

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 26th November 2021

INSET Days 2021/2022

Monday 29th November 2021

Monday 31st January 2022

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Dear Parents,

I am afraid that since Wednesday I have been unwell and not able to be in either school. I have missed seeing all the children and am hopeful that I will be back on Monday, for our INSET day. I know that there have been some unpleasant bugs that have resulted in our children being unwell and I hope that we will soon be past this and everyone will be back in school, for the next few weeks.

Year R.1 and 2 to watch Broughton Nativity

You will get a letter today about the proposal to take all the children to watch the Broughton Nativity- The LandLord's Cat. If you can help with transport to and from this event, we would be most grateful.

Cluster School Moderation

You may be interested in how we, as teachers, ensure that the judgements that we make about your child's progress and attainment, is in line with other teachers.

We find it useful to meet on a termly basis with our counterparts from Cluster schools to share books and discuss what outcomes look like in different schools. This gives us the opportunity to benchmark ourselves and ask the questions: What does a child who is working at the standard look like in different schools and is there parity? We also find it helpful to share good practice, and develop positive working practices across the schools. This coming week, we are meeting on Tuesday and we anticipate that it will be a most useful exercise.

Mrs Macey's Football Commentary- and insider knowledge!

Mrs Finlay and the children have prepared a match report from the tournament, but I wanted to add a little context and share some comments made by the coaches at the event. Our team was made up of mostly year 4 children with two year 5 and one year 6 child. Most of the other teams were Year 6's and Year 5's. The matches were all incredibly close and there was very little between any of them. It was noticed how well West Tytherley played and comments were made around the quality of passing and effective communication. I know that this team will be a force to be reckoned with over the next couple of years. Let's make it happen!

Have a lovely weekend

Weekly Awards

This week we are celebrating the achievements of the following children

Beech	Zac	For showing an amazing attitude to learning and always ensuring that the other children are using the equipment
Chestnut	Munro	For consistently showing respect.
Willow	Tabitha	For respecting and including her peers in activities and taking into consideration their views when making decisions.
Oak	Freya	For stepping into her head girl role, always willing to assist in a cheerful and positive way.

Thought for the Week

This week we have been thinking about 'Pilgrimages' – travelling to a special place. Perhaps, in your family, you have a special place to make a pilgrimage to? Perhaps, you travel to be with other members of your family at Christmas? Some journeys are harder than others and so we can pray: *Heavenly Father, there are times in our lives when we have to be brave. Help us to remember that Jesus is the friend who is always near us and with his help we can overcome fear. Amen*

Vicar James

Lucy

News from around school

Beech

What a busy week this week! The children have been continuing to learn about length and have begun to write number sentences to show the difference. At first we found this quite challenging, but then realised that if we used cubes to help us it became much easier. In literacy we have learnt about instructions ready to write our own for our inventions next week. We have learnt about "bossy words", known as imperative verbs and used them to boss Miss Billinghamurst around, making sure that she was tidying away her toys properly.

In science the children were very excited to hear all about what Mr Buttons eats each day. We looked at what our pets eat and compared it to what we ate that day. The children came to the conclusion that it doesn't matter what animal you are, we all need food for energy! Next week we will be starting a new book and are very excited to make the classroom Christmassy!



WOW moment: The children found a toy in the break shed and shared it beautifully, making a queueing system and ensuring they all had a turn. This was without prompting and organised by the children themselves.

Chestnut

Maths this week began with children identifying lines of symmetry within shapes; they were given paper shapes to fold to see how many lines of symmetry. The children then had to identify 2D shapes on 3D objects. This resulted in the children writing riddles about the objects. Can you work out which objects they are describing?

- What am I? I am a 3D shape. I have rectangles as some of my surfaces. I have 2 hexagons, one on each end.
- What am I? I am a 3D shape. I have two triangles. I've got three oblongs.
- What am I? I am a 3D shape. I have 8 vertices. I have a square on each end. I have butterflies on me.

In Geography this week, the children were comparing the features of our location here in West Tytherley to the features of West Wittering. They were able to identify similarities in terms of houses, roads and fields but could also identify the differences in terms of a beach and the amount of roads. We have now finished our work on 'Big Bear Little Brother' in English and have now moved onto our new book, 'Ice Bear'. The children have predicted what they think this book is going to be about based on the front cover and started to look at the features used within information texts.

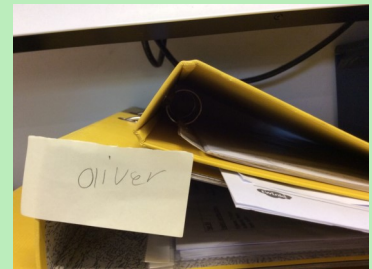
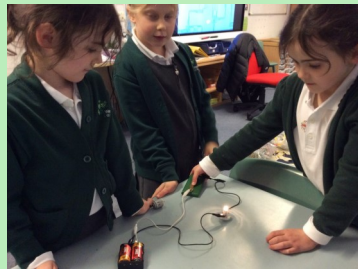
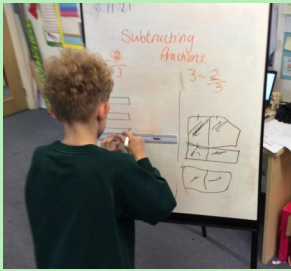


Willow

This week Willow class have started geometry in maths. We have been discussing and exploring the properties of shapes. At the beginning of the week, we started looking at different types of lines and angles. Then we all had a big angle hunt, looking for different types of angles around the classroom. We then moved on to applying that knowledge of lines and angles to 2D shapes, looking for any patterns.

In English, we are just finishing off our latest journey and have been creating an interesting leaflet on different animals. Ask your child for an interesting fact on their animal!

Also, this week in science, we have been looking at circuits and had a go at building some. We managed to make a working circuit with different battery-operated items such as : a buzzer, a bulb, and a fan/motor. When the circuit didn't work, we were able to troubleshoot and find the problem by testing different components of the circuit. We even tried 2 and 3 bulbs in one circuit to see what happened. Can you guess what happened? Ask your child to find out.



Oak

This week, Oak class loved working together with Chestnut class. Not only did we start to learn some of their Nativity songs, but we were also able to apply our knowledge of the two birth narratives of the birth of Jesus from the books of Luke and Matthew in the Bible to some of their song words. We are wondering why the two stories that appear are so different.

We are learning about states of matter in science and today have role-played being solid, liquid and gas particles. As a gas particle, we could move freely and fill the space!

In our class reading book "The boy at the Back of the Class" the narrator tries really hard to make friends with the new boy, Ahmet. One of the ways he does this is to offer him a pomegranate. We tried one in class today....some of us liked it, some were not too sure! Well done everyone for trying it.



Football Competition

On Wednesday 24th November, our children participated in the cluster Year 5 and 6 football competition at Wallop Primary School. The children played in 4 matches against other teams, with all matches being close scores. The children played as such a close team, providing options for passing, supporting in defence and cheering each other on, whether that be on the pitch or standing on the side line. I was incredibly proud of all the children's sportsmanship and they should be proud of themselves. There was some amazing football played. Well done to all who played.

Mrs Finlay



Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

29th: INSET Day

DECEMBER

2nd: Christmas Panto - Goldilocks

7th: Music performances by KS1 and KS2. Time tbc

8th: KS1 Nativity - Matinee and Early Evening

16th: Christmas Lunch

17th: Christmas Celebration - Church time tbc

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022

If your child is aged 4, or will turn 4 before 1st September 2022, they can start school in September 2022.

For more information go to: www.hants.gov.uk/admissions

Applications open for Hampshire residents on 1st November 2020. The closing date for applications is Saturday 15th January 2022.