

The Dasset News - 30th January 2025

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)
Henry	Sophie, Elliott	Henry	Kian
	Reuben, Lorenzo	Andrew	Diesel



Reception— At the time of writing the amaryllis almost



flowered! It seems to stopped growing taller so hopefully it will put all of its energy into flowering now. Watch this space! Despite watering them, the daffodils and other bulbs have not appeared yet. We have been looking closely at Van Gogh's painting



what we can see in the foreground and background. We have looked at the colours he used and begun to create our own versions. We have been doing this in stages and talking about how when you want to achieve something it can take time and you have to keep persevering. In phonics we have learned the digraphs 'ow' and 'oi' and the tricky word 'here'. We have been looking at capital letters and practising our letter names. In maths we have been looking at numerals and ordering amounts. The children enjoyed the special menu on Wednesday to celebrate Chinese New Year, especially having a go eating with chop sticks. Thanks to Mrs. Warner for the making it special.

'Starry Night', looking at



Year 1/2— I think this week's highlight for the children was starting to learn an accompaniment to our song 'Hands, Feet, Heart' on the glockenspiel. The children also thought of some lovely actions to perform as we sing our song. The children have made a great start to their retell of Paddington at the Palace and have shown great progress by starting to remember to use a capital letter for proper nouns such as

'Paddington' and 'Mr Gruber'. In PE they have enjoyed using the gymnastic apparatus again this week. In art they have been producing excellent royal portraits using pencil and pastels. They have also produced these in miniature. In maths we have been learning about adding and subtracting tens and ones. Some of us are developing written methods in column, recognising when we need to regroup from the tens column to subtract.



Year 3/4— In English this week, we have written diary entries based on a lucky fictitious escapee/survivor of the AD79 Mt Vesuvius eruption that destroyed the city of Pompeii. Our geography work continued to support this through looking at plate tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes. In maths we have commenced work on fractions with a focus on the basic concept and constituent parts (numerators, denominators and the notion of a *whole*). RE considered Buddhist thought on how to live - the Five Precepts etc. PSHE followed this, continuing with our work on Dreams and Goals. In PE, netball basic passing drills were completed ahead of shooting and movement practise. Dance (with Dani) saw the children produce movements inspired by tornado storms. Science saw the children working in small groups to conduct an investigation into the impact a changing a surface has on the friction encountered (slowing a moving object down). Whole class reading, music and computing have also taken place this week.



Year 5/6 - This week in English, we have been researching and preparing information about our chosen countries in order to write our own non-chronological reports which we will turn into The Dasset Year 5/6 World Book! In Maths, we have continued- with lots of hard work - to work on our ability to add and subtract fractions including mixed numbers. Although it's been hard we now feel like we are getting much more confident! We have also practiced converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. In PSHE, we studied democracy and looked at different types of governance including some of the alternatives to democracy such as dictatorships, monarchies, oligarchies and even anarchy (which we decided wasn't a great idea!). We also looked at how we as a community can make a difference by volunteering or raising money for charity. We worked in groups to plan our own fundraisers to support a world issue. In PE we have developed our invasion skill games by playing a modified version of dodgeball and cricket named Danish Longball. We got very competitive and enjoyed playing this new game!



Chinese New Year On Wednesday we celebrated Chinese New Year with a special lunch menu. Mrs Warner and Miss Davis decorated the servery and we tried to use chopsticks and tasted fortune cookies.



Reminder

Please can we remind you that school starts at 8.45am. Doors are opened at 8.40am and closed at 8.50am. After this time please come to the front office to sign in as we need to make sure that lunches are ordered and children are marked into registers. Thank You

PE Kit

Please make sure that children have shorts and long trousers for PE. If your children are doing gymnastics they will need to have semi-bare legs because it is unsafe for them to use the wall bars in trousers as this is slippy. Thank you.

Dates for Diary

Next Week

Wednesday 5th February—Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics. Please ensure you have confirmed if your child can take place or not, either by emailing the school office or by Seesaw. Many thanks

Coming Up

Friday 7th February—Valentines Disco. The Friends of The Dasset are holding their whole school Valentine Disco. Cost is £3.50 per child and doors open at 6.00pm. Please see attached for information



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