

Sycamore	This week the teachers in Year 6 would like to praise Kamile, Kayla and Chelsey for their 'cold' tasks around Oliver Twist. We would also like to praise Alfie, Sophie and LJ for their work in maths this week which has been based around percentages. Writer of the Week: Charlie for an excellent piece of narrative, which was written independently Maths Master: Ryan for his resilience when dealing with percentages
Birch	The teachers in year 5 would like to praise Olivia H, Emily, Scarlett and Emma for producing some very well presented research about 'The Victorians'. They would also like to praise Alex, Connie and Dannielle for always trying their best and putting in maximum effort. Writer of the Week: Lucy S for writing a fantastic piece of historical fiction that used a range of sentence structures Maths Master: Skye for excellent use of the bus stop method when dividing
Ash	The teachers in Ash class would like to praise Keira-Jane, Kira and Julia for creating superb detailed pictures of tropical fish using water colour paint. Also well done to Ervie, Graciamae and Jamal for showing great resilience during our swimming lesson this week. Writer of the Week: Jamal for writing a fantastic biography about the Rainbow Fish Maths Master: Mason for accurately plotting co-ordinates to create a range of 2D shapes
Beech	Miss Searle and Mrs Pullen would like to praise Artur, Ethan, Ben W, Suzie, Harley, Dylan, Ryan, Jessica, Nathan and Haydan for their fantastic home which is making our class display look beautiful. Writer of the Week: Ethan for his fantastic, positive attitude towards the 'cold' tasks this week Maths Master: Dominic for applying his knowledge and understanding of fractions
Maple	Mrs Bond, Mrs Woolley and Mr Hall would like to praise the whole class for their excellent behaviour and sensible attitude during our school trip to Soar this week. Writer of the Week: Lilia for recalling her knowledge of imperative verbs and giving examples to the rest of the class. Maths Master: Morgan for gaining full marks in her arithmetic test paper this week
Willow	Miss Turner and Mrs Fletcher would like to praise all of the children in Willow Class for their fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm during our school trip. We are both so proud of you all. Writer of the Week: Chloe for writing a great police report based on the book, 'The Yoga Ogre' Maths Master: Daniel for working brilliantly this week to recognise, sequence and order numbers.
Oak	The teachers in Oak Class would like to praise and thank Emily-beau and Benjamin for showing how to be great friends. Writer of the Week: Paige for trying really hard when learning to correctly form the letters in her name Maths Master: Christian for great concentration when ordering numbers to 50.
Cherry	The teachers in Cherry Class would like to praise Timi, Jeremiah, Regan, Toby and Lauren for super phonics work this week. Writer of the Week: Rory for drawing a fantastic crocodile and for talking to the teachers about what he has drawn Maths Master: Lauren for fantastic counting and for great number finding this week

Diary:

Monday 26th February

2-2.45pm Year R parent sharing event

Wednesday 28th February

Year 4 swimming

2.15-2.45pm Parent sharing event

Thursday 1st March

World Book Day-111b+111 launched

PTA book fair after school

Girls' football team playing (at home to Green-fields)

Secondary school allocations released to parents

Friday 2nd March

Parent/toddler group

Sunday 4th March

Sausage sizzle at Bunnings!

Monday 5th March

9am Demelza Assembly

2-2.45pm Year R Parent sharing event

Thursday 8th March

Year 5/6 trip to Kent Life

Snapchat

Following some concerns that have been raised in Kent regarding children's use of the photo sharing app, 'Snapchat', the Online safety community have released a new Parent's Guide for the app. We have uploaded this on our website under the 'Parent' tab and in the 'Esafety' section. Please do take time to read through this if your child has access to the app. Thank you.



World Book Day

It is World Book Day on Thursday (1st March). We are not dressing up this year as we are concentrating on the launch of our 111b+111 (111 books to read before leaving Kemsley!) initiative. More information will be sent out separately.

Attendance

Whole school attendance was at 96.7% at the end of last week. Let's keep working hard so we can get up to 97% by the end of term 4.

Well done to Years 4&5 who achieved 99.3% attendance this week! Enjoy sharing Reggie :-)



News from around the school

Nursery: Welcome to term 4, we have a busy term ahead!

This week we are going to be learning about snails—our book of the week is going to be 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson; we will be seeing a real life snail called Gail, we will be creating CD snails and using different materials to make them bright and colourful.

It is our first parent sharing session on Wednesday at 2.15pm until 2.45pm, we will be focusing on listening and attention during story time—we hope you are able to join us—if not, these are happening each week so hopefully you can make it along to one of the sessions. If you have any ideas on what you would like us to focus on for future parent sharing sessions, please let Nursery staff know.

It is World Book Day on Thursday and we will be looking at the poem, 'There was an Old Lady who swallowed a Fly.'

Please keep an eye on the dates for the term—Express Event is Wednesday 28th March at 2.15pm.

Stars: Naomi for having a super attitude towards her learning this week and for being kind to all of her friends!

Year R: Welcome back to a new term, we hope you all had a good half term break.

We are looking forward to our new term's learning based around Minibeasts. This week we will be basing our learning around spiders, learning rhymes and exploring lots of spider-themed stories. We will also be looking at non-fiction texts and writing captions for pictures. In Maths we will be finding one and two more than any number to ten and recording numbers in a set. We will be using our environment to look at seasonal changes and the features of plants and animals. We will be using what we find to explore observational drawing and still life painting.

Don't forget our parent sharing sessions start again this week. They will run every Monday this term from 2pm. We are inviting you to join us for our maths sessions; we look forward to seeing you.

Stars: Chase for her increased confidence and enthusiasm when talking to others

Year 1: We had a fantastic week last week, especially on our school trip at 'Soar' where all the children behaved brilliantly and had so much fun—there are lots of pictures on the school blog which you can also access via Facebook.

This week we will be looking at writing non-chronological reports about our favourite sports in Literacy. In Maths we are learning all about 2D and 3D shapes—we will be going on shape hunts and making shape monsters.

Stars: May for being an absolute superstar and working really hard in all lessons this week.

Year 2: This week in literacy we will be focusing on non-chronological reports. We will start the week off looking at the key features of a non-chronological report and developing our skills of the 'rule of 3'. We will then use the iPads and Izone to research why it is important to eat a healthy diet. Using our research we will first plan our report then on Friday, during our extended writing session, we will write up our non-chronological reports.

Our focus in maths this week is recalling our knowledge of the number system. This will include counting in multiples, comparing and ordering numbers, recognising greater than and less than and identifying the rule in number sequences in order to find missing numbers. We will be applying all of this knowledge in different contexts to secure our understanding.

Our topic this week will be understanding how different animals move. We will be sorting animals in groups using a venn diagram.

Please can I remind you that PE days this term are Wednesday and Friday. Please can your child have a PE kit in school on these days to ensure they are able to take part. Thank you.

Stars: Oliver for his exceptional behaviour during our school trip to Soar Trampoline Park!

Year 3: This week in Beech Class we will be securing our knowledge of using a thesaurus, connectives and complex sentences to write a fantastic dilemma story.

In maths the children will be using the column method to add and subtract; towards the end of the week the children will be using their knowledge of the column method to solve tricky word problems.

PE—our PE days are Monday and Wednesday, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

On Wednesday the children will be having an art day to help them develop their artistic skills, such as shading and contrasting colours. The children will also be developing their pictures through the help of peer assessment and support.

If you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to ask, thank you.

Stars: Ben P for his amazing work in ALL subjects this week, you're a superstar!

Year 4: In literacy we will be reading an extract from the book, '20,000 Leagues under the Sea'. We will be using events as inspiration for our own dilemma stories. We will also be looking at a range of images and watching video clips that show deep sea diving. During this time, we will be generating an extensive word bank of effective language to use in our work.

In Maths we will be developing our knowledge of multiplication and division. We will then apply this knowledge to answer word problems including using the inverse to check our answers. In our topic lesson we will be using the iPads to research the five layers of the ocean and creating our own fact files.

Please can children remember to bring their swimming kit on Wednesday in a bag which is large enough to contain their school uniform while they swim. For the journey home children may also bring a small healthy snack to eat. Also, please could we ask that children who wear earrings bring a small pot or envelope to put them in during the lesson.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Stars: Evie for her positive attitude towards all her work this week and demonstrating excellent behaviour for learning.

Year 5: This term our topic is 'Revolution' and we are learning about all things Victorian. In English we will be writing non-chronological reports about Victorian schools, after finding out what it was like to go to one and looking at the features of this genre, in particular relative clauses. In our topic lessons this week we will be finding out about the life and death of Queen Victoria. Arithmetic this week is rounding decimal numbers and during our maths lessons we will be working on written methods of multiplication.

Later this term, year 5 will be creating a Victorian slum from junk modelling materials. Please could you send any recycling you have, such as boxes, bottles and containers into school for us to use. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Year 5/6 trip to Kent Life: Thursday 8th March

Year 5 class assembly: Wednesday 14th March at 9am

Year 5/6 Express event: Tuesday 27th March at 2.15pm

Stars: Lucy E for independently writing a very imaginative and well written story with Oliver Twist as the main character.

Year 6: This week in Sycamore class we will be using the Musical version of Oliver Twist to write a diary entry from the point of view of Oliver. Emotive language and playing the feelings of the reader is the aim of the game this week. Can we make the reader feel sorry for Oliver as he hasn't got a nice life in the workhouse under Mr Bumble!

In Maths we are focusing our attention on algebra. Can we solve missing number equations, linear number sequences? Can we find the n th term in a sequence of data? All this and more will be covered this week.

PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday this term; we had an alarming number of pupils without their kit last week. Can we please make sure that it is in school read for lessons this week. In Topic we will be researching Victorian crime and punishment! What did happen when you committed a crime and how were you punished?

For any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask Mr Gladwell, Mrs Hughes or Mr Summerfield. Thank you.

Stars: Emily for her focus, attitude and quality of work throughout the week.