

West Tytherley CE Primary

Friday 7th January 2022

INSET Days 2021/2022

Monday 31st January 2022

Tuesday 1st February 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring Term! On behalf of all the staff can I thank you all for your kind wishes, gifts and cards at the end of term.

We have started the new year with great enthusiasm. Please don't forget to e-mail me with requests for clubs which will start next week.

The whole school assemblies are postponed until 21st January 2022 to allow time to review the situation regarding COVID. In the meantime, school continues to operate as before.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

Cricket

This week, the children started their cricket sessions with an external coach. This is a fantastic opportunity, enabling someone who understands the sport to share their knowledge with the children. During this first session, the children were practising their catching and learning how to hit the balls. Chestnut, Willow and Oak were practising bowling, batting and stopping. In threes, the children had to hit two balls raised off of the ground by cones. They were aiming for two 'goals'. If the children scored, they got ten points. In each goal was a child who was practising stopping the ball and if they successfully stopped it they got 5 points. After two hits the children would rotate so everyone had a go. The second activity was practising bowling, throwing the ball with one bounce. They had to try hit the stumps where another child was standing ready to catch the ball, return it and rotate so that everyone had a turn. Finally, these skills were put into practise through a little game where children had to hit a big ball that was bowled at them, then two smaller balls on cones. Once all the balls were hit the fielding team had to reset the balls whilst the batting team made runs. The team with the most total runs won. A lot of fun was had during these sessions and we look forward to seeing the children develop the skills over the coming weeks.



Weekly Awards

This week we are celebrating the achievements of the following children

Beech	Victoria	for starting this term with a fantastic attitude to learning and being a shining example to her peers
Chestnut	Milan	for showing that he is ready to learn in all subjects and listening to every instruction
Willow	George	for coming in every morning in high spirits ready to learn, work and focus
Oak	Freya	for starting the term ready to learn, full of enthusiasm and excited to learn something new every day

Thought for the Week

So, it is now a new year – 2022. I hope for a fun year! This week we remember the coming of the Three Wise Men (or Magi) to visit Jesus soon after his birth. Their gifts tell us what Jesus was set to be: Gold for a King; Frankincense for a Priest; and, Myrrh for someone set to die. Strange gifts for a baby! We can pray: *Father God, the magi came from the east to worship your Son; the infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh. Accept the offering of our hearts and minds and in your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers. Amen.*

Vicar James

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 2021. The closing date for applications is Saturday 15th January 2022.

News from around school

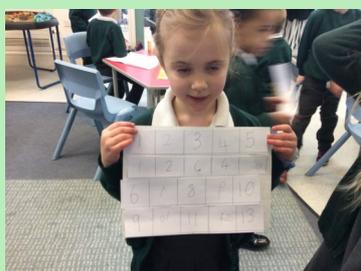
Beech

It is so lovely to have everyone back in Beech Class after Christmas and hearing all about what the children have been doing in the holidays. The children drew pictures of their favourite toys and wrote a sentence explaining why they chose them. This accompanied the introduction of our new learning journey for 'Dogger' by Sylvia Hughes, a picture book about a boy and his toy dog that goes missing at the village fair. We even have our own toy dog in our class that looks the same! Our new and improved writing area has been a great success with the authors in our class who can be found writing stories and letters during their continuous provision time.

In Maths, we have started our multiplication and division topic with counting in 2s. The children have learnt what a 'pair' is and are able to use a numberline to jump in twos. We have a washing line outside where the children have been matching socks and hanging them in their pairs. We also have a bowling alley for children to practice previously learnt addition and subtraction.

The children learnt the four points of a compass and a song about the seven continents of the world in Geography. Next week, we shall be exploring the continent of Africa and where it can be found on the world map.

The children loved their introduction to cricket on Wednesday morning and learnt how to catch a ball using a cone. They then made their own catching games with their own point systems.



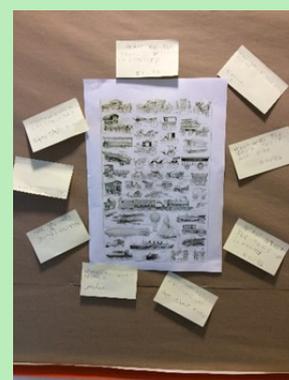
Chestnut

On Tuesday, we began our new topic in History. This half term the children will be exploring vehicles throughout the past. It started off with a slow reveal of a poster; this poster contained a wide selection of vehicles, such as bicycles, carriages, planes and cars. The children recorded their questions as more of the picture was revealed before finally creating a list of questions that they would like to answer during this topic.

On Wednesday, the children received a poster requesting help. Unfortunately, the poster was looking a bit worse for wear; something had burnt it and caused holes in it. The children have been asked to help get rid of a beast that is terrifying the kingdom (the poster is currently up on the window of the classroom so do have a look).

In computing this week, the children have been introduced to Scratch Junior. Through this programme, and a lot of tinkering, the children have learnt to program a character to move. This week the children have been investigating what happens when certain tiles are used and how to edit the characters. They are looking forward to creating their own games in a few weeks.

The children, along with the rest of the school, have also started their cricket sessions this week. Please read the section about these sessions to find out more about what they were up to.



Willow

This week in Willow we have had a great start to the week. We have started looking at two new books which has sparked lots of interesting discussion and great work, looking at how feelings and characters are represented. We have also been doing lots of comparisons to previous books we have read, looking at the similarities and differences.

In maths, we are revisiting fractions and starting to dive deeper into decimals and using number lines to represent fractions. In science, we are now looking at magnets and forces behind how they work. We started looking at the push pull factors (attract and repel) and materials that are attracted to magnets.

Finally, I just wanted to include a photo from the end of last term, where the class worked really hard towards a reward. A pyjama party was the reward for the class getting 140 hero cards, which the children chose to donate after receiving them for good work and contribution to class. It's lovely to see the class working together towards a common goal and this was achieved very successfully last term. Let's do it again Willow!



Oak

In Oak class this week, we have started to learn about some new topics.

In History we are learning about The Shang Dynasty and started off by brainstorming what we already know about China- it was mostly food related. We have also made some fortune cookies; paper ones to practice getting the shape right, and on Friday we will be attempting to bake some!

In RE, our new theme is 'Identity' and we will be considering how people show their faith identity through clothing, celebrations, rituals and habits. First of all, the children have thought about their own unique identity and how they show this.

Oak class are very excited about the extra PE session we will have this half term. The first lesson with James Hibberd from Hampshire cricket enabled the children to show their bowling and batting skills. I think we have some potential talented cricketers amongst us!

