

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

The first full week back in school has flown by! It is wonderful to hear the enthusiasm for learning and the buzz in each classroom as you walk around the school site. In Worship this week we have been thinking about Perseverance, the whole school community have shared examples of how they have persevered and some shared what they felt they need to persevere with in their learning.

We talked about perseverance being something that everyone will need in life and that as a school community we will help develop everyone's perseverance and help them keep going, even when things might feel impossible.



Ladybirds

Ladybirds have had lots of fun getting to know their new friends. They are really enjoying time with their buddies each day. We have played lots of games together to help everyone learn each other's names. They have been amazing at working on their diamond power, keeping the cloakroom tidy. In Jigsaw (our circle time) the children have practised calm me time and have met Jerrie cat and Jigsaw Jem. They have also created some super self portrait paintings. Ladybirds also had a lot of fun in their first PE and Forest School sessions.



Woodland Class

In English, Woodland Class have been revising capital letters and have been learning how to use them for the names of people and places. They have also been learning to punctuate sentences using full stops and capital letters and have been practising their writer's toolkit by forming simple sentences.

In mathematics, the children have started their units on place value. In Year 1, the children have been learning to represent objects using tens frames and recognising numbers within 10 as words. In Year 2, the children have been recapping numbers to 20 and have been learning how to build 2-digit numbers using a place value chart.

In science, the children have been learning about different animal groups. This week, the children identified features of different animals and sorted them into groups including mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and amphibians.

In geography, the children have been using atlases to identify and locate the seven continents and five oceans of the world. Some Year 2 children also enjoyed the challenge of putting the continents in size order.



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Kestrel Class

In English the children have been learning about prepositions and personification. They have then been using both of these descriptive techniques to begin adding more detail to a setting description. The children have been learning how to use prepositions to describe where objects are and learning how personification can be used to give objects human like qualities.

In mathematics Nemos have started their unit of work on place value and have been looking at representing numbers to 100 and learning how we can partition them. They have then looked at identifying missing numbers on different number lines up to 100. Frogs have also begun their place value unit of work. They have been learning how to represent and partition numbers to 1000 and have then been identifying missing numbers on numbers up to 1000.

We have begun our **Explore** unit of work by looking at our enquiry question and our key concepts. We started by discussing the term 'sustainability' and we will continue to think about how this links to our enquiry concept and our rainforest topic throughout the term. We started by looking at where rainforests are situated in the world and the children used atlases to identify countries on the world map that contain rainforests.

In science we have started our states of matter unit of work. The children have been learning all about solids, liquids and gases. They have been looking at sorting objects into the different states and have also learnt about the different properties of solids, liquids and gases.



Osprey Class

What a great start to the year, Osprey class have had! It all began last week with a surprise visit from an astronaut. They told us all about what it was like to live on the International Space Station, which really got us excited for our new topics this term. We have started finding out all about space in Science, and have come up with some great questions that we would like to research. In computing, we even worked out an amazing fact: Did you know that it would take 4.5 billion double decker buses to reach Mars from Earth! In English we have started our new Talk 4 Writing text, all about the Canadian astronaut, Chris Hadfield. We have also begun our new class book, Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce. We are finding it really funny, and also enjoyed sharing an extract from one of his other books in Guided Reading.

In Geography we enjoyed looking through our new atlases this week, and discovering all about the continent of North America. We even managed to locate most of the 23 countries!

In mathematics, we have been looking at numbers to a million. We have enjoyed using the dienes, counters and other resources to help us consolidate our understanding of place value even more.



Barn Owls

Barns Owls have had a super first week working with Mrs Burkitt, they have enjoyed taking part in some getting to know you activities, looking at facts about Barn Owls and some children had the chance to draw barn owls.

In English they have started their unit on Dragons! They have shared their ideas, listened to the story of George and the Dragon and explored descriptions of the might dragon. They are looking forward to finding out what happens next week.

In mathematics, they have been focusing on place value. They have been using and making numbers using tens and ones to 100 and have also starting combining 100's 10's and 1's.

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PTA Update

Please take a moment to read the letter attached to the newsletter email from our chair of PTA. There are lots of exciting events planned!

Timetables

All Forest School sessions and PE sessions will continue next week. Please send your child into school wearing the correct kit.

Monday	–	PE – Ladybirds Forest School – Osprey Class
Tuesday	–	Forest School – Kestrel Class
Wednesday	–	PE – Woodland & Kestrel Class
Thursday	–	PE – Osprey Class Forest School – Ladybirds & Woodland

Cross Country

Our KS2 Cross Country Club will be starting on Monday 15th September. If your child would like to join cross country, please sign them up on iPal. Children in Kestrel Class will need to bring in a change of clothes and their trainers.

Uniform

We already have a nice collection of unnamed cardigans, jumpers **and Forest School kit** in school. Please could you make sure your child's clothes are named with their name (if you have pre-loved clothes please block out the name of the previous owners). Our mantra is, if it moves, name it! Uniform and Forest School kit are not cheap and we do like to reunite these things with their rightful owners.

Please could everyone check that they have their own uniform at home, there have been a few named items disappearing over the past week.

Curriculum Letters

Your child should have brought home a curriculum letter today, if your child was in school until the end of the day and you have not received a copy of the curriculum letter, please email the office. These letters will also be uploaded to your child's Google Classroom stream.

Have a great weekend!

Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Zog the Dog Award



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

Date	Occasion	Who?
September 2024		
30th	Individual Photos	Everyone
October 2024		
All month	Black History Month	Everyone
15 th	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
16 th	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
23 rd	End of Term	Everyone
24 th	INSET Day	Staff only
25 th	INSET Day	Staff only
November 2024		
4 th	Back to school	Everyone
11 th	Remembrance Day	Everyone
15 th	Children in Need – more information to follow	Everyone
13 th	World Kindness Day	Everyone
December 2024		
16 th onwards	Christmas Performances – more information to follow	Everyone
20 th	End of term 1.30pm	Everyone
January 2025		
6 th	Back to school	Everyone
February 2025		
3 rd	Children’s Mental Health Week – more information to follow	Everyone
11 th	Safer Internet Day	Everyone
11 th	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
12 th	Parents Evening – more information to follow	Everyone
14 th	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
March 2025		
6 th	World Book Day – more details to follow	Everyone
April 2025		
4 th	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
22 nd	Back to school	Everyone
May 2025		
12 th – 15 th	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
23 rd	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
June 2025		
2 nd	INSET Day	Staff Only
3 rd	Back to school	Everyone
July 2025		
1 st	Transition Day	Everyone
3 rd	KS2 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	KS2 families
4 th	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
4 th	Pebbles Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow	Pebbles families
14 th	Ibifest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
21 st	Leavers Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 nd	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
23 rd	INSET Day	Staff Only