

Kingsholm C of E Primary School

# Weekly News

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Our School values are Respect, Honesty & Love

This term we are focusing on Courage

## Term Dates

Please note that the start of Term 3 should read **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** and not **Monday** as stated on the November Newsletter.

### Reception Classes:

**News:** Can now be found on the Kingsholm Primary School Facebook page.

### Year 1:

**Remember:** Please return your slips for our end of theme celebration to the rugby ground. It will be on November 30<sup>th</sup> and the children can come dressed in Cherry and White or in a rugby top! ☺

**News:** We have had such an exciting week of learning this week! The children have been learning about a new story in English, 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children have been doing some fantastic storytelling. We have acted out the story, created actions to retell it and we have even created our own story maps ready to use in our writing of the story.

In Mathematics we have been continuing our work on number and place value; the children have been looking at different counting patterns this week and seeing if they can carry them on.

In our theme learning this week we have been focusing on Geography and labelling the different parts of the map of the UK.

**WOW - Well done to:** Ruby - 1B, Lexi-Mae - 1M, Asa - 1W who received our class certificates this week.

### Year 2:

**Remember:** Please encourage your child to read a little every day at home and make time to hear them read.

**News:** Another busy week in Year 2. This week in Mathematics we have started to learn about 3D shapes and enjoyed investigating shapes properties.

In English we have been looking at using adjectives to build sentences that describe characters and settings. We are enjoying our novel 'Alice in Wonderland'. For theme we are continuing to learn about Victorian inventions and other aspects of Victorian life.

**WOW - Well done to:** Zofia- 2B, Kain - 2D

### Year 3:

**Remember:** Please encourage your child to read a little every day at home and make time to hear them read.

**News:** In English we have been bringing characters to life by finding effective and powerful adjectives, as well as developing our direct speech skills.

In Mathematics we have been developing our multiplication skills by using the 'grid method' - please ask us about how this works!

Finally in theme we have been continuing to explore the wonderful world of flowers. In particular we have been finding out about the pollination lifecycle and how insects play such an important role in this.

**WOW - Well done to:** Tianna - 3B, Danielle - 3F

### Year 4:

**News:** In English we have been learning how to write a diary entry using emotive language.

In Mathematics this week we have been learning all about multiplication and the inverse operation.

We have used time in Theme this week to practice for our theme share and understand why we wear poppies.

Year 4 have loved preparing for their theme share, thoroughly enjoying being able to share all their learning throughout the autumn term so far. We hope you enjoyed our theme share as much as we have preparing for it and you'll continue to look forward to hearing all about the exciting learning yet to come.

**WOW - Well done to:** Ula - 4A, Kai - 4B, Yovan - 4HS who received our class certificates this week.

## **Year 5:**

**Remember:** Please make sure PE kit is back in school after the holiday.

If your child has outdoor PE this term, please encourage them to bring a sweatshirt or hoodie to keep warm and trainers in preference to daps.

Theme home learning is due in next week - we are really looking forward to seeing what the children have been preparing over the last few weeks.

**News:** This week we learnt about Viking runes and Viking and Anglo-Saxon food. We then combined the two areas to create authentic menus written in Viking language.

The children are close to finishing the beautiful watercolour paintings of Anglo-Saxon church architecture. They made a real effort to make sure the perspective and proportions were correct and used some new watercolour techniques.

In English we have started a new unit of Storytelling - based around a short story called 'The Skeleton Woman'. Over the next few weeks the children will be focusing on their story-writing skills, creating a narrative based on the original story and then building up to inventing a story from their own imagination.

In Mathematics we have started our third unit of learning. The children are revising and extending their knowledge of multiplication and having a real push to get those times tables learnt!

**WOW - Well done to:** Celebration certificates this week were given to Addy - 5E, Spencer - 5T. Well done!

## **Year 6:**

**Remember:** Just a gentle reminder, home learning is due in on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. We will be showcasing some of this during our theme share so please support your children with these activities.

**News:** This week in Year 6 we have been working towards publishing a newspaper article in English. It is related to the occurrences that transpired in the sleepy town depicted in the book 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner. The children have loved becoming newspaper reporters and have started to produce some fantastic pieces of writing. The final draft will be published next week.

In Mathematics the children have been learning about long division, multiplication and using factor trees to find prime factors of a number. Many of us will be working on fractions next week so lots of times table practise will definitely help - please take time to do this with your child.

Elsewhere the children have been finding out about the social structure of ancient Egypt and the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb by Howard Carter. We will soon be looking at the curse that he may or may not have suffered following the discovery.

The children are also starting to learn their theme share song; it is entitled and set to the Bangles' hit from the 1980's, 'Walk like an Egyptian'. Please dust off your vinyls or dig out your tapes (or download it from the net) to give them a chance to practise.