

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Welcome back! It has been a very successful first week back in school, everyone has returned with a smile and ready to learn! Thank you for all using rolling drop off and for maintaining a social distance when collecting your children.

The children have been so excited to see each other and catch up in person and we have all been really impressed with their attitudes to learning, it's like they have never been away!

In normal Ibstone style, our next exciting project is well under way, after securing two garden offices before Christmas, our planning application for this multifunctional space has been granted and the big build is well under way! The old unusable garage has been dismantled and taken away, sheds re-sited and the Forest School canopy has moved to the bottom of the garden. There are lots of ideas from staff and children as to what this building could be used for, I will update you and provide more photos in due course.



Obviously, there are cost implications to any building project and we are currently looking at ways we can raise money to complete this project. If you have any fundraising ideas, know of funds we can tap into or companies that are looking to support a local charity or if you find some extra money hiding under your bed or would just like to make a donation, however big or small, please do let us know!

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What have we been learning this week...

Ladybirds have enjoyed getting back into the school routine and seeing their friends again. They have continued their Space topic and have been painting aliens, making up names for them, drawing and writing about the planet they lived on. In mathematics, they have been working on number bonds to 10, playing number bond bingo and using numicon and 10 frames to secure their number facts.

It was a little windy in Forest School but they enjoyed making wind streamers and using the parachute!

Woodland Class have been working very hard this week and have been writing their simile poems. They started off the week by creating their own imaginary creatures before thinking of interesting adjectives to describe them. They then thought of similes to describe different parts of their creatures and used these to create their very own simile poems.

In mathematics, Group 1 have continued their work on place value. The children have been learning how to order numbers within 50 and have been practising to skip count in 2s and 5s. Group 2 have completed their work on statistics, learning how to interpret pictograms and block graphs. They have also started their work on shape and have been identifying and drawing 2D shapes.

In art, the children revisited the artist Henri Rousseau and created their own Rousseau inspired fantasy pictures of the Crumpetty Tree. The children looked closely at the shapes used by Rousseau to draw flowers and plants before drawing their own. The children then enjoyed experimenting with chalk to blend and mix colours for their pictures.

In PSHE, the children have been thinking about different feelings and emotions. The children listened to and discussed the story 'The Colour Monster' before creating their own colour monsters to reflect their current feelings and emotions.

Kestrel Class have been looking at their new story 'Elf Road'. They have been using the text map to learn the story and have explored unfamiliar vocabulary. They have created word webs for some key words.

In mathematics, Year 4 have started a new topic of work on fractions. They have looked at what fractions are, unit and non unit fractions and then focused on tenths. Year 3 have started a unit about length, they have looked at using different units of measure for length and then have been converting between mm, cm and m. Some of the children have started working on a unit of work on shape and have been looking at naming and identifying 2D and 3D shapes.

In history they have set off to ancient Egypt to find out more about the Ancient Egyptians. They have started by identifying Egypt on a map and have used the internet to research and find out about the country (climate, population).

Osprey Class have enjoyed talking together about 'Cogheart' and have been making predictions about what might happen to the main characters in the last part of the book. They have used the text to find out how semicolons are used and have tried to use semicolons in their own writing.

They have also watched a short animation called Eye of the Storm. There were many similarities in the film to their class book 'Cogheart'. Following on from this their writing has been focused on the story in the animation, the children have been challenged to use some of the techniques used by the author of Cogheart in their own writing.

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In mathematics, Year 5 have been focusing on fractions, looking at improper fractions and mixed numbers and converting one to the other. They have also investigated sequences using fractions. Year 6 have focused on measures looking at both metric and imperial measurements and solving problems using conversions between metric and imperial measures. They have also investigated how to measure the area of triangles and are beginning to use the formula $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{perpendicular height}$.

Osprey Class thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon of music, drama and Italian! The most amusing part being their reactions to a pretend bee flying through the window and them having to react to it!



They have also been honing their camera and recording skills and presentation skills whilst working on a secret project for the school website... watch this space!



Forest School

The children have all been so excited to be back in Forest School this week, especially after a delivery of Christmas trees, branches and logs!

There will be more Forest School news as we settle back into the term.

In other news

A warm Ibstone welcome to Miss Lawrence who has joined us as a teaching assistant in Woodland Class. She is a very experienced TA and we are so pleased that she has joined our team. Miss Lawrence will be with us in the mornings until the end of the school year. I am sure you will all join me in making her feel part of the Ibstone family.

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Comic Relief – Friday 19th March

We are inviting the children to dress as superheros for the day, this could be their favourite superhero, a made up superhero or a superhero that doesn't wear a cape such as a NHS worker or other key worker! Please make your donations directly to Comic Relief

Wish List

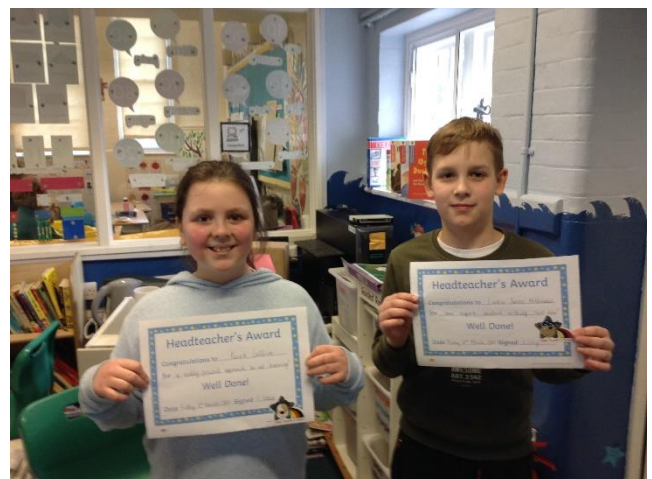
If you have any dolls, dolls clothes, dressing up outfits or a toy garage at home that isn't needed anymore, please think of us when looking to rehome it.

KS2 Pencil Cases

Please make sure that your child has the correct equipment in school with them, they need to have their own coloured pencils, scissors and glue stick.

Have a lovely weekend!
Louise Long
Headteacher

Headteacher's Awards



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Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
March 2021		
Mon 15 th	Forest School	Kestrel & Woodland
Tues 16 th	PE	Kestrel
Wed 17 th	PE	Osprey
Fri 19 th	Comic Relief – Dress as a super hero! More information to follow	Everyone
Wed 31 st	End of Term 1.30pm	All children
April 2021		
Thurs 1 st	INSET DAY	Staff only
Mon 19 th	Back to school 8.50am	All children

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