

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

It has been a busy week in and out of school! I had the privilege of taking our Year 5 children out on Adventure Week, we have been skiing, climbing, kayaking, taking part in team building and had the opportunity to fly birds of prey, make memories and even have a go at beating the wall! Thank you Year 5 for an amazing week, you lived out our school vision and values in abundance and I enjoyed every minute of it, I hope you did too!



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Weekly Round Up

Pebbles Nursery

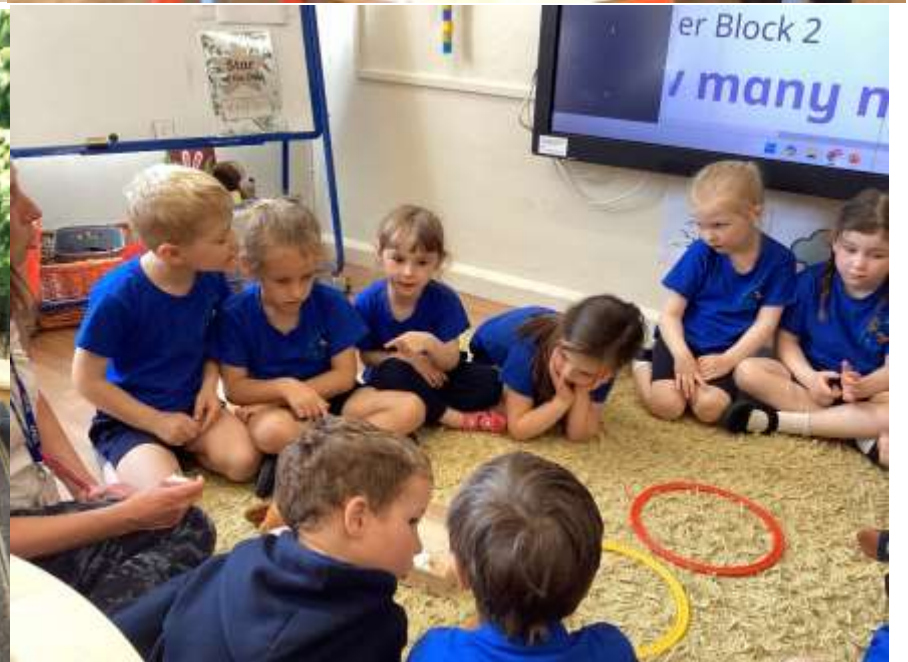
This week we have made the most of the beautiful weather and enjoyed making delicious mud pies and playing cafes with our friends. We also make the EYFS bikes very sparkly by washing them. We have been enjoying riding the bikes, building in the sand and practising balancing on bucket stilts. Waterplay helped cool us down as we poured, measured and played with sea creatures in the water trays. We enjoyed snacking outside and we loved listening to our favourite stories during story time on the grass.



Ladybirds

This week we have enjoyed listening to the story of The 3 Billy Goats Gruff. We looked at a picture of a troll and used adjectives to describe him. We drew our own trolls and thought of 3 adjectives to describe them. The children had lots of fun building a bridge across the water to safely cross whilst acting out the story, taking turns to be the troll!

We have also all looked at planning a five-sentence story using lots of lovely story language whilst retelling their stories. In mathematics we have been looking at adding on; for example, counting how many marbles go into a jar, putting these onto a ten frame and adding more into the jar then finding out how many more were added in. We have all enjoyed seeing the sunshine this week making the most of water play. In phonics we have concentrated on longer words and compound words. Our tricky words this week are one, what, when and there.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been inventing their own superhero stories. The children started by planning their story on an S plan using the sentence starters once upon a time, one day, unfortunately, luckily and finally. The children then wrote out their 5 sentence stories and have been working hard to embellish and extend their sentences using interesting adjectives, powerful adverbs and lists of three to describe.

In mathematics, both Year 1 & 2 have continued their units on fractions. This week, Year 1 have been learning how to find half of a quantity and how to recognise quarter of an object or shape. Year 2 have been learning how to find a third of a quantity and how to identify unit fractions.

In RE, Woodland Class have continued learning about Islam. This week we looked at the importance of prayer to Muslims both at home and inside a mosque. We talked about the importance of Wudu, a washing routine that Muslims complete before going to pray, and watched videos of how this is done. We then participated in our own washing routine and designed prayer mats.

In art, the children worked very hard to create observational drawings of their toys from home. Using their knowledge of texture and shape, the children used pencil to sketch and colour their drawings accurately through careful observation. Here are some of our pictures...



Kestrel Class

In English this week, the children have used their plans from last week to write their own innovated versions of 'Elf Road'. The children had some lovely creative ideas and worked hard to write their stories. I am really looking forward to reading them.

In mathematics, Nemos have continued looking at fractions. This week they have been finding unit fractions and non-unit fractions of a set of objects. They have also begun their next unit of work which is money. They have been looking at finding amounts of money in pound and pence. Frogs have finished their unit on decimals by ordering them and rounding them to the nearest whole number. They have also begun a unit of work on money and focused on writing amounts using decimals and then using this to convert between pounds and pence.

In science, we looked at weathering and learnt about the three different types: chemical; biological and physical. We discussed which focus are stronger and therefore can withstand weathering better. Using all of this information the children then began designing a plaque for the school, not only considering what it would look like but which rock they would use and why.

In our 'Create' lessons this week, the children continued their music album covers. Using their plans from last week and any props they needed, this week they took the photographs and then used the editing tools on the iPADS to change to colours and make any other changes they wanted. I think they did a fantastic job!



Osprey Class

Osprey Class was slightly quieter this week as the Year 5's were out on their Adventure Week! Whilst the Year 5 children were out and about, Year 6 took the opportunity to look at their learning over the year so far and preparing for SAT's next week. We are all incredibly proud of their progress this year and they should be very proud of their achievements too! Year 6 enjoyed playing lots of games together, developing their communication skills and pair work skills. They have also started their writing for the Marlow writing competition! Watch this space!

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In other news:

Warmer weather

As we welcome the warmer weather, please make sure your child has a named sun hat and a water bottle in school every day. Please apply suncream before they come to school.

Marlow May Fayre

It would be lovely to see you at the Marlow May Fayre this weekend, we will be raising money for the school by running the tea tent. Please do pop down and grab a drink and slice of cake! 10am-5pm in Higginson Park, Marlow.

Kites Holiday Club

Don't forget to book your children into Holiday Club, if there are not enough bookings by 20th May, we will not be able to run it.

Group Photos

Don't forget to order your class photos, you can still make the most of the earlybird discount if you order before 13th May.

We hope to see you at Marlow May Fayre!

Louise Long

Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Family Time Awards



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates will be shown in **BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
May 2024		
Sat 11 th	Marlow May Fayre, Higginson Park	Everyone
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	KS2 SATS week	Y6 only
Mon 20th	Year 6 Adventure Week Meeting – 7pm	Y6 parents only
Thurs 16 th	Y5 Bikeability – information sent 15/04/24	Y5 only
Thurs 23 rd & Fri 24 th	Y6 Bikeability – information sent 15/04/24	Y6 only
Fri 24 th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2024		
Mon 3 rd	Start of term	Everyone
Wed 5 th	Osprey Class Trip – more information to follow	Osprey Class
Thurs 6 th	Woodland Class Trip – more information to follow	Woodland Class
Wed 12 th	Reception Vision Check	Ladybirds only
Thurs 13 th	Garsington Workshop	Osprey Class
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	Y6 Adventure Week – letter sent 10/5/24	Y6 only
July 2024		
Tues 2 nd	Transition Day	Everyone
Thurs 4 th	KS2 Sports Morning 9am – Ibstone Common	KS2 families
Fri 5 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9am – Ibstone Common	EYFS/ KS1 families
Mon 8 th	Ladybirds Trip – more information to follow	Ladybirds
Wed 10 th July	Osprey Class Trip am only – more information to follow	Osprey Class
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th	Ibfest – more information to follow	Everyone
Fri 19 th	Pebbles Nursery finishes 12pm	Pebbles
Mon 22 nd	Leavers' Service 9.15am St Nicholas Church	Year 6 families only
Tues 23 rd	Summer Celebration in the school garden 12.45pm End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone

2024 – 2025 Term Dates		
2024-2025	Start of Term	End of Term
Autumn	Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024
	Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024 (1.30pm)
Spring	Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025 (1.30pm)
Summer	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025
	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Wednesday 23 rd July 2025 (1.30pm)