leaving her grandmother: she did not want to leave her grandmother. While her grandmother's heart said one thing, her heart replied with something else."

Phoebe

"As Jessie boarded the boat, she saw the conditions were terrible. But Jessie had to go to America. Jessie was scared and alone. She was leaving her life behind. "

Lily-May

Jessie's heart pounded like a lion roaring over and over. She wanted to go but that also meant she would have to leave grandma. It was tough.

Jenson

"On the boat the conditions were terrible; Jessie was cramped. She felt like a canned sardine in a tiny tin. There was a raw, chilly wind and the boat could crash into an iceberg as they were on the Atlantic Ocean."

Kereem

After three years, one day - in the snowy park - Jessie was reunited with Lou. Lou took Jessie to meet his family. Lou's sister's cried when Jessie left. When Lou and Jessie were outside, on the doorstep, Lou asked Jessie, "Marry me?" "Soon," Jessie replied.

It was time for her grandmother to bring the ring to America."

Noah

Have a good weekend.

Mr Evans

Learning Corner

RABBIT CLASS

In Rabbit class this week the children have continued to learn about instructions. They have learnt about bossy verbs. They have also described *how* their instructions are to be done and have learnt about adverbs. For example: "Shut the door quietly".

In number work the Reception children have been ordering numbers to 10 and continuing to understand one more, one less. The year one children have been understanding that addition can happen in any order.

We have continued to learn about castles and are excited about starting fairy stories next week.



Star Reader: Harrison & Annabelle
Star Writer: Leo & Neo
Star Mathematician: Layla & Willow

SQUIRREL CLASS

In English lessons this week, we have been reading instructions and identifying the features. We have evaluated the effectiveness and accuracy of some instructions. In grammar lessons, Y2 have been identifying verbs and adverbs, and Y3 have been learning to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech.

In maths lessons, the children have been learning to add pairs of 2-digit or 3-digit numbers, either by using an empty number line or a partition column method, then applying this to solving word problems. They have also been learning to write numbers in words, to order and reason about numbers and to solve word problems involving money.



Star Reader: Gabi & Rubie
Star Writer: Tommy & Hannah
Star Mathematician: Oscar & Daniel

OTTER CLASS

In English this week, we have written an information text on a famous mountain. We started by creating a planning frame sheet with all the crucial facts needed. Over the week this information has been incorporated into an information sheet.

In maths we have been using co-ordinates to find locations on a map. We then moved on to plotting movements of shapes to understand movements between positions as translation.



Star Reader: Joseph & Hayden
Star Writer: Andrew & Zacc
Star Mathematician: Jacob & Sudan

FOX CLASS

In English this week, we have been polishing our recount writing by focusing on the genre features - punctuation, grammar and vocabulary choices - we needed to include in our writing to make it 'spotty dog'! We've been busy proof-reading, editing, re-drafting and peer-marking our work before copying it up to display (with pride) in our classroom.

In maths, we have been extending our understanding of BODMAS using the four operations, rounding to specific degrees of accuracy, and working through long division word/reasoning problems.



Star Reader: Jenson & Emileigh
Star Writer: Layla & Joel
Star Mathematician: Ethan & Lily-May

GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

Rabbit: Melisha & Tyler
Squirrel: Holly & Skye
Otter: Alfie & Meddy
Fox: Dillon & Alfie B

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Details of events and assemblies can be found on our school website.



Fruit bowl

When available we will keep a fruit bowl for the KS2 children to choose from, if they want it. This is a great way to encourage healthy choices and helps to top up energy levels during the day - as we already see in the younger children, who have free fruit or vegetables every day in school. **Please let us know if you do not want us to offer fruit to your child.**

SCHOOL LUNCHES

A reminder to all parents/guardians to please check that you have ordered your child's school lunch, if required, each week. We do not send text message reminders to parents every week. If you have any problems booking a meal on Wisepay please contact the school office.