## **Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter**

### Nurture - Inspire - Grow

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Dear Families,

Thank you for your kind messages this week, it has been a very emotional week for us all.



Mrs Williams

Always in our hearts, we have lost a piece of our Ibstone Family x

### **Congratulations**



A huge congratulations to Mrs Statham who has been awarded her 25 Years Service Award this term. Thank you for making a huge difference to so many lives and for your dedication to Ibstone CE Primary School!



### What we have been learning this week:

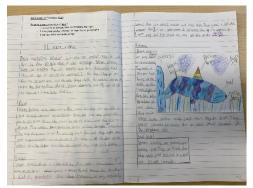
Ladybirds have continue with their Talk for Writing text Rosie's Walk, they have been writing a description of Rosie and then moved on to change the story as part of the invention stage. The children had to change the character and setting in their stories and have had a go at writing their new story over the course of the week. In mathematics they have been looking at patterns, they have been identifying pattterns in the environment and have used natural

materials and musical instruments to make their own repeating patterns.

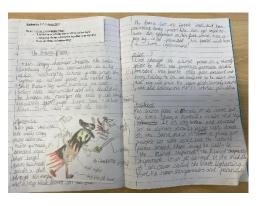
The children enjoyed using the BeeBots (floor robots) to retrace Rosie's steps in the story. They have also been finding out about nocturnal animals.

Woodland Class have also been focussing on their Talk for Writing book 'Mr Gumpy's Outing', all the children have written the story remembering to use their key word spellings, phonic knowledge and punctuation. In mathematics they have been using their knowledge of fact families to solve addition and subtraction problems. The children have been learning about the UK and have found Great Britain on the globe and discussed our position and size compared to other countries. The children have also enjoyed working together to make a wonderful Mr Gumpy's Outing display.

Kestrel Class have been writing non-chronological reposts about their mythical creatures, they have produced infromation reports about dragons, wild cats, mermaids, griffins and ghost pirates! In mathematics that have continues to focus on addition. Year 3 have been adding pairs of 3 digit numbers including questions that require them to exchange, Year 4 have been adding pairs of 4 digit numbers where they were required to exchange.







Osprey Class have been editing and refining their work ensuring that they are using the correct spellings and punctuation, they have also been challenged to use more complex vocabulary in their Legend of Arinta and alternative chapter writing based on 'Girl of Ink and Stars'.

In mathematics, Year 5 have continued working with negative numbers and have recapped on their prior learning about fractions. Year 6 have been learning how to multiply and divide fractions!

In science they have been learning about Earth and Space and have discovered some interesting facts about the planets! They have looked at lots of evidence from scientists over hundreds of years to find out about the geocentric and heliocentric models, they have also used evidence from books and modern technology to form their own ideas about the solar system. The children have found out about the how planets rotate on an axis and orbit the sun, they have also looked at day and night and explored why it appears that the sun moves across the sky.

Osprey Class have also been finding out about All Saints' and All Souls' and how why Halloween is called Halloween.

#### **Forest School News**

Year 1 enjoyed making a conker obstacle course which included a see-saw catapult! Some children were inspired to make a footprint trap of their own after seeing the successes of the Year 4 traps!

Year 2 enjoyed looking for birds using the binoculars and bird books. They made bird seed cakes for the Forest School robin and his friends. Some of the children also embarked on making a wormery for all the worms they had found.

Year 5 & 6 rose to the challenge of finding 10 things in 10 minutes and making something interesting from the things they'd found. They then had the opportunity to revisit any of the activities they'd especially enjoyed over the half term and... of course... they chose toasting brioche and marshmallows over the fire!

#### In other news:

#### Thank you

A huge thank you to ClubSport who have purchased us a second netball post! I know the Osprey Class have been working hard to develop their netball skills this half term and can't wait for their first match!





#### **Holiday Home Learning**

I have uploaded the Key Stage 1 & 2 key spellings lists to Google Classroom for Woodland Class, Kestrel Class and Osprey Class. There are also some extra home learning challenges for Kestrel Class and Osprey Class linked to their learning this half term.

#### Parents' Meetings

Thank you all for making time to meet with your child's teacher. The staff felt that the Zoom meetings worked well, we hope you felt they worked well too. The notes from these meetings will be sent home today via emails.

#### **Forest School Update**

We have sent updated Forest School timetables out today, Ladybirds will have Forest School sessions on Wednesday afternoons fortnightly from 4<sup>th</sup> November. Year 1 & 2 sessions will continue to be fortnightly and have moved to be an afternoon session (still on a Monday). Year 3 & 4 will now be having weekly sessions on a Monday morning and Year 5 & 6 will continue to have weekly sessions on a Friday.

#### **PTA News**

Don't forget to sign up for The 100 Club, more information can be found on the PTA page on the school website.

#### **Normal November**

To help with our fundraisinng efforts 'Normal November' starts after half term. For a minimum donation of £10 per family (please give more if you can), the children are able to wear their own clothes (mufti) to school on Thursdays – Ladybirds, Kestrel & Osprey Classes and Fridays – Woodland Class. Please transfer your donation to the PTA account using your child's surname as the reference.

#### **Amazon Smile**

We have signed up for 'Amazon Smile', please spread the news far and wide for us as we will receive 0.5% of the net purchase of eligible purchases when you or your family members shop at Amazon. You will need to shop via <a href="https://smile.amazon.co.uk/">https://smile.amazon.co.uk/</a> and during your first visit, you will need to search and select Ibstone School. Once you have selected us, start shopping! ©

Have a wonderful half term!

Louise Long Headteacher

# **Headteacher Awards**









## **Forest School Award**



# TerraCycle Information



## Diary Dates New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
	October 2020	
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Term	All children
	November 2020	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kestrel Forest School Sessions	Year 3/4
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Osprey PE	Year 5/6
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Secondary Transfer Test Practice	Year 6
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ladybirds Forest School Session	Ladybirds
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrel Class PE	Year 3/4
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Secondary Transfer Test	Year 6
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Woodland Class PE	Year ½
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Normal November	Staff and children YR/3/4/5/6
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ladybirds PE	Ladybirds
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Normal November	Staff and children Y1/2
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kestrel & Woodland Forest School Sessions	Year 1/2/3/4
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – more info to follow	Everyone
	December 2020	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisations	All children
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
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Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	Everyone
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Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term	All children
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
	March 2021	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – more info to follow	Everyone
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Relief – more info to follow	Everyone
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
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Thurs 1st	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ibstone Circle 5k & 10k	Everyone
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Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bank Holiday	Everyone
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term	Everyone
	June 2021	1 2 2 3 7 5 1 5
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff only
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school 8.50am	All children
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Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1.30pm	Everyone
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	INSET DAY	Staff Only
	August 2021	July July
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Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET Day	Staff only
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School starts for all children	Alll children
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