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The Dassett Dispatch - 6th November 2026

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

Hedgehogs (Reception)	Owls (Year 1)	Squirrels (Year 2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Grygorii	Gabriella	Cerin	Albie	Andrew
			Tommy	Jacob



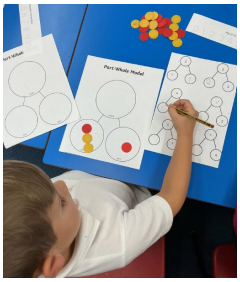
Reception— The first week back has flown by! This week we have started our topic Sparkle and Shine where we will be looking at the celebrations that take place during autumn and winter. We have been learning about Diwali, following Jessica on CBeebies Let's Celebrate as her and her family prepare for this festival. It's been a busy week in phonics, the children were very excited to be taught their first digraph 'ck' and the tricky words 'no' and 'go'! We have also learned 'e' sound. In maths we have been playing "Who has more?" and have introduced 'fewer than' as well when we compare amounts. It was great to see lots of governors in school this week – we hope they enjoyed watching our Maths lesson! The children been composers this week, creating Halloween rhythms, they have become very good at clapping out the syllables to perform their tunes. In PE the unit this half term is gymnastics. The children focused on their balancing skills and moving in different ways around the room. There have been two different teachers in class this week as I have been out of class and both of them have said how well settled the children are and how great they are at following the classroom routines. Well done Hedgehog class!



Year 1 -We have had a wonderful first week back after term! We have settled quickly back into our school routines, and I have been really impressed with how focused and hardworking the children have been! In phonics we have learnt our first split digraph a_e. This has been really tricky because the a and e make the 'ay' sound but are separated by another letter, like in 'plate' and 'shake'. We have been reading and writing words that contain this grapheme. In English we have been enjoying our Poetry unit 'Sea Side Poems'. We have explored a range of poems and recognised the features such as rhyme and repetition! We loved performing our own versions of these poems as well as being sailors and spotting what we could see at the bottom of the deep blue sea! In Maths we have started subtraction. We have explored all the other names for this including 'take away' 'minus' 'less than' and 'subtract'. We have practically begun to explore what happens when we take away and have used the Part Part Whole model to support our understanding. In Science we have been exploring how we change from baby to adult, in Art we have been exploring hues by creating our own pictures and in PHSE we have been looking at what makes us special! A fantastic week Owls! Have a restful weekend!

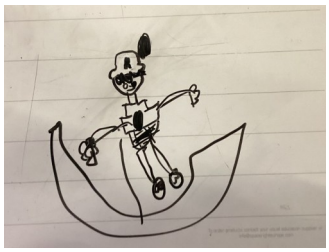






Year 2— This week we have really enjoyed our new English poetry unit 'Sea Songs'. We have been looking at rhyme and playing with words in a range of sea songs and poems and writing our own verses. In maths we have focused on adding to the next 10 and adding across a 10 using manipulatives and developing our mental calculation skills. Science was looking a human timelines and life cycles. Art was completing a 'colour challenge' where we put together everything we have learnt about colour this term. In RE we recapped the nativity story and looked at the gospel of Luke and talked about the shepherds. Computing was finishing our Route Explorers unit and looking at why we have passwords. We have also started the nativity songs!





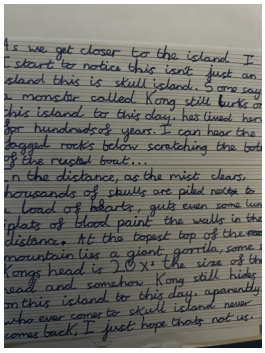


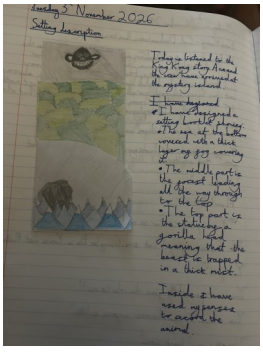


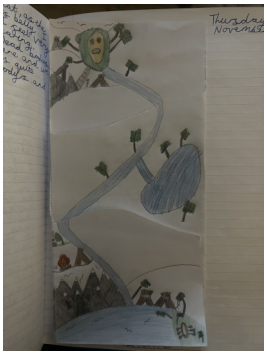


Year 3/4– Straight back into the flow of a normal week with a new English text under study: Leon and the Places Between. A story about a boy's visit to a circus and the magic that unfolds. We have used this text to do develop our sentence work and descriptive writing about atmosphere and setting. Maths has concluded our work on column additions involving exchanges in the ten, hundred and thousand columns, together with some reasoning and problem-solving work. In French we began to look at the vocabulary for to one's head and face. In computing we considered online reputations and linked to our circus narrative work, we researched P.T. Barnum and Billy Smart's (Snr) biography. In music we commenced a new singing unit capitalising on those lovely skills display at the recent Harvest Festival! Having looked at the local Rollright Stones online, our History work finished our work on Stone Age monuments by studying in small groups the historical evidence found at Stonehenge as to how it was built and theories as to its purpose. In Science, we investigated why the human body has joints, the types of joints we have, and how they work. We modelled hinge joints and vertebrate using art straws and string, before comparing these models to observations from movement in our own body's. PE this week involved a change in invasive game skill development, by commencing netball and tag rugby sports.

Year 5/6 - Another busy and productive week in Badgers Class! The children have continued to work hard across a range of subjects, developing their knowledge, creativity and understanding. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of number, moving on from square, cube and prime numbers to explore common factors. The children have also been investigating powers and strengthening their understanding of how to identify prime and composite numbers. We have been looking at the properties of numbers, recognising patterns and explaining our mathematical reasoning. In English, we have been writing setting descriptions based on King Kong, focusing on the arrival at Skull Island. The children have been developing their descriptive vocabulary and using a range of techniques to bring this mysterious and dangerous setting to life for the reader. In Science, we have moved on to our new topic of Space. We have been learning about the order of the planets from the Sun and exploring how the rotation of the Earth creates day and night. In RE, we have been exploring the Creation story, considering the events described and what they tell us about the Christian understanding of how the world began. In our topical studies, we have been looking at current events through a reading comprehension based on a newspaper report about the break-in at the local Co-op. We also explored the history behind Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, investigating the reasons why Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators planned to overthrow King James I and Parliament. It has been another fantastic week of learning, with the children continuing to show enthusiasm and curiosity across the curriculum. **A reminder for home:** Please remember to access Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) regularly at home. Developing quick and accurate recall of times tables is vital and will support the children across all areas of Maths. The more fluent they become with their multiplication facts, the more confidently and efficiently they will be able to tackle written multiplication problems and apply these skills to more challenging mathematical concepts. Thank you for your continued support!







Next Week



Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November—Parent evening

Thursday 12th November—Whole school trip to British Motor Museum. Please ensure you have returned the slip and/or paid via Parent Pay.

Coming Up

Monday 16th November—Odd Socks Day—children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks to highlight that it is ok to be different.

Monday 16th November—Falconry. All classes will be having a workshop with the falconer and all children will be following up with work in English.

Wednesday 18th November—Flu immunisations—Parents/Carers have been sent the information.

Thursday 19th November—Parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to drop into school at 9.00am to join in a phonics session.



Christmas Cards

Christmas Card ordering. Today children will bring home their Christmas Card design. Ordering instructions are attached to this post. School benefits by 20% commission on all orders. Please ensure all orders are placed by 12 noon on Monday 9th November 2026 to ensure they arrive before the end of term. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Thank you

A group of parents kindly donated their time & tools last weekend to do some gardening within the school grounds. They've said:



"We will be forming a "Dassett Do-ers" WhatsApp group that any parents/carers/grandparents can join so we can be ready as and when School have future projects they would like our help with. More info to follow!"

Poppy Appeal—Remembrance Day



We will once again be supporting the Royal British Legion with their poppy appeal. Suggested donations are £1.50 for a slap band, £1.50 for a material wrist band, £1.00 for a silicone wrist band, 50p for a pencil, 50p for zip pulls and 50p for bag reflectors. These will be available until Wednesday 11th November.

We will be joining the village in the parade on Sunday, if you would like to join us please come to The Merrie Lion car park for 10.30am.

Clubs

All school led clubs will start next week, however clubs on Tuesday and Wednesday will not run due to Parent evenings.

Friends of the Dassett

Following their recent AGM, new officers have been elected to the following roles representing the friends. We thank the outgoing officers for all their hard work and commitment over the years. We wish the new committee well in their roles and would like to thank them for their support of the school. We will update you with dates of future events and activities in due course. If you would like to join the committee and get involved please email the school and it will be passed onto the relevant contacts.

Chair: Dean Norman

Vice Chair: Rachel Shakespeare

Treasurers: Kim Pretorius and Alex Hibbert

Secretary: Sophie Slosarczyk

Have a lovely weekend from Miss Corry, Mr Hackett and All at The Dassett!