

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

Nurture - Inspire - Grow

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Dear Families,

October signals the start of a very busy month, with lots of awareness days and weeks. As it is the start of Black History Month, each class has been learning about a variety of individuals who have made a difference both in history and today's society, such as Rosa Parks, Ella Fitzgerald, Nina Simone, Ray Charles, Chuck Berry, Marcus Rashford and Nicola Adams.

This week we have been thinking about our value Perseverance and my word it has been demonstrated in abundance this week by everyone, especially the BT engineers who have been onsite for two days this week trying to resolve the phone issues. They have identified the issue ... squirrels nibbling the cables! These are likely to be the same baby squirrels we have spotted nesting in the chimney stack! Clearly the local wildlife loves being at Ibstone too!

There were more visitors in the back garden this week, lots and lots of frogs, all colours and sizes! The Forest School groups enjoyed looking at the frogs closely and talked about camouflage in nature. Can you spot the frogs?



The children have been very busy in Forest School, they have been learning how to make and manage their own risk assessments when climbing and moving logs, pallets and equipment. Our KS2 children have been using a range of tools this week and our oldest and youngest children thoroughly enjoyed the water/ mud slide they made.



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Weekly Round Up

Ladybirds

In Ladybirds this week we have continued with our topic 'Marvellous Me' with a focus on our family; the children enjoyed talking about everyone in their family and all the pets they had. They have drawn a picture of their family and had a go at labelling them using their phonics skills to hear the initial sounds. Our phonic sounds this week have been g, o, c, k with a tricky word 'is'.

In mathematics our focus has been size, length and capacity they have had lots of fun exploring filling different size containers with rice, sand or water. They were able to help Finley fish find a way of travelling by investigating which container would hold the most water to safely transport him.

We have enjoyed listening to different kinds of music which reflected various moods, thinking about how it made us feel. We then used this to explore how we could move and dance.

As part of Black History month we have listened to the story of Rosa Parks and acted out being on the bus, taking turns to be Rosa Parks and thinking about how she would have felt. We also found out what the word 'segregation' meant.



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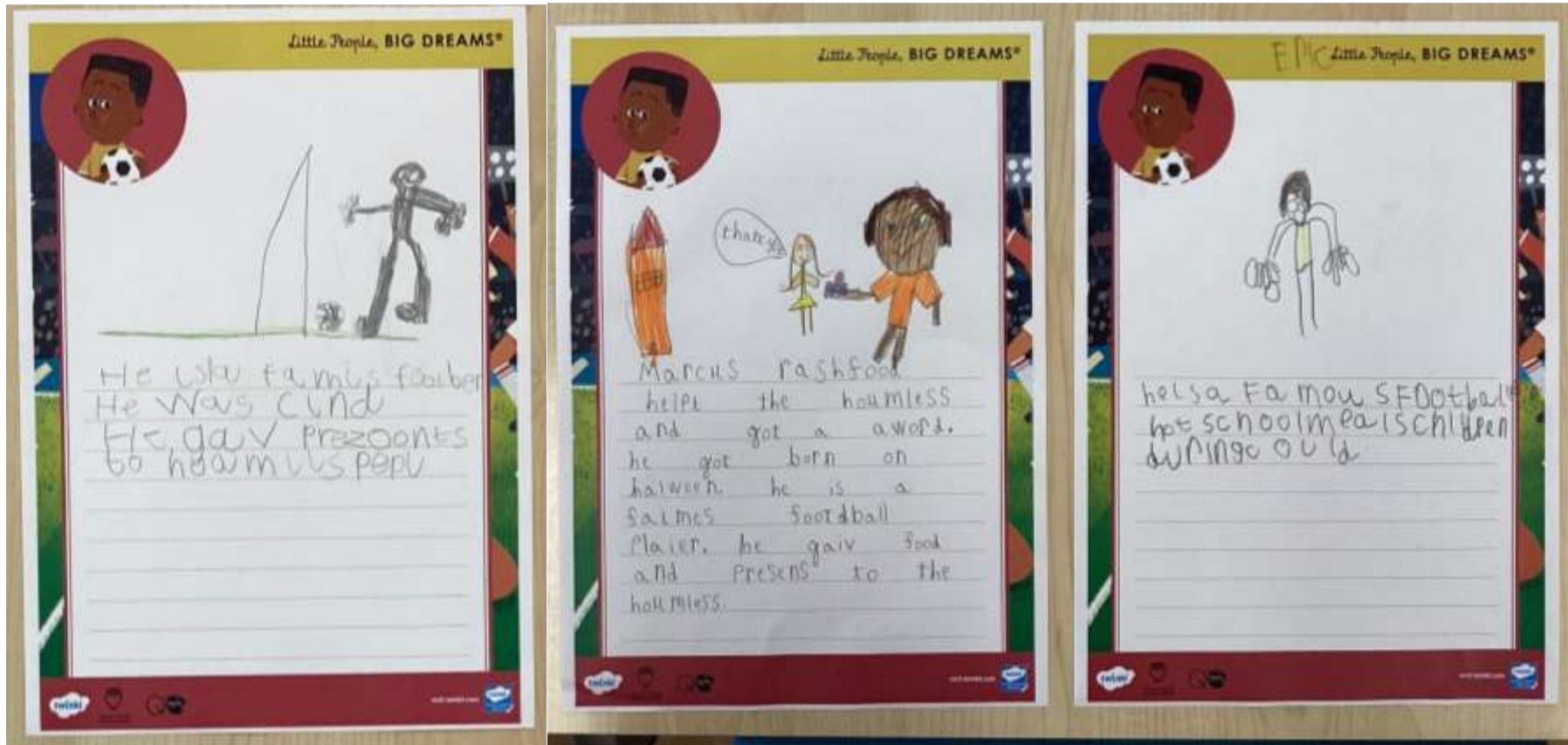
Woodland

In English, Woodland class have been planning and writing their own losing tales based on Augustus and His Smile. The children have enjoyed creating their own characters and settings and have been working very hard to remember full stops, finger spaces and capital letters.

In mathematics, Year 1 have been learning to compare objects and numbers using the language of more than, less than and equal to. They have also been learning to order numbers within 10 from smallest to greatest. Year 2 have also been learning to compare numbers and have been ordering numbers within 100.

During our Rainbow Challenge time the children have enjoyed creating observational drawings of conkers and have been investigating their sense of hearing to match sounds to objects.

For Black History Week, we have been learning about the famous footballer Marcus Rashford. The children found out lots of facts about his life and achievements and used these to write an information text about him.



Kestrel

This week in English the children have finished planning their portal stories and have started writing them. I really look forward to reading these when they are finished and finding out which family of creatures their main character met in the world they have been transported to.

In mathematics, 'Dolphins' have been using number lines and have been estimating where different numbers would be on them. 'Nemos' have finished their work on place value by comparing and ordering numbers and also counting in 50s. 'Frogs' began the week by comparing and ordering numbers and then have been looking at rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

In science we continued looking at friction and carried out an investigation to look at how the surface can affect how quick an object will slide along it. We had various different surfaces on a ramp and timed how long it took the boat to travel down the ramp. The children made predictions beforehand, considering how the texture of the surface may have an impact on the speed of the boat.



In art the children used flour, lentils and quinoa to recreate the textured surface of a cave wall.

For Black History week, we looked at different black sporting stars and have discussed what challenges they needed to overcome in order to be successful and earn medals. We then focused on Nicola Adams and learnt lots of facts about her and her achievements.

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Osprey

This week as part of our Black History Month celebrations, we have enjoyed looking at a variety of influential musicians, in Osprey Class. We are listening to a different artist each morning, so far we have heard from Ella Fitzgerald, Nina Simone, Ray Charles (a particular favourite) and Chuck Berry. We have also started looking at the lyrics to a Sam Cooke song, “ A Change is Gonna Come, “ in our Guided Reading class, which we will continue with next week.

On Wednesday this week, an alarm went off in Osprey class to tell us that we all had to stop what we were doing..... and READ! We really appreciated having the time to sit quietly and just read our books, Mrs Hodgson and Miss McKeown also enjoyed being able to read their books too. Perhaps over the weekend you could all try this, the children really enjoyed it!

We are still loving our class book, “Secrets of a Sun King,” and can't wait to finish it before half term. We even found out how the Egyptians mummified people, whilst reading it, it's pretty gruesome though! As part of our Egyptian topic we finished writing our Howard Carter diary entry, after getting inspiration from a BBC Drama based on the discovery of Tutankhamun.



In other news:

Harvest Service

As a school we now fill St Nicholas Church without any of our wider community. To solve this problem, this year we will be holding two services in the church and rather than being the whole school in the church, we will be splitting the children into their family groups. Allnutt and Baker (the red one and the yellow one) will be heading to St Nicholas Church for 9.30am on Friday 20th October for their Harvest Service, all Allnutt and Baker families are welcome to join us at the church. Then at 2.30pm, Gadbury and Merton (the green one and the blue one) will be in the church for their Harvest Service, all Gadbury and Merton families are welcome to join us at the church.

Pop Up Pumpkin Patch

Thank you to those who have signed up to help at the Pumpkin Patch Café during half term. There are a few gaps in the rota for the last weekend of the holiday 28th / 29th October, please let us know if you are able to give up an hour or two of your time.

Happy World Smile Day!



Have a great weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

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Headteacher Awards



Zog the Dog Awards



Family Time Awards



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
October 2023		
Tues 10 th	World Mental Health Day	Everyone
Fri 13 th	Individual School Photos	Everyone
Tues 17 th	Parents' Meetings	Kestrel Class only
Wed 18 th	Parents' Meetings 3.30pm – 7pm	Everyone
Fri 20 th	Harvest Service at St Nicholas – more information to follow	Everyone
Fri 20 th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Mon 30 th	Start of term	Everyone
November 2023		
Mon 13 th	World Kindness Day	Everyone
Fri 17 th	Children in Need – more information to follow	Everyone
December 2023		
Tues 12 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm – St Nicholas Church	EYFS/ KS1 families
Thurs 14 th	KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm	KS2 families
Fri 15 th	EYFS / KS1 visit to Norden Farm	EYFS/ KS1 only
Fri 15 th	KS2 Christmas Performance – 2pm – Zoom	Everyone
Tues 19 th	End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2024		
Thurs 4 th	Start of term	Everyone
February 2024		
Tues 6 th	Parents' Meetings	Kestrel Class only
Wed 7 th	Parents' Meetings 3.30pm – 7pm	Everyone
Thurs 8 th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
Fri 9 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 19 th	Start of term	Everyone
March 2024		
Wed 27 th	End of term – school ends at 1.30pm	Everyone
Thurs 28 th	INSET DAY	Staff only
April 2024		
Mon 15 th	Start of term	Everyone
May 2024		
Mon 6 th	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Tues 7 th – Fri 10 th	Proposed Y5 Adventure Week	Y5 only
Mon 11 th – Fri 17 th	KS2 SATS week	Y6 only
Fri 24 th	End of term – school ends at 3.15pm/3.25pm	Everyone
June 2024		
Mon 3 rd	Start of term	Everyone
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st	Proposed Y6 Adventure Week	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 15 th – Fri 19 th	Ibfest – more information to follow	Everyone
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

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We are a small school with a very big heart!

We offer personalised learning, small class sizes, Forest School for all year groups, beautiful surroundings and full wrap around care!



We would love to give you a tour of our school!

As this is one of the biggest decisions you make as a parent, we are very flexible and invite you to see our school in action at a time that works for you and your family. If you would like to book a tour of the school or would like more information, please contact us:

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