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# The Dassett News - 16th January 2026

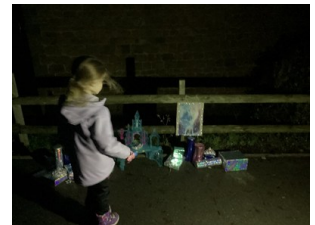
**This Week:-** Leaves have been awarded to the following children. The certificates will be given out in assembly on Monday morning. Well done all of you.



Hedgehogs (Reception)	Squirrels (Year 1/2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Zoey	Liv	Pops	Harry R
	Amber	Scarlett	Olly T



**Reception**—The highlight of the week absolutely has to be the Night Time walk! It was lovely to see so many of Hedgehog Class able to attend, thank you for your support with this hook into learning about the differences between day and night. We are learning lots of new vocabulary such as

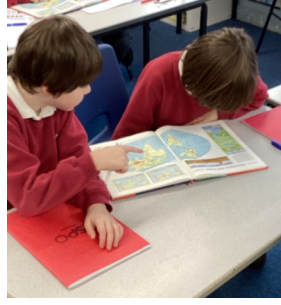


reflective and nocturnal and started to talk about our bedtime routines. In music the children sounded very melodic when we sang our lulling lullaby 'Baby Elephant' and had to use their listening ears to hear what instrument was keeping Baby Bear awake! In phonics we have learned the new tricky words 'me', 'we' and 'be', practised spelling 'the' and 'to' and learned the digraphs ch, sh and th (as found in moth). The children have really impressed me with their developing fluency with their reading. In maths we have made Numberblocks to practise counting out amounts and writing the corresponding numeral (Numberling). We have also planted an amaryllis bulb, hopefully as we look after it and it grows it will give us the opportunity to measure height in standard units! The focus has been the order of numbers and noticing each number is one more than the previous. The children were very good at noticing which Numberblock was hiding and explaining their reasoning. In RE we continued to learn about special books and Sue bought some of her special books including her bible.



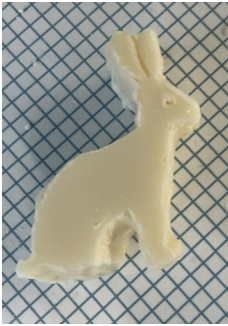
**Year 1/2**— Another fabulous week in Squirrel class! In English we have been writing descriptions to describe an African savanna linked to our focus book *The Lion Inside*. We watched the opening of the original *Lion King* to give us inspiration (and enjoyed singing along to the soundtrack too). We wrote some wonderful sentences and tried to extend our descriptions by using adjectives, verbs and conjunctions such as 'and' and 'but'. In Maths, Year One has been working hard with recognising number bonds to 10 and 20 and using a number-line to add and subtract one digit numbers and Year Two have been working on using their fluid understanding of number bonds to solve more complex calculations, for example we I know  $10-2=8$  than we also know  $80-2=78$ . In History we have been fully engaged in our new topic 'Flight through time'. We have been learning all about Otto Lilienthal, the German pioneer who invented the first glider. We also followed step by step instructions to make paper planes (harder than it sounds!) which we decorated and then of course, tested them outside to see how far they could glide-what fun! In computing we have been learning about how to stay safe online by understanding examples of online vocabulary and also using computers to help us group and sort information!



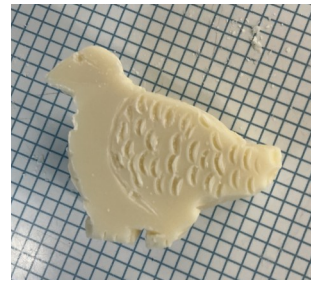


**Year 3/4**- This week in English, we continued our study of *The Stone Age Boy*, focusing on tense choices, dialogue, and rewriting sections in our own words from different viewpoints (first and third person). In Maths, we kicked off written multiplication methods for two- and three-digit numbers multiplied by a single digit. In PSHE, the kids thought about their dreams, ambitions, and goals for their futures as adults. In RE, we dug deeper into our understanding of the Trinity. Dani's dance lesson carried on with the Water unit. In French, we picked up

some more phrases to describe the weather and practiced writing and saying these. Our computing lesson was all about discussing how we communicate with others online, emphasising the same values of respect and care that we would in real life. We also explored some advanced search engine techniques. In Art, we started a unit on Animals in Art, checking out various interpretations through different media (sketch, paint, sculpture, etc.), while in Music, we kept working on our songwriting efforts around the theme of recycling.

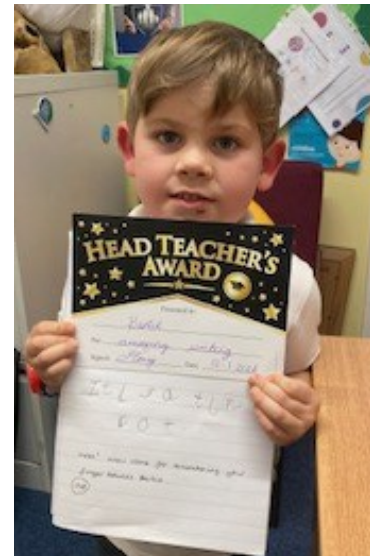


**Year 5/6** - Getting fully embedded into all our projects in year 5/6. In art we had a great afternoon making soap sculptures based around our Inuit art research. We used a range of tools and templates to create our carving with some fab results. In French we have started a new unit about jobs. This week we learnt how to say what job we'd like in the future. Science was creating classification keys for polar animals, which we did on the computers using branching databased software. In Computing, we carried on our spreadsheet work and looked at how we could use spreadsheets to calculate measurement conversions. English has been carrying on reading Hugo Cabret and writing setting descriptions of his room - which have been fab! In maths we have carried on with our fractions work looking at simplifying and equivalent fractions and fractions on a numberline. Our statistics work was reading and interpreting line graphs.



## **Head Teacher Award**

Well done to Bertie for his fantastic writing, a great start to 2026.



## **Music**

Well done Eliza for working really hard this week.

## Next Week

**Tuesday 20th January**—STEM Day for Key Stage 2– This has now changed to 10th February 2026

**Tuesday 20th January**—SIAMS Inspection. You should all have received a letter from the Inspector, if you have not please let the office know it can be resent.

**Thursday 22nd January**—Key Stage 2 trip to the RSC to see The BFG. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be leaving school just before 1pm so lunchtime will take place as normal. All children will need is a coat and a filled drinks bottle. The performance is due to finish around 4pm when we will be returning to school. We anticipate that we will get back to school by 5pm. All children will be brought into school and then handed over to parents. Year 5/6 will leave via the front door and year 3/4 from their doors at the front of the school.

**Friday 23rd January**—**Special Lunch**—Happy International Pie Day. Choice of either Minced Beef Pie with gravy or Veggie Balti Pie both served with new potatoes, peas, carrots or salad. Dessert if a choice of Swedish Apple Pie and Custard or Fresh Fruit Platter. This can be ordered on the day in the normal way.

## Change of menu

On Thursday 22nd January the choice of menu will be fish fillet fingers or Macaroni Cheese (it is Friday's choices). Any queries please let me know.

## Coming Up

**Wednesday 28th January**—House Colour Day. Children are invited to come to school wearing a t-shirt of their house colour.

**Friday 30th January**—Year 5/6 talk online with a polar explorer

## Head Lice

We have had an outbreak of headlice in school. Please can you check your child/children's hair and treat if necessary.

Treat appropriately: the wet combing technique eradicates the lice and eggs. This should be done every 3 to 4 days over a 2-week period to break the life cycle. If you require further information please have a look at the following website: <https://www.chc.org/how-to-treat-head-lice-and-nits-successfully/>

## GoGo Makers

Please see attached information on February half term holiday clubs.

## Onside

Please see attached information on February half term holiday clubs.

## Lego Church

Please see attached information on Lego Church that is being held on Saturday 17th January at Warmington Village Hall.



*Have a lovely weekend—from Miss Corry and All at The Dasset*