

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Thank you for your kind words and messages this week, I am pleased to say Master Long seems to have coped incredibly well with his operation and is on the road to recovery!

What have we been learning this week...

Ladybirds have continued working on their own version of The Three Little Pigs and have enjoyed making new story maps and sharing their stories with friends. In mathematics they have been learning about subtraction and have been making their own subtraction stories. The children have also enjoyed becoming 'material detectives' and have been looking for different materials around the school.

Woodland Class have been practising learning 'Traction Man' using actions and their text map, they have also been discussing what makes a hero and have written about their own heroes. In mathematics they have been looking at inverse operations and have been changing sums from addition to subtraction to check their calculations. They have also been using inverse operations to find missing numbers in calculations.

In science the children have been experimenting with materials to see which materials float or sink and which materials are waterproof or absorbent. Traction Man and Barbie had the tough job of being the testers for absorbent and waterproof materials! The children have also been learning about Chinese New Year and have made Chinese dragons.

Kestrel Class have been focussing on their comprehension skills this week and have been answering sequencing questions about their class text 'Adventure at Sandy Cove'. They have also been learning about coordinating conjunctions (e.g. for, so, but, yet, nor, and & or) and have discussed how they can include these in their own work. The children have also planned their own version of their adventure story. In mathematics the children have been dividing 2 digit numbers by a 1 digit number using dienes (a practical resource) and have then moved on to use the part-whole model (a little like partitioning). They have been working on questions where they have to exchange the remaining 10's for 1's!

Osprey Class have continued their topic on Climate Change. They have written a report aimed at children to explain what climate change is and how it affects us. They have also started their new class reader 'Floodlands' which is set in England, sometime in the future, where low lying areas are underwater. Over the next few weeks, they will use this story as a basis for their writing. In mathematics they have continued their work on multiplication and have moved onto division of 3 and 4 digit numbers. Osprey Class wanted to enter an art competition with a theme of 'Endangered', they have spent some time researching endangered species and have started on their amazing 3D display. Thank you to those who have sent in items from the list sent out on last week's newsletter. If you have anymore of the things listed below, please send them in on Monday 27th January. Photos of the final entry will be on next week's newsletter.

- Clean & empty milk cartons (2pt & 4pt)
- Small clear plastic water bottles
- Plastic bags – any colour
- Plastic 2L bottles (green and clear)
- Kitchen roll tubes
- Newspaper

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Forest School

Year 3 had the first experience of ice and frost in Forest School this week, they enjoyed linking their learning about solids, liquids and gases to the ice, water and steam they could see in our school grounds. They all agreed that there was a need for a fire this week to help keep them warm and everyone had the opportunity to practise fire lighting.

Year 4 also enjoyed linking our science work on solids, liquids and gases to the ice, water and steam they could see. The children also had the opportunity to practise fire lighting and showed great perseverance when attempting to pop their own popcorn over the fire. They also enjoy using the Christmas trees in their exploration time.

Ladybirds made a rope swing this week, they also spent time jumping and rolling down the hill! They also really enjoyed making and eating toffee apple slices over the fire!

In other news...

Christingle Service

We will be having a Christingle Service in school next Friday (31st January). The children will all be making a Christingle next Friday morning and our Christingle Service will be at 2pm led by Reverend Mark. You are all welcome to join us for this service in the school hall. We will be having a collection for The Children's Society so please send in a donation with your child on Friday morning.



Food Waste Bags

We have been given a box of food waste bags to give away, we will be sending home two packs per family today.

Louise Long
Headteacher

App of the Week

Our recommended App of the Week is:



Hit the Button - £2.99

A great app for helping develop mental maths and calculation skills. It has over 166 game modes and is suitable for 5-11 year olds. It is also available to play online for free at <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

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Headteacher's Awards



Diary Dates - New or amended dates in **BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
January 2020		
Mon 27 th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y1/2/5/6
Fri 31st	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm - CHRISTINGLE	Everyone
February 2020		
Mon 3 rd	Forest School Green Sessions	Y R/3/4
Fri 7 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year 2 Families
Mon 10 th	Forest School Yellow Sessions	Y1/2/5/6
Fri 14 th	Celebration Worship – 2.30pm	Year R & 1 Families
Fri 14 th	End of Term	All children
Mon 24 th	Back to school 8.50am	All children
March 2020		
Thurs 5 th	World Book Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 13 th	Sport Relief – more info to follow	Everyone
Tues 17 th	Voice in a Million – more info to follow	KS2 only
April 2020		
Fri 3 rd	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
Mon 20 th	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Sun 26 th	Ibstone Circle 5k & 10k	Everyone
May 2020		
Fri 8 th	Bank Holiday	All
Thurs 21 st	End of Term	All children
Fri 22 nd	INSET DAY	Staff
June 2020		
Mon 1 st	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Thurs 18 th	Sports Day	Everyone
Thurs 25 th	Reserve Sports Day	Everyone
July 2020		
Tues 7 th	Transition Day	Everyone
Tues 21 st	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone

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