## West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 23rd September 2022
Dear Parents,
The funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was certainly a very moving tribute to the life of a remarkable monarch and I think that it was fitting that the nation was able to mark this day. We will be sure to talk with the children about their feelings around the event, and any associated memories that this may have evoked.

## Assessment Week- 26/9/2022

During this week the children will be doing some assessments that will inform next steps in learning. Following the tests, the teachers will meet with myself and Hannah (Lowey) and we will talk about the children's attainment and progress. This will be reported to you at parents evening, so that you are fully appraised of the situation.

It is early in the year and this gives us the maximum opportunity to ensure that we are targeting support in the right areas of your child's learning.

## Harvest Festival

Friday 7th October, at St Peters Church which will start at 10am.
I hope that the weather remains lovely for the weekend!
Kind regards

Lucy Macey

## Weekly Awards Friday 16th September 2022

| Beech | Holly | for quickly getting to grips with being at school and helping others that need it |
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| Willow | Ophelia | for getting herself ready every morning for the days learning |
| Oak | Liubomyr | for trying his hardest to use his English |

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| Beech | Victoria | For receiving full marks in her first spelling test and reading at home this week. |
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| Willow | Zac | For always challenging himself in all areas of his learning |
| Oak | Darcey | For sharing her ideas about how a character is feeling and why |

## Thought for the Week

This week we thought about 'working together'. We heard the Bible Story about the Tower of Babel (Genesis Chapter 11) and another story about a toad and a grasshopper. We learned that we all have different gifts but that working together is best. We prayed: Heavenly Father, help us never to look down on people who have different gifts from us, but to learn to value them. Amen
Vicar James

## Harvest Collection

We will be celebrating Harvest festival on Friday 7th October, all the food collected at the time will go to the Romsey Food bank, below is a list of items that they are particularly keen to gather.

## Foodbank Shopping List

Tinned Meat
Rice Pudding
Shower Gel
Hand Soap

## We have got plenty of:

Washing Up Liquid
Tinned Carrots
Tinned Sweetcorn
Tinned Spaghetti
Squash
Laundry Powder
Dog Food

## Cereal

Biscuits
Tea

## News from around school

## Beech

What a busy, exciting and speedy two weeks we have had in Beech Class. We have finished our learning journey of ' The Colour Monster' and have started a new topic on 'Keeping Healthy'. We have been learning about different food groups and what our bodies need to grow. The children have been sorting foods into what we should have a little bit of, what we should have sometimes, and what we should have lots of. The class also enjoyed hearing 'Give Peas a Chance', a story about a dinosaur who tries to avoid eating all of her peas at dinner time!

Our new reception children have wowed us all with their resilience and have-a-go attitude within their first three weeks at school. The children now have access to all of the learning areas and resources available outside, including a sand tray, water tray, large construction, Wendy house, maths area and phonics area. The have learnt eight of the initial sounds in the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme and have been embedding their learning of these sounds throughout their play, throwing beanbags at the grapheme and building words with magnetic letters. The children have also received their first reading packs with 'green words' in for them to practice at home.

We seem to have some very keen mathematicians already in our reception class who are now experts at 1:1 correspondence and have been placing bugs on logs to represent a numeral's cardinal value. The children have been strengthening their fine motor skills in the 'funky fingers' area of the classroom by threading pictures and making patterns on a peg board. Our Year 1 children have continued to develop their knowledge of place value, finding one more/less than a given number within 20 and learning to count in 10 s. They have now begun an addition and subtraction unit, starting with partitioning 5 and recording it with a part-part-whole model and number sentences.

The year 1 children have developed a wide range of knowledge and skills in the last two weeks. In Geography, they learnt about our school grounds and the human and physical geographical features within them, using their compass skills to navigate. They then took their learning further afield, looking at maps of the local area to find where they live, comparing who lived the furthest North, South, East and West, mapping their routes to school on their own maps. In PHSE, we have focused on our class rules of being 'Ready, Respectful and Safe', reflecting on the need for rules and how they keep us safe. In Religious Education, we discussed celebrations that we have had throughout our lives and the lives of people we know including weddings, baptisms and birthdays. Isabella keenly noted the late Queen's jubilee celebrations in the Summer.

Beech Class will be beginning a new literacy learning journey next week with clues popping up around the classroom such as terrible teeth and turned out toes...


## Willow

Willow Class have had a busy two weeks finishing their setting descriptions in English. They were tasked with using their five senses to help them immerse themselves in the woodland as well as using expanded noun phrases to help them describe. In English this week, the children were introduced to the new book. They were asked to predict what they thought the book was going to be about based on verbs and nouns from the first page and a number of different objects. Some of the stories that were mentioned were: Zog, Little Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel and Peter Pan. It was wonderful to see children suggesting reasons why they thought it was a particular story and disagreeing with others with a reason.

During our Maths sessions, the concrete resources have been used a lot. The children used numicon to help them identify and recall their number bonds to 10 , and begin to think about related facts, for example if $1+9=10$ then $10+90=100$. As well as drawing around the numicon on sugar paper, some of the children have been using the tables as giant whiteboards to present their work, looking at different ways to partition numbers.

After looking at different types of rocks last week, and handling them, this week the children made the three different types of rocks - sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous. They did this through the use of Starburst! There was huge excitement when the igneous rock was created in the microwave - ask your child what happened to it if they haven't already mentioned it.

We have linked our Art and History focus this half term, through the Stone Age. Last week the children explored the three different periods of time for the Stone Age period (Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic) and identified the similarities and differences between the periods. In Art, they looked at existing cave paintings and discussed in a group what they thought the pictures represented, how they were created and what materials have been used. Some of the children started to use their knowledge from the previous History session, on the different periods, and started to think about when these cave paintings should have come from.


## Oak

In Oak class, we have been working extremely hard in all areas of our learning. In English, we have been using relative clauses and expanded noun phrases to give more information in our sentences. We explored how we can use prepositions and prepositional phrases to give further detail and went on a preposition hunt around the classroom to find good examples. We have also looked for features of a successful diary entry ready to write the diary entry next week and have thought carefully about what information we are going to include in each paragraph.

In Maths, we continued our work on place value, looking at finding more and less of a number in different multiples of 10 ( 10,100 and 1000) as well as rounding to varying accuracies. This helped us when trying to estimate the answers to calculations. Miss Lee has been amazed at our arithmetic work, where we have used formal written methods to add and subtract with increasingly difficult numbers. We then used this to help us solve word problems and find the perimeter of different shapes.

We have continued our Science work on States of Matter by grouping materials into solids, liquids and gases and testing the viscosity of different liquids. We worked very well in a team to get our results, with everybody having a job to do. We then evaluated our investigation and thought of ways to improve it in order to be more accurate next time.

We explored the shapes, colours and patterns of different Mayan masks in Art to help create our own designs, ready to make Mayan masks for our museum exhibition. We have also stared presenting information about the masks onto posters to display too.

In our PSHE session this week, we reminded ourselves of respectful behaviours and how our actions can affect others, positively and negatively and had some thoughtful discussions about why people may be unkind towards others. We have also been enjoying our continued PE lessons, learning new skills in football.



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| 5/9/2022 | Clubs start | All | Br and WT |  |
| 14/9/2022 | Photographs | Children | West Tytherley |  |
| 26/9/2022 | FGB |  |  |  |
| Week ending 30/9/2022 | Assessment week. Reading. Writing and maths |  | West Tytherley and Broughton |  |
| 4/10/2022 | Open Day | All | West Tytherley |  |
| 7/10/2022 | Harvest Festival | West Tytherley | 10am- St Peters |  |
| 10/10/2022 | Resources | LMa/ CY |  |  |
| 10/10/2022 | Parents Evening | All | West Tytherley |  |
| 13/10/2022 | Parents Evening | All | West Tytherley |  |
| 20/10/2022 | End of half term assembly | WT | Village Hall <br> 9.30am |  |
| 21/10/2022 | INSET Day | All |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline 7 / 11 / 2022 \\ & 8 / 11 / 2022 \\ & 9 / 11 / 2022 \\ & 10 / 11 / 2022 \\ & 11 / 11 / 2022 \end{aligned}$ | Bikeability | Year 4.5 and 6 | West Tytherley | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 9-11 a m \\ & 9-12 p m \\ & 9-12 p m \\ & 9-12 p m \\ & 9-12 p m \end{aligned}$ |
| 14/11/2022 | Flu Vaccine | All | West Tytherley |  |
| 28/11/2022 | FGB |  |  |  |
| 6/12/2022 | Dress Rehearsal | KS1 | West T |  |
| 7/12/2022 | Performance | KS1 | West T | 10am |
| 7/12/2022 | Performance | KS1 | West T | 6pm |
| 15/12/2022 | Christmas Lunch | All | West T |  |
| 16/12/2022 | Church Service | All | West T | 10am |
| 16/12/2022 | Break up | All | WT | 3.15pm |

## INSET Days for the next academic year 2022/2023

21st October 2022
30th January 2023
31st January 2023
20th February 2023
20th March 2023

