

# West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

We have got straight back to it with everything starting this week: clubs, all sports and of course work!

There is lots to look forward to this term and we are excited to get started.

## **Brass Ensemble:**

The Hampshire Music Service came and played their brass instruments to the children, with the intention to inspire any children who might be interested in taking up these instruments! At West Tytherley the children will be learning brass this term, so it was great to hear what we are aiming to sound like!!

Picking up at the end of the day and at the end of clubs.

Please come up and pick in the playground at both of these times. I think it works well, it gives an opportunity to speak to teachers and helps with safety.

## **Class Letters and Topic webs**

These will be sent out next week and will give you an insight into what we are teaching and learning. We will also make sure that they are on the website as well.

## **Diary Dates**

At the end of this newsletter is a list of diary dates. Please make a note of them on your calendars.

I hope that you enjoy a long weekend

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

## **Weekly Awards**

<b>Beech</b>	Zara	for sharing with her friends and always trying her best with writing
<b>Chest-nut</b>	Munro	for welcoming Filipp to Chestnut Class. He has made sure that Filipp has a partner during break time and has tried hard to communicate with him.
<b>Willow</b>	Abigail	for working really hard to build good relationships and being a great buddy to a new Ukrainian student that has started
<b>Oak</b>	Chloe	for her positivity and adaptability to a new teacher and classroom environment. She is a ray of sunshine.

## Easter Weekend Farm Visit – PTA

On Saturday of the Easter weekend (16<sup>th</sup> April) we were treated to a fabulous event and something a bit different to do with the children,. The Veg Shed at Manor Farm, East Tytherley hosted an open morning, it was very informative as well as a lot fun. To everyone's amazement we saw twin lambs being born. Children (and some adults) were also able to bottle feed some of the lambs, we met and petted the resident donkeys, saw the lambs frolicking in the very lush fields with their proud mummies. There was also a tour of the vegetable tunnels and the children had the chance to plant up pumpkins and beans. A perfect spring event enjoyed by lots of families. Thanks go to Donnally Bettis from the Veg Shed, Tony and Clare Dawkins and the lambing team.



## Thought for the Week

Well, welcome back to School for our Summer Term! This week we have been thinking about admitting that we are sometimes wrong. We heard about Maximus Mouse making a bad decision but saying sorry and being forgiven. We too can pray: Loving God, when we do wrong things help us to be sorry and own up. When someone does wrong to us, help us to forgive them. Amen

*Vicar James*

# News from around school

## Beech

Beech Class would like to begin by thanking the PTA for their kind donation. It has allowed us to purchase an array of plants that we will harvest from in Summer and Autumn of this year, including carrots, strawberries and tomatoes. The children really enjoyed planning where they should go and planting them in small groups. It was amazing to see the teaching each other how to plant and care for them.

Our topic for this half term is 'Wonderful West Tytherley'. We will be delving into the history of the school and answering our enquiry question, 'What was it like to go to our school in the past?' This week, we looked at pictures of the school, dating back to 1932 and then posed further questions that they would like to find the answer to.

We have started a new learning journey in literacy called 'Bee and Me' by Alison Jay and have been making predictions on what happens in the story. We have used 'spot the difference' to guess what has happened between the first and last image. The children have been very excited about reading this book as it has no words! They will be creating their own narratives over the coming week and writing their own stories about bees.

This week in maths, we have been revisiting money, using a variety of coins in our class shop and adding different denominations together. Our lovely reception girls also created a maths game using sorting hoops and bean bags that they taught to the rest of the class.



## Chestnut

Welcome back to all in Chestnut class; the children seemed to have had a lovely Easter holiday. And a special welcome to Filipp, who has joined our class. Ласкаво просимо, Філіпп. It has been lovely to learn some Ukrainian from him; your children may be able to tell you some.

Chestnut class are currently revisiting addition and subtraction in Maths. They have been looking at adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers, using concrete resources and showing this on a number-line. The children are still as enthusiastic about mental maths, as they were before the holidays, and do not need reminding about getting started. They are confidently using the skills they have developed during Maths lessons in these sessions.

English started this week with a load of plastic rubbish being dumped in the classroom (I did get a telling off for this!). The children were introduced to our new book, *Pesky Plastic*, and we have explored it by looking at the different characters and the impact plastic rubbish is having on them. The children seemed to be excited by this book and understand the importance behind keeping our planet clean. On Wednesday, we revisited language around movement. The children had to come up with a number of different ways to travel from A to B; we had some bottom shuffling, lunges, zig-zagging and shuffling along with many others.



## Willow

This week in Willow, we have been getting straight back into learning. We welcomed two new Ukrainian students to the class and have enjoyed learning a little bit of Ukrainian and helping our new classmates learn a little bit of English.

We have started our new topic, which is the Saxons. In English we are looking at a Terry Deary book 'Saxon tales' which is based on true events and depicts King Vortigern's end of reign when the Scots and the Saxons invaded. We have been reading the book as a reader and organising the sequence of the story and summarising chapters. Further we have been looking into the language of the book and identifying and organising adjectives. In the history portion of the Saxons, we started looking at the year that the Romans left and the Saxons invaded. We have been creating timelines to show this and have been ordering dates.

In Maths we are doing a little bit of everything. Due to Covid interruptions, there are a few little bits which we have to cover before moving on. So, we started looking at capacity, how to read ml, add ml and convert ml to l. Then we moved onto looking at number lines, how to use them for fractions and for rounding numbers.

In Science, we are beginning to look at plants and build on the knowledge learnt in previous years. We had a pop-quiz of the year two curriculum which the children knew really well and started a longitudinal study on how light effects plant growth. Stay tuned to find out the results.



## Oak

Oak Class have been exceptionally busy this week!

Firstly, they have acclimatised to their new classroom layout and teacher!

All this has been most positive and the children have been a real pleasure to teach.

So far this week we have looked at the following in each of our subjects:

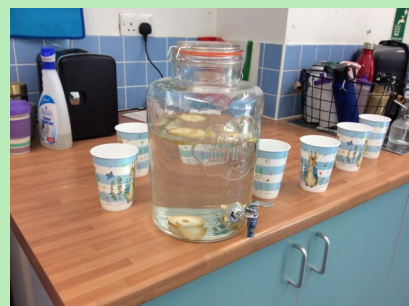
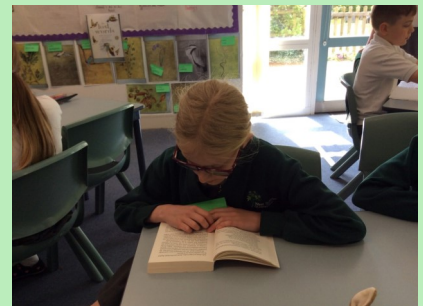
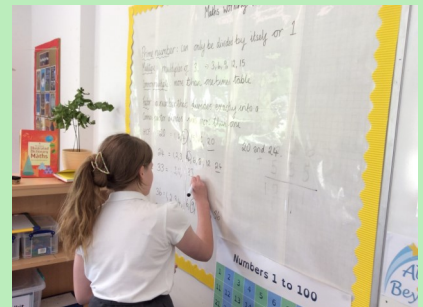
**The Lost Words-** This is a beautiful collection of poems about the natural world. Work so far has focussed on the use of figurative language, the etymology of words and some time spent simply appreciating the beauty of the poems. This unit of work is so suitable for our location, where we are able to see most of the things that feature in the poems in the grounds of our school and homes.

**Beetle Boy-** Guided reading. Ask the children to tell you all about the new adventure that we have started to read. We are really enjoying exploring the characters and discussing the events.

**In Science** we have established that the world was created 14.5 billion years ago and we are keen to discover more about evolution and the various time periods.

The children are gently approaching the SATS lead up and we are doing basic maths skills each day to just help the preparation.

I have enjoyed this week immensely and I hope that the children have too.



Event	Date and Time	Where	Who	
Moana at TVS	4/5/2022- 10.45am	Test Valley School	Year 6 children going to TVS	
SATS Week	9/5/2022 :Tests	West Tytherley	Year 6	
KS1 Athletics Competition	13/6/2022- 9.30am -12pm at Kings Somborne	Kings Somborne recreation ground	KS1 Team	
KS2 Athletics Competition	13/6/2022- 12.30-3pm at Kings Somborne	Kings Somborne recreation ground	KS2 Team	
Tennis Coaching starts	13/6/2022,20/6/2022 27/6/2022,4/7/2022, 11/7/2022.	West Tytherley	All classes	
Tree House Theatre	16/6/2022	Broughton	Oak Class	
Winchester Cathedral Leavers Service	17/6/2022	Winchester Cathedral	Year 6 Children	
Hampshire Games	23/6/2022	Aldershot	TBC	
Dance Festival at Test Valley	24/6/2022- 9.30am - 3pm	Test Valley	Year 3 and 4	
Sports Day	29/6/2022 1.30pm	Broughton Football Grounds	All children	
Reports to Parents	1/7/2022		All children	
Rounders competition	7/7/2022 4pm	Test Valley	Rounders Team	
Broughton and West Tytherley singing day	8/7/2022 All day Parents at 2.30pm	TBC	Both Schools	Concert at 2.30pm
End of Term Production	12/7/2022 1.30pm 6pm	Broughton	Oak	
End of Term Production	13/7/2022 6pm	Broughton	Oak	
Tri Golf Competition	14/7/2022 4pm-5.30pm	Broughton	Year 2 children and sports leaders	
Leavers Treat	18/7/2022	TBC	Year 6 children	
End of Term Service	21/7/2022 10am	Church	All	Year 6 Leavers