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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)
Halley	George	William	Toto
	Madison	Andy	Jacob



Reception— What a busy first week back, we seemed have blinked and Friday has arrived! The children have shared their experiences of bonfire night and we learned



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about fire safety and the traditions that accompany the 5th of November, including the rhyme 'Remember, remember the 5th of November'. We have explored mixing primary colours to make a bonfire picture, and have added to this with a leaf collage, spending time in the field looking for leaves with 3 different colours on. In maths we have been comparing quantities and noticing similarities and differences using the language of 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'an equal number'. In phonics we have been consolidating all the sounds we have learned so far in Level 2, practising reading and writing words and simple captions. We have been focusing on letter formation and writing the letter quickly when given the sound. We have explored the celebration of Diwali and the children have enjoyed retelling the story of Sita, Rama and Ravana in our puppet theatre. We have decorated the home corner in Rangoli patterns made with rollers. In Funky fingers the children have enjoyed the challenge of getting spinners to spin, winding string around a cotton reel and posting matchsticks through a spinner. We will continue to have PE on a Friday, please can children come to school in their PE kits. This term in PE the children will be learning the fundamentals of gymnastics.



Year 1/2— In English this week, the children have been reading a story called Beegu. They have thought about the character's journey and how her emotions change as she meets new people. Next week they will be writing a recount of Beegu's journey. In maths, the children have been learning about subtraction. They have become familiar with the subtraction symbol and used number lines to help them solve problems. We will be continuing to learn more about subtraction next week. In science, the children identified whether things were living, non-living and whether they had ever been alive or not. It was RE day on Thursday and we spent the day learning about Diwali. The children wrote down facts in the morning and sequenced the story of Rama and Sita. In the afternoon, they created Rangoli patterns on the computers and then on the playground using chalk. In history, we learnt about famous activists such as Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr, William Wilberforce and Emmeline Pankhurst.



Year 3/4—In English this week we have been looking at expanded noun phrases, developing these into interesting sentences to describe a forest setting. In maths, we have learned how to do column addition of up to two four-digit numbers involving exchanging/carrying 10s, 100s and 1000s, including reasoning and problem-solving contexts. Our History has recalled our Rollright Stones trip, together with further study of Stone Age monuments across the country. The children worked in groups to investigate historical evidence about Stonehenge, presenting back to the class their findings on the significance of the site, it's location and how it was built. In art, ahead of commencing some pottery work, we again looked at Bell-Beaker designs as sources of inspiration. In Science we investigated the structure and function of our joints. Our RE work concluded our unit on how the seasons and lunar calendar influence religious belief and practice, prior to moving onto the role art and architecture plays in shaping religious worldviews. In PE, we have started our gymnastics work with a series of basic skills from controlled posture and poise, to forward rolls, handstands and cart-wheel basics. Finally, Whole Class Reading, music and computing have also taken place.





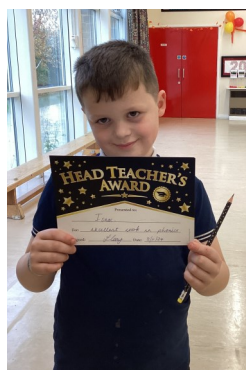
Year 5/6 - Back to lots of exciting learning this week for year 5/6. We've started our multiplication and division topic in maths and have been doing lots of different investigatory work into multiples and factors. In English we have started looking at the book Artemis Fowl and comparing this with the film. We used artificial intelligence to build an image of the characters based on our own written descriptions. In science, we're just finishing off our Forces topic before going onto Earth and Space in a few weeks. We did a class enquiry into water resistance and timed

different 3D shapes falling through a measuring cylinder of water to see which was the most streamlined. PSHE was discussing what 'normal' means and how sometimes we need to challenge our ideas of this in order to be more inclusive and empathetic. In music we discussed pop music and practised singing a pop song to do with praise. We then listened to Fatboy Slim Praise You (and watched the amazing music video which I think caused some bemusement!). Computing was looking at flowcharts and using these to build a simulation. In Art, we created sunset scenes using different painted blended tones. We then created silhouette figures linked to remembrance that we place upon our backgrounds to display on Monday.

Head Teacher Award



Well done to Lara for a brilliant focused piece of writing and to Isaac for excellent work in phonics.



Eco Committee

Following their election in September, this year's Eco Committee met for their third monthly meeting earlier today. These past meetings have introduced the team and established a plan of action throughout the year, which we can now start to deliver and will shortly introduce to the rest of the school by way of an assembly.

Building on work we have done in previous years, our main goal is to continue to progress toward a fully-fledged school Eco Award. Our year 5/6 representatives have completed an audit of where the school is at and what needs doing to achieve this. You will also get to hear about our individual class goals, our litter picking initiatives and a plan to use refillable glue sticks.



In the meantime, to raise your interest and seek your involvement in all things green, we thought we would run a competition inviting you to design a poster to Keep Fenny's new park clean and tidy. Designs can be submitted to your class eco-representative on an A4 piece of paper. More details on this competition will follow in a forthcoming assembly.

Finally, we need to thank Olivia Davies (parent representative on the committee) for securing a financial donation from the 'Merrie Men of Fenny' which will enable us to purchase a set of new litter picking devices. These will be housed and used by the school as well as the wider community.



Special Menu

Thank you to Mrs Warner and Miss Davis for the lovely Bonfire Night Lunch on Tuesday. The servery was very sparkly.

Next Week—Anti Bullying week

Monday 11th November—Year 5/6 will be at the Memorial at 11am for remembrance. If you would like to join us please meet us there.

Monday 11th November—Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight checks

Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day—Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks to highlight that it is ok to be different.

Thursday 14th November—Flu immunisations in school. The link that was sent has now closed. Please call for 01926 353899 if you have not completed the form.

Friday 15th November—Children In Need. Children are invited to come to school dressed in casual/sports wear. We will be taking part in the live stream Gladiators activity at 9.30am. We are aware that this is a busy time of year for charity events. We will have a Pudsey Bear outline in school which we would like to cover in cash. During the day we invite children to come to the hall to cover Pudsey in money, so if you have any small change for Children In Need please send it with your child on the day.

Coming Up

Monday 18th—Thursday 21st November—

School Book Fair. We will once again be hosting the travelling book fair. This is a great way to celebrate reading or start Christmas shopping. Every purchase you make earns us a reward to purchase books to support our library and topics. If you would like to join your child in choosing a book please come to school from 2.00pm on the day your child is allocated a slot. If you can help run a session please contact the office. Information on books and how to order and pay is attached. Unfortunately we do not have a card reader at school so cash can also be used.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Afternoon 2-3pm Reception, year 1 and year 2	Afternoon 2-3pm Year 3 and year 4	Afternoon 2-3pm Year 5 and Year 6	2.45—4.00pm After school the book fair will be open to parents/

Payment at our Book Fair

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You can pay online at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.travellingbooks.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List – please ask your school for details.

Snacks

Key Stage One children will be given free fruit under the *Free Fruit for Schools* scheme at break-time.

Key Stage Two children are allowed to bring in fruit, vegetables, plain biscuits or rice cakes. Please make sure any snacks sent in are nut free.

Bus

If your child travels to school by bus, please could you remind them to stay seated with their belts on until the bus has fully stopped.



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

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



Remembrance

Thank you to all those who have let us know that you will be joining Mr Hackett on Sunday 10th November to take part in the Remembrance Day Service at the memorial. If you would still like to join us please meet at 10.45am at The Merrie Lion car park.



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