

Have a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 24th February.



**Congratulations to the children below who earned themselves an end of term BEST certificate.
Well done!**



Pre-school Ducklings	Noah Victoria Aadvik				
R Puffin	Asher Lilly Julian Mia Alfy	1 Parrot	Mutsa Momen Mia Oscar	1 Penguin	Joshua Cole Mia Lorenzo
2 Flamingo	Freya Adam Jorjia-May Anna Tommy	2 Kingfisher	Kareem Kornel Charlotte Lucas Leo	3 Crane	Brogan Georji Cindy Isla Oliver
4 Raven	Ruby-Mae David Kiera Sienna N Khadijah	4 Starling	Emanuel Harvey Emilie Vienna Eva-Mae	5 Skylark	Isla Olle Frank Rehab David T
5 Swift	Elijah Liora Theo Amara Larisa	6 Owl	Ryan T Sharan Frances Lucas P Zack	6 Eagle	Logan D Johana Seb Freya Mollie

Spring 1 House BEST point winners

The winning house with the most BEST points this term is **BEAUFORT**. Beaufort (blue house) will have a non-uniform on the first Friday back after half term, Friday 28th February.

Beaufort children with PE can still wear non-uniform, just comfortable clothes for PE!

Well done Beaufort!



Pre-school

This term we have been learning about 'A Colourful World'. We have enjoyed reading our colour monster story, learning about our emotions and colours. We have been exploring colours in the environment, and mixing primary colours to create a new colour. We have also been experimenting with lighter and darker shades of colours.

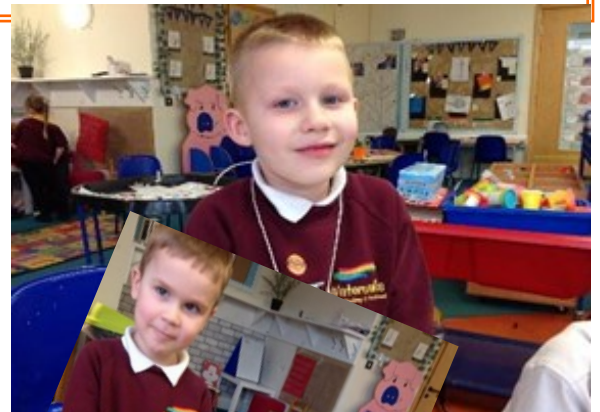


Reception - Puffin

Puffin Class have enjoyed learning about Under the Sea this term

We have particularly enjoyed the text Tiddler. We have made Shark's teeth necklaces out of plasticine and created dolphin silhouette paintings.

In our final week, we will be focussing on pirates and finishing with a pirate party.



**Year 1 -
Parrot and Penguin**

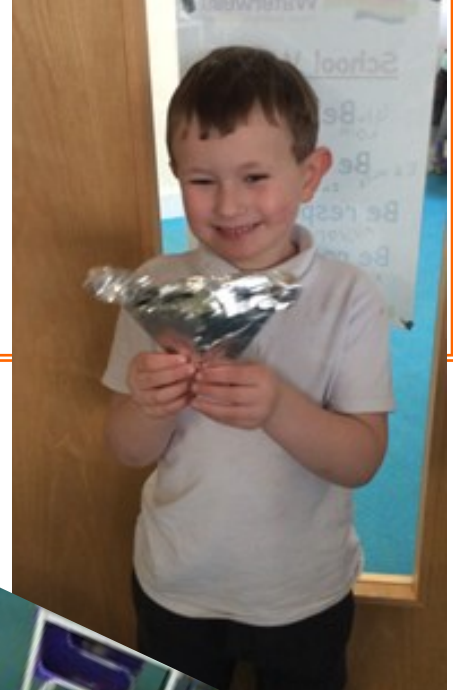
Year One have been very focussed this term and have responded well to our Class Dojo weekly targets.

In Art we have been learning all about Monet and have studied a variety of his paintings, learnt how to colour mix, tint and shade.

In History we have been learning about The Victorians and Brunel. The children have really enjoyed looking at transport and how much it has changed! This week we made boats out of different materials and then saw if they could float – the children were all very excited about this. We are looking forward to our school trip next term where we will experience a Victorian classroom.

The children have all enjoyed learning about plants and tree in their Science lessons. We have become nature detectives and can identify Evergreen and Deciduous trees!

Please keep helping your children with their phonics over the half term by hearing them read, flashcard their yellow sound books and by watching the videos we have posted on Dojo.



Year 2 - Flamingo and Kingfisher

It has been a busy start to 2025 for Year 2 and all the children have worked hard in all areas of the curriculum. This term we have particularly enjoyed learning about coding in computing and using the BeeBots to test our coding skills.

In art we have learnt all about Vincent van Gogh and have been recreating some of his famous pieces of work. During science we have been looking at plants and we carried out an experiment to find out the best conditions for a seed to grow.



Year 3 - Crane

This term has flown by! We have been busy investigating how magnets work in science, creating some utterly amazing stop frame animations in computing and recreating some of Andy Warhol's very colourful portraits.

In maths, we have learnt some formal written methods for adding and subtraction. Although, at times, we found regrouping and exchanging a bit challenging, I am proud of the endless perseverance and determination everyone has shown which has led to lots of success.

Cranes have written many emotive and persuasive speeches, poems and diary entries based on our text One Plastic Bag. It has inspired us to think more carefully about how much plastic we use, how we dispose of it and how we must look after the world we live in.



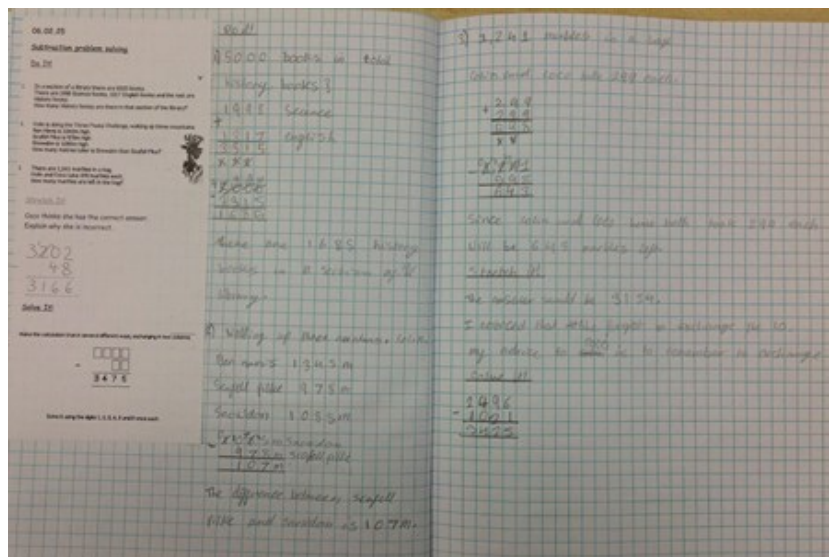
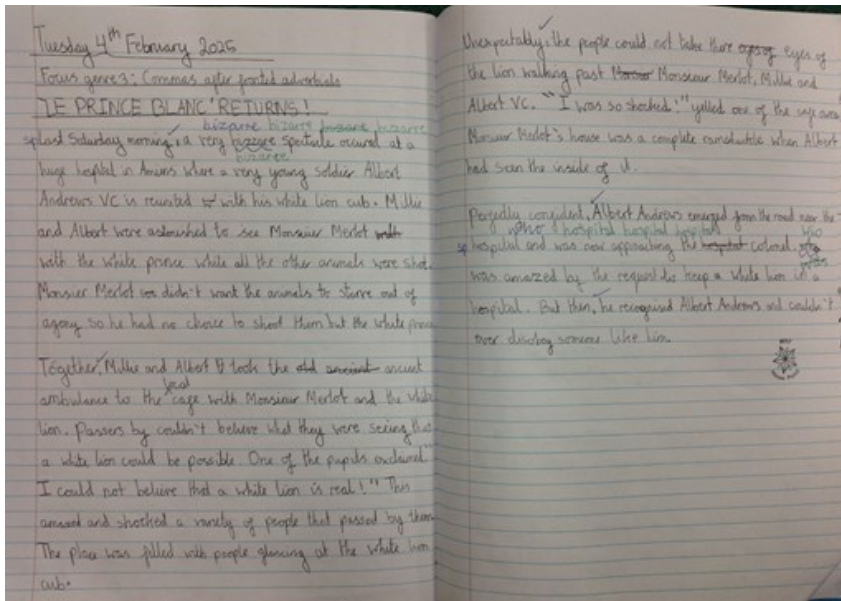
**Year 4 -
Raven and Starling**

This term in writing we have really enjoyed reading Michael Morpurgo's 'The Butterfly Lion' and we have created some fantastic pieces of writing including newspaper reports, non chronological reports and letters.

In science, we have explored sound. By listening to musical instruments, as well as making some of our own, we have learnt about how the vibrations of sound are formed and how they change depending on the volume and pitch of the sound. We really loved making our own telephones using cups and string!

Our maths learning has included column addition and subtraction which has been a challenge but we have all mastered it now and have been using our skills to answer word problems.

Our artist this term is Jacob Lawrence - an African American artist who painted in the cubist style. We've studied his form and style, creating our own cubist art based on his vibrant pieces.



Year 5 - Skylark and Swift

Our newsletter focus this term is PE. As well as swimming, we have been working on gymnastics. We have been focusing on stretches, different ways of travelling and rolls. We have also been working in pairs performing symmetrical and asymmetrical balances using both canon (one after the other) and synchronisation. We have spoken about how it is important to trust your partner to keep us safe and that, "The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them!"



Year 6 - Eagle and Owl

What a fantastic start to the spring term we've had.

Year 6 have thrown themselves into our maths unit this term where we've spent most of the time calculating fractions. It's been tough at times but the resilience we've shown is commendable.

In writing, we've had a great term writing newspaper reports based on the Adventures of Odysseus in Greek mythology. We've ensured that we can punctuate direct speech appropriately and chose some really gripping headlines.

Badminton has been a firm favourite in PE and we've all (at some point) managed some outrageously good overhead shots, brilliant backhands and super serves.

One of the highlights of our term was our second visit from PC Murphy, our local School beat police officer. This workshop concentrated on our online relationships and was eye-opening and informative when we think about our online behaviours.

