



Headteacher Awards

- Starfish Laityn
- Turtles Evie
- Seahorses Myla
- Sharks Monty

Pride Award

- Lilly-May & Mary

Attendance this week:

- Starfish 100%
- Turtles 98%
- Seahorses 95%
- Sharks 99%

National Target is 96%+

House Points

- Lygon 517
- Russell 532
- Morris 515
- Eadburgha 521

Message from Mr Poultney:

As mentioned last week, we trialled homework being distributed via Class Dojo. We appreciate that this has brought about a few challenges for some of you and we are working to solve some of these issues moving forward. We will be working with the children in school to teach them how to log on at home and access some of the activities, which will hopefully go some way to helping. Please continue to support school and your child by persevering and ensuring homework activities are completed.

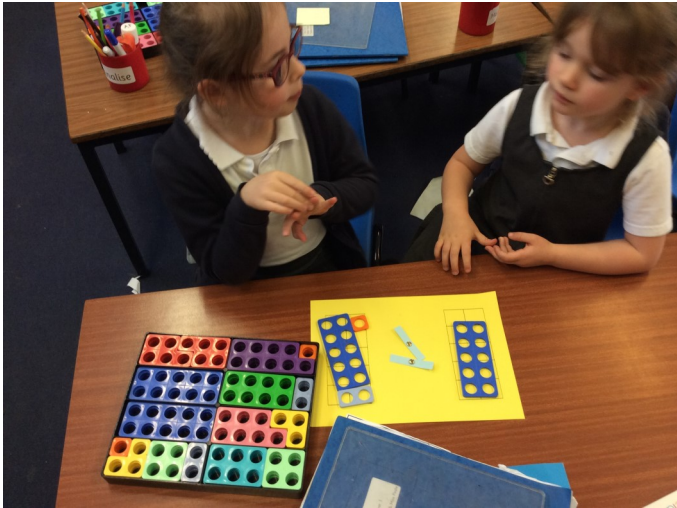
Some of you will have no doubt seen our school's contribution to Broadway's advent calendar. The school was given the responsibility for Day 10 and it went live on Thursday. I think you will all agree it looks fantastic and thanks must go to Mrs Dudfield and her little helpers. Well done everyone.



Finally, we have a busy week ahead as we near Christmas. Ensure you stay abreast of goings on and look out for the release of class assemblies and our nativity.

Starfish

We have enjoyed the story 'The Gingerbread man' this week and have been busy practising our fine motor skills threading a felt Gingerbread man. We have made ginger smelling salt dough Christmas decorations. Such fun!

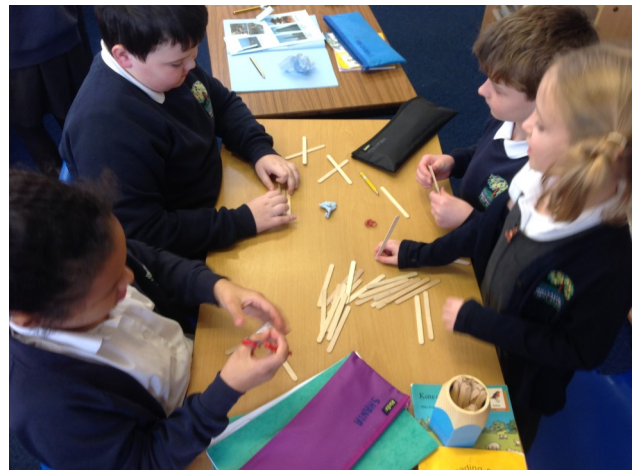


Turtles

In Turtles this week, we have been busy filming our Nativity. We have almost filmed it all so watch out for the link to it! We have also started to get festive by making our Christmas cards and colouring in a bauble picture on our Class Dojo portfolio. Take a look at them on your child's page. In Maths, Year 2 children have been learning about money and Year 1s have been looking at numbers to 20.

Seahorses

Our DT project for this topic is to investigate and design an earthquake proof building. This week, Seahorses have been developing their understanding of ways they can make a building stronger (like cross bracing). We then tested out these ideas. Using only lollipop sticks, Blu-tac and Sellotape, we attempted to make an earthquake proof building that could last a 10 second earthquake (Miss Pearson shaking the table).



Sharks

This week, Class 4 have been using times tables knowledge to solve problems with increasingly large numbers mentally. We have also been using water colours to create *ombre* effects and atmospheric skies. We were very keen to start our Christmas writing about Kevin the Carrot!

What's Happening Next Week?

The final week of term is finally in sight and we have plenty of fun activities for the children to take part in. On **Tuesday 15th December** The National El Service is paying us all a visit in the morning and in the afternoon Miss Poole has organised a skipping festival for each class. Don't forget there is no need to send in any lunches next **Wednesday 16th December** as the children are having a party within their own class bubbles. All food is being provided by the Friends and prepared by staff in school to adhere to the current Covid-19 restrictions.

Thursday 17th December is **Christmas Jumper Day** and all children (and staff!!) are invited to come in dressed in their favorite Christmas top. There is no fee for this, it's just for fun. **Friday 18th December** is the final day of term with a normal pick up time of 3.10 pm.

Governing Body News

Following the recent Parent Governors process; the Board of Governors and school team are very pleased to welcome Alex Stutely and Dee Hope onto the Full Governing Body.

Free Courses for Parents/Carers

Worcestershire Children First are currently offering a selection of courses designed for parents and carers for 2021. All of them are short 6 or 8 week courses, with a majority of them in the evenings to help fit around family life. All of the courses are listed at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses and are FREE for all parents and carers to book onto.

Titles available include:

- Family Memories Covid-19 Time Capsule Course
- Managing Mindfulness for Parents and Carers of those with SEND
- Family Crafts ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages)
- Magnificent Maths Course for Parents Online
- Zog's Firebreathing Adventures
- Nurture Course for Parents of Children with SEND
- Time For You - Your Turn to Learn
- Art in your Heart—online course for parents
- Time For You—Parents Online Course
- Thinking about Employment for Parents Online
- Marvellous Me—After Lockdown (online)
- Fun Phonics