



Headteacher Awards

Starfish Hugo

Turtles Harriet

Seahorses Ellie

Sharks Courtney

Togetherness Award

Noah C & Roseanna

Attendance this week:

Starfish 97%

Turtles 94%

Seahorses 95%

Sharks 97%

National Target is 95%+

House Points

Lygon 344

Russell 376

Morris 340

Eadburgha 356

Messages from Mr Poultney:

Welcome back following our half term break. Earlier this term, we introduced our new phonics scheme and our half termly review has shown pleasing results across the year groups involved. It is still early days but these encouraging signs give us great confidence that the programme will improve phonics knowledge. Mrs Nightingale has planned a Zoom session on **Wednesday 11th November** (next week) at **4pm**. A link has been sent to those parents that have children affected and we will also attempt to record the session so it can be viewed at a more convenient time if required. During this session, she will explain the changes, what we are delivering in school and how you can support at home.

On a similar theme, please ensure that your children are reading at home and completing their homework. Regular reading brings huge benefits to children's in terms of improving their word recognition, vocabulary and understanding. It also allows children to access a range of activities across the curriculum. Please make sure that reading is recorded in your child's reading record.

Please note that it is Remembrance Day next week. Before half term, we appealed to you all to create some poppy themed crafts, pictures, etc that we could share them with some of our community partners. I'd like to thank those of you that brought something in this week but we are still in desperate need of more examples to share. Can you help?

Finally, we are trying to fill the two parent governor vacancies we have at school. Jackie Ferguson, Chair of Governors, created a short video just before half term explaining a little more about the role. Please take a moment to view at https://youtu.be/N46EOhDVT_4 and make contact with the school office in the first instance if you feel you can contribute. The nominations forms to apply for one of the roles will come out with next week's newsletter. We currently have no parent representation on the Governing Board so would gratefully welcome any interest.

Children in Need 2020—Pound for Pudsey Day

On Friday 13th November, we are inviting all children to come into school in non-uniform, in exchange for a Pound for Pudsey. This year, more than ever, we feel it is important to continue to raise funds for this fantastic cause. Many charities are really feeling the pinch and we want to do our bit! You can of course, send in more than a pound if you wish to—all gratefully received.



Childcare Support Bubble

Under the new lockdown rules, households are permitted to form a *Childcare Support Bubble* with one other family to provide informal childcare for children under 13. For example, an adult from Family A could collect a child from school belonging to Family B. **This bubble has to remain the same throughout** and another family cannot be involved. Remember, children will not be allowed to leave school with a different adult unless this has been agreed in advance.

Roman Day for Classes 3 & 4

To mark the end of studying the Romans, Classes 3 & 4 are invited to come in dressed as Romans for the day on **Tuesday 10th November**. Their new topic 'Extreme Earth' will commence the following week.

Superhero Dress Up Day

Class 1 are invited to come in dressed as their favourite superhero next **Thursday 12th November** for the day. A reminder will be sent out next week.

Christmas Design Order

If you recently ordered goods with your child's Christmas design on they should be bringing them home either today or on Monday. The money raised from this initiative will go towards the Christmas party taking place on Wednesday 16th December.

Flu Vaccinations

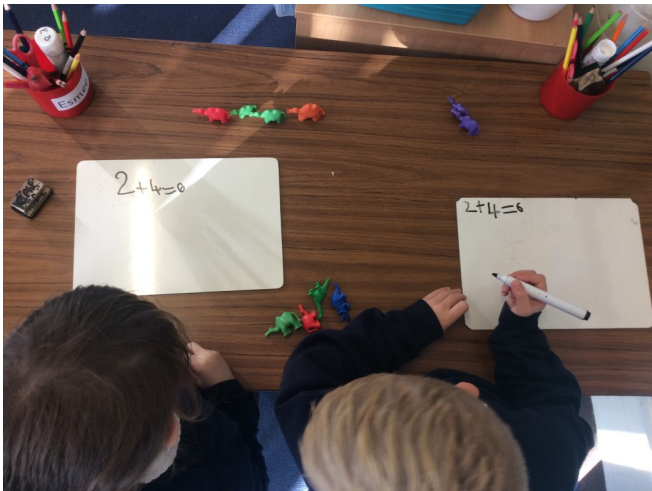
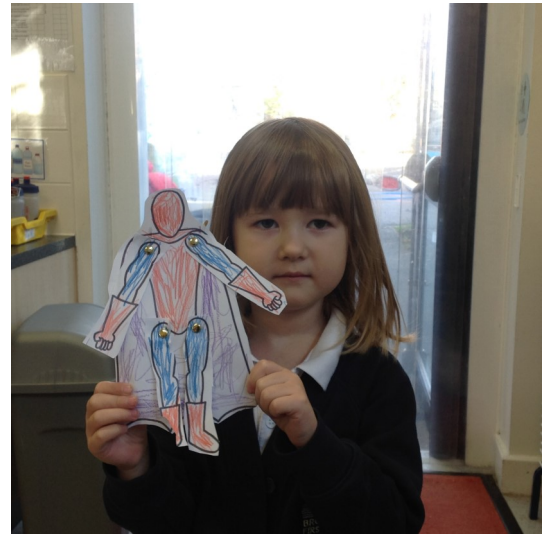
Please check your child's book bag today as all children from Reception to Year 5 are bringing home the permission form from the NHS to have their nasal flu vaccination on Monday 23rd November in school. Please can you complete the form and return it to the school by **Monday 16th November**. The decision to have your child/ren vaccinated is entirely parental choice but we cannot give the vaccine without written permission. **Please note this vaccination is not in any way related to Covid-19.** Any children who are absent have forms to be issued when they return.

Christmas Plans!!

Everything may be very different this year but Christmas is still happening!! We are starting to make plans for the children and rest assured there is still plenty of fun to be had! We are unable to accommodate a full school Christmas lunch this year but 'Friends' have kindly offered to fund party food on **Wednesday 16th December**. Mini parties will take place in each class 'bubble' with fun and games during the day. Normal school lunches will be cancelled on this day and unless your child has any particular allergies you feel we will not be able to accommodate, there is no need to send any food in on this day other than a healthy morning snack. More Christmas news to follow.

Starfish

This week Class 1 have been making our own superhero characters. We have created our own characters and used alliteration to make up a silly name. We practiced our cutting skills to make a split pin superhero that had moving arms and legs! We also designed a lollipop superhero using different materials to make it. We acted like superheroes and used positional language to move through an obstacle course and used our super spy eyes to spot shapes in the environment! Another fun-filled learning week!



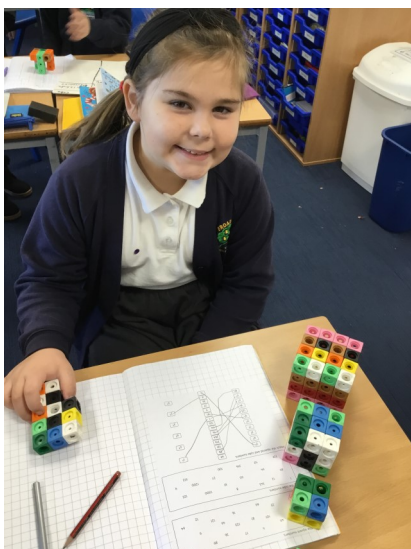
Turtles

This week Class 2 have been learning all about the Gunpowder plot. We have sequenced the events and used the ipads to create a firework picture. We have also been learning about subtraction in Maths.



Seahorses

Throughout our topic on the Romans, Class 3 have been researching, designing and making their own mosaic tiles. Here are our finished results! We have learned all about how mosaic tiles were made, the colours that were used and where you would find a Roman mosaic. We have had so much fun and we



Sharks

In Class 4 this week, we have been learning all about squared and cubed numbers – and had lots of fun making them! In science, we looked at friction and tested which materials would make the best escape route for Rapunzel's ramp. We have also constructed and decorated our Roman chariots.