

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been a wet and windy week here at West Tytherley!

Next week we hope that we will be able to enjoy some drier weather!

RSE Consultation

We had some great feedback from those who attended our RSE (Relationships and Sex Education and Health) consultation. From the overwhelmingly positive feedback, I think that all the parents who joined us, found it beneficial to have a clear idea of what we will be addressing, at different times throughout your child's schooling. There is an information pack, which we will e-mail out.

Armistice Day

At 11 O'Clock on Friday 11th November, we gathered at the war Memorial to commemorate this important time. The children in Oak read the poem 'For the Fallen' and Mark, Solomia and Liubomyr read prayers that they had written for Ukraine.

The whole school then sang the song, 'Remember' and we observed 2 minutes silence.



Mrs Lowey- away next week

Our Curriculum and teaching and learning lead, Mrs Lowey will be away from school next week on an over-seas trip that was agreed before she started with us. We wish her a safe flight and travels and look forward to her return on Monday 28th November

Road Safety

Please can I ask that parents and children take extra care on the roads as the nights are quite dark after school. If your child is walking home on their own, I would recommend that they wear some form of reflective item. We are happy to lend a jacket from school, so if you need this, please ask at the office.

Christmas Gifts for teachers and school staff

We are all aware of the pressures of meeting the rising costs of fuel, food and day to day living expenses. In this economic climate I wanted to request that those of us working in school are not included on your Christmas gift list this year. Everyone at school is in agreement that it is our pleasure to teach your lovely children and the enjoyment that we get from our jobs is the very best present of all.

We hope that you will all be happy with this request.

Dates for additional activities

Please check the calendar for dates and time of activities that are coming up. We are excited that Christmas is approaching and that we will be inviting everyone to school to share the fun.

Have a lovely weekend

Lucy

Weekly Awards Friday

This week we are celebrating the achievements of the following children

Beech	Skye	For a positive attitude to learning and ability to spread sunshine with her inherent kindness.
Willow	Edward	For a consistent positive approach to his handwriting.
Oak	Tabitha	For fantastic use of emotive language when editing sentences to make them more persuasive.

A BIG thank you to the children for taking part in non school uniform today for Children in Need 2022!



Thought for the Week

This week we have been thinking about Emergencies and Water Safety. We heard again the story of Mr Noah and the Great Flood, and also a story about Maximus Mouse. There are lots of people ready and able to help us in emergency. We can pray: *Heavenly Father, help us to get to know people properly before we judge them. Thank you for our friends and for all who help us. Amen*

Vicar James



News from around school

Beech

Lots of milestones have been reached this part fortnight in Beech class. First books have been handed out to some of keen Reception readers and the year one children have written their first full stories. We are also over the moon to have Mrs Hardy joining us in the afternoons as a learning support assistant.

The children have learned the importance of hand washing and how germs and bugs can be spread from person to person by touch. The children put paint and glitter on their hands and touched different areas of the classroom to show how bacteria can stick and linger if we do not wash properly. They also did a scientific experiment, using soap on a cotton bud to expel glitter away in a bowl of milk.

Our focus in maths has been 2D shapes, focusing on circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. The children have been sorting them by their properties, using mathematical language to describe them. They have also been learning about what half means - one of two equal parts and have been using this to chop and share fruit for snack time. The children have also created a large piece of artwork using shapes as stamps and turning them into characters.

The theme for PE this half term is 'Walking the Plank', focusing on balance and coordination. PE is now being taught on Wednesdays and is led by Miss Billingham. The children also have a whole class gross motor session, such as bikes and trikes at least once a week.



Willow

Last week in English, the children finished their unit of work looking at writing a set of instructions about how to make a dragon machine. They needed to include, in these instructions, imperative verbs and adverbials of time, as well as ensuring their instructions were clear. This week, we introduced our new book, 'Tell Me a Dragon'. From this book, we will be writing poems about what our dragon looks like. During lessons this week, the children have explored unknown vocabulary, recited the poem with actions and used expanded noun phrases to describe a dragon.

Over the two weeks in Maths, Year 3 have been exploring fractions – finding unit fractions, ordering and comparing fractions with the same denominator as well as counting forwards and backwards in fractions. Year 2 have been also looking at fractions, in terms of finding fractions of shapes, and multiplying and dividing numbers, using different strategies. When focusing on multiplication, the children have explored the strategy of using arrays to help them solve calculations, whilst they have used bar models when dividing.

Willow Class started their new Geography unit last Monday, Tectonic Chaos; through this unit, the children will try to agree or disagree with the following statement – 'Volcanoes are deadlier than earthquakes'. To begin this unit, the children used maps of the world and a specific continent, Africa, to locate our focus country, the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They then went on to locate the volcano, Nyiragongo, and investigated the positives and negatives of living by a volcano.

How can we stay dry? We have focused on this question in Science this week. The children have explored the uses of different materials and the properties required to keep us dry.



Oak

The Year 5 and 6 children had a very exciting week as they completed their 'Bikeability'. The children went out for half of the morning to learn about how to ride their bikes on the road safely and confidently. Despite a little drizzle, there were smiles all round.

Whilst this was happening, the Year 4 children worked extremely hard, researching endangered animals from South America, as part of our English learning journey. We explored the key features of non-chronological reports and practiced grouping sentences with similar themes into paragraphs to help us write our own information page about our chosen endangered animal.

This week, we have been learning about persuasive features, such as modal verbs and rhetorical questions, which we can include in our persuasive letters next week.

In Maths, we have been exploring 2D and 3D shape. We started by comparing 2D shapes based on their properties, revising the key terminology such as vertices and sides. We then moved onto looking at 3D shapes and tried making these with playdoh and match sticks in order to identify the faces, edges and vertices.

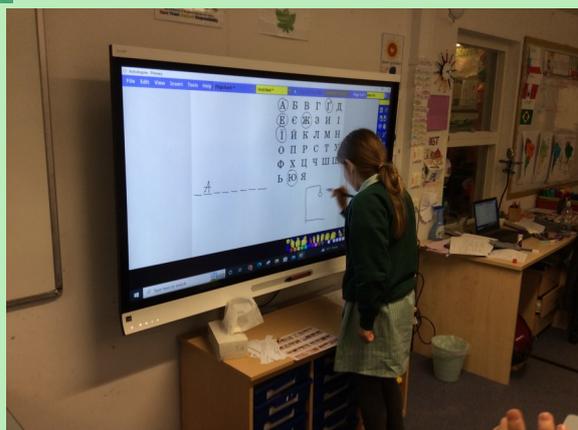
We then looked at different nets of 3D shapes and tried to predict what shape they made based on the faces. Last week in Science, we learned about the process of dissolving and took part in an experiment to group substances into soluble and insoluble substances. We planned the investigation thoroughly to ensure the investigation was fair.

This week, we used our knowledge of dissolving to predict what would happen when we added warm water to a plate of skittles. We were so shocked at how beautiful the result was!

In our Geography lessons, we have continued to develop our knowledge of South America. We worked collaboratively to create our own maps of South America, gathering information from maps which had different focuses. We then learned about human and physical features and plotted different human and physical features from South America onto a map.

Our Computing project for the term is also now in full swing. We began by learning about 19th century toys which imitated animations and made our own flipbooks and thaumatropes. We then got out the computers to familiarize ourselves with the programme we are going to use to help make our own stop motion animation films.

As part of our spelling lessons, we sometimes play hangman and this week we had a go at playing 'Ukrainian hangman'. Solomia put a word up on the board and we pointed at the Ukrainian alphabet to help choose the letters. Solomia, Mark and Luibomyr then taught us how to say that letter and word. We look forward to continuing to try to learn Ukrainian!



Date	What	Who	Where	
21/11/2022	Height & Weight Check	Year R & 6	West Tytherley	9:15am
6/12/2022	Dress Rehearsal	KS1	West Tytherley	
7/12/2022	Performance	KS1	West Tytherley	10am
7/12/2022	Jack & Beanstalk	All children	Village Hall	1:45-3pm
7/12/2022	Performance	KS1	West Tytherley	6pm
12/12/2022	Choir Carol concert at Winchester Christmas market			
15/12/2022	Christmas Lunch	All	West Tytherley	12pm
16/12/2022	Church Service including drama group (Yr 4,5,6)	All	West Tytherley	10am
16/12/2022	Break up	All	West Tytherley	3.15pm

INSET Days for the next academic year 2022/2023

30th January 2023

31st January 2023

20th February 2023

20th March 2023