



Friday 20th November 2020

Prize Winners this week

Class 1: Thomas White for super phonics

Class 2: Damien for concentration, super homework and excellent handwriting!

Class 3: Roxy for above and beyond homework and Noah for super creative writing and ideas.

Class 4: Courtney for her increasingly independent work in both English and Maths this week. Well done!

Class 1: Class 1 have had a very busy time this week. In maths we have been ordering numbers and finding out which numbers are before or after. Ask your child before and after questions with numbers up to 10. The children enjoyed the Diwali story of Rama and Sita and the origins of the Festival of Lights. Ask your child what is the festival of lights and what does it mean? (They should tell you it's about light winning over darkness or good over evil) We also found out that at this moment in time we are alive at the same time as Buzz Aldrin, the astronaut, who has walked on the moon. It was great fun creating collage planets and bubble painting planets.

Class 2: This week in maths we have been playing shape games to help us describe their properties. We are practising our times tables to keep skills sharp and have been thinking about vertical, diagonal and horizontal lines. Our space topic has focussed on the sun and sources of light this week. We have been finding out about festivals of light, Hanukkah, Diwali and, Christingle next week. We have performed our shadow puppet plays, via zoom, to all the other classes too. We are hoping to be able to zoom parents for a performance of the play and a signed song next Thursday so please check emails for an invite link.

Class 3: This week class 3 have used STEM skills to plan, construct and adapt traps to catch the Iron Man. All of the children worked well together and have created super contraptions experimenting with different mechanisms. We have also started a clay project of sculpting depictions of the Iron Man, building our proportion skills from last term and adding detail. Through the week I've seen/received some super examples of homework and creative writing, Keep up the good work!

Class 4: This week, Class 4 have worked very hard again. They have carried out electrical investigations in Science looking to see what happens to the brightness of a bulb when we change the length of the wire in our circuit and then again when we increase the voltage. In Art and Technology we have studied, experimented and built both lever and cam models and made these into moving toys. In PE we played Street Hockey and everyone has shown a good improvement to their dribbling and passing skills and everyone is looking forward to playing again next week. Special Science Award – Macie, who has been carrying out and writing up her findings for her own follow-on electricity investigations during the last two weeks and for her fabulous work in all other subjects too where she tries to include as much science as possible.

PLEASE NOTE:

Our last day of term is Friday 18th December and we will be finishing at normal times of 3.15pm.

Pupils are back in on Tuesday 5th January 2021, start time of 8.50am.

Homework

Thank you so much for all parents that support children's learning by making sure their child does their homework. It makes a big difference to their writing, reading and calculating abilities. We have tried to make it as fun as possible by including on line games. Just to clarify in case the little darlings have said otherwise..... EVERY school day **PLEEEASE**

- Reception(class1)-Resources sent home from Mrs Ditchfield with instructions
- Class 2 and Class 3 -5 minutes reading the take home book to an adult with adult writing a comment in yellow reading record,+10 minutes on sumdog and 10 minutes on spelling shed.
- Class 4 -15minutes reading, 10 minutes on sum dog, 10minutes spelling shed.

We check sum dog and spelling shed each week and we check home reading on Fridays and sadly some children aren't being supported to do their homework. **PLEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEASE** help them. Your gift of your focussed time with the T.V. and mobile phones switched off, is more valuable and long lasting than any Christmas present you are planning to give them. Thank you again for your help in the learning partnership.

