

West Tytherley CE Primary School

Friday 6th May 2022

Dear Parents,

The weather has been quite glorious, which always emphasises how beautiful our outside areas are at West Tytherley School. I still can't quite believe how lucky our children are to access this sort of space and freedom each day, which allows them to enjoy play with friends, amongst nature. I think that a reminder to the children that this isn't the same in all schools can help them to appreciate what we have.

What's happened this week:

We have 2 new families join us at West Tytherley and we are so pleased that they have chosen to come to us.

We would like to welcome the children and their families.

Willow- Dance visit

Willow class received their visit from the dance teacher, who was here to coach them towards their performance at the Commonwealth Festival. We can't wait to see it.

Chestnut Class

The children took a trip to Broughton to take part in the on-line museum visit all about the Titanic. They came back full of enthusiasm and with lots of interesting facts to share. This virtual visit will really help to support their learning. Thank you Mrs Finlay for arranging this.

And next week....

SATS- Monday to Thursday. The Year 6 children will be sitting these next week. Other year groups will complete assessments to help to track progress.

Sunday 15th May: 12pm- 3pm- Broughton School Fete. Do come along and enjoy a wonderful time. There is plenty to do and it would be fantastic to see you there.

I am in charge of the dog show and Mrs Dovey and I are looking forward to judging this year's entries:

Please bring your dog and join the fun!

Kind regards

Lucy Macey

Weekly Awards

Beech	Zac	for accessing and choosing his own resources in maths and throughout his play.
Chestnut	Olivia B	for using her previous knowledge to begin to work with increasing independence
Willow	Darcey	for being proactive in class and working hard to be independently successful in her work. Well done.
Oak	Olivia	for having the conviction to share her ideas and think about her work creatively.

Thought for the Week

This week I have not been able to come into school, having caught Covid and not wanting to pass it on! I will be back for next week and this Sunday (8th) at 9.30am in East Tytherley Church there will be a short service (25 mins) ending with a lolly. (That is why it is called 'Short but Sweet!'). The service should include a story about Maximus Mouse and there may well be a suitable prayer: Father God, sometimes we are like lost sheep. We wander off on our own, away from you. Thank you that you come looking for us. Teach us to listen for your voice. Amen

Vicar James

News from around school

Beech

This week Beech Class have been interviewing Mrs Rose and Mrs Bowyer about what the school was like in the past, learning that all of the upstairs was built much later than the front of the school! We adventured around the school grounds, armed with clipboards and pencils, making note of any significant dates and plaques that we could see. The children noticed the difference in the brick work and the tiles from KS1 to KS2. They asked the adults to help them read the dates and discovered that even though they seemed new to the grown-ups, the children thought it was all old as it was built before they were born!

In maths, we have finished our learning on money for the year, but will continue to use it during our play in the class shop. We have started to revisit weight and the children have made their own scales from hangers and cups. We have even used our bodies as weights on a see saw that Hugo and Edward made!

The children explored the bee investigation table in the centre of the classroom which had a mysterious substance in a jar- honey! The children were amazed by the comb and could not believe that it was made by such a small insect. Whilst looking at our new vegetable patch, the reception children saw a bumble bee on one of our strawberry plants, looking for nectar.



Chestnut

On Wednesday morning, the children joined Broughton's Otter class to participate in a virtual visit with someone from the Sea City Museum in Southampton. They discussed what life was like on the Titanic and used photographs to discuss which part of the ship they might have been in. The children also compared cabins from the First and Third Class and looked at the gym that the First Class passengers had use of (they even had an electric race horse, as you clearly couldn't go longer than a week without riding your horse, if you were travelling in first class). The children shared the knowledge they have already started developing; Barney was able to explain that one of the chimneys was fake, not just for storing deck chairs but because it looked better with four and not three.

In Maths this week, the children have been looking at multiplication and division and using arrays to work out calculations. They have then used this knowledge to solve problems around these concepts. In English, the children have continued to think about the characters in Pesky Plastic and have been asking questions that may prompt an apology. They have also been matching up sentences and using conjunctions to extend them.

During Music on Tuesday, the children were introduced to the instrument for this half term – a xylophone. They were tasked with creating a doorbell. Some of the doorbells were sounding very musical; I wouldn't mind having some of them as mine.

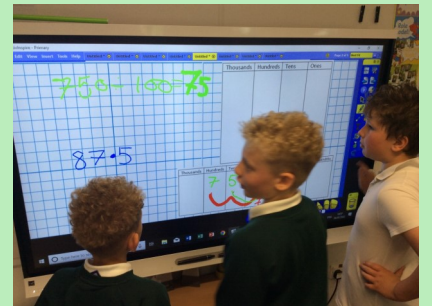
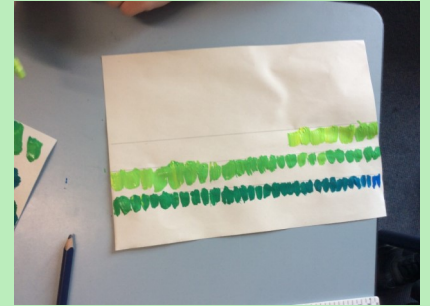


Willow

This week in Willow we have been doing some really interesting activities. We had a special visitor to teach us some African dance and we are working towards making a video for the common wealth games. We practised our steps and showed the dance teacher what we could do. She was very impressed.

We have also been watering our seeds which we planted last week and already are starting to see some growth, even the pot that was put inside a cupboard. I have also included some pictures of the art we did on Friday afternoon last week because it is so beautiful. We experimented with colour and made gradients using two of the three primary colours.

In English we have been doing lots of work on description. Looking at different ways to level-up our sentences as to make them as interesting and effective as possible. We took pictures from the book, described them with expanded noun phrases, then we put them into clauses and joined those clauses with conjunctions to make some really complex and descriptive sentences. In maths we have been working on missing number problems and word problems for multiplication and division. The children have been working really hard to make their work as neat as possible, which makes me so happy. Well done this week Willow class.



Oak

This week the children have continued to enjoy the guided reading text Beetle Boy. We have looked at sums of inference, the technique of putting two lots of evidence, taken directly from the text and using them to draw conclusions about settings and characters.

In English we have created metaphors linked to verbs and created our class poem, based on the form of one that we have studied. I was most impressed with the children's ability to manipulate language so effectively.

Maths has been some whistle- stop work on angles and interpreting data.

In Geography we have familiarised ourselves with the United Kingdom and the capital cities, we have used compass directions to plan a trip and also looked at what types of information are represented on maps.

We hope to visit the bluebells next Friday- this will help with our poetry writing. I will be in touch with details.

Class poem based on the structure of Adder

A silken thread, a can of oil

For adder is as adder slicks

The clown silently spying, the boy slowly tiptoeing

For adder is as adder creeps

A caught fish, a drying worm

For adder is as adder wiggles

A curved tube, slick with water.

For adder is as adder slides.



Let's Get Together for the Jubilee!

The West Tytherley Jubilee Tea

- ❖ **Friday 3rd June**
- ❖ **3pm-5pm at The Village Hall**
- ❖ **£5 cash each adult, £3 each child**
- ❖ **Pay at the door**
- ❖ **1950s Theme**
- ❖ **Cakes, Scones, Tea and Coffee**
- ❖ **Children's Drawing Competition**



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Part 2: Picnic on the Rec BBQ at the Pub

- ❖ **Sunday 5th June**
 - ❖ **Picnic on the WT rec from 2pm-5pm**
 - ❖ **Bring your own picnic**
 - ❖ **Visit the famous WT plant stall and cake stall**
 - ❖ **Raffle**
 - ❖ **Take part in the traditional WT egg throwing competition!**
- Followed by a BBQ at The Black Horse, from 5pm**



Event	Date and Time	Where	Who	
SATS Week	9/5/2022 :Tests	West Tytherley	Year 6	
KS1 Athletics Competition	13/6/2022- 9.30am -12pm at Kings Somborne	Kings Somborne recreation ground	KS1 Team	
KS2 Athletics Competition	13/6/2022- 12.30-3pm at Kings Somborne	Kings Somborne recreation ground	KS2 Team	
Tennis Coaching starts	13/6/2022,20/6/2022, 27/6/2022,4/7/2022, 11/7/2022.	West Tytherley	All classes	
Tree House Theatre	16/6/2022	Broughton	Oak Class	
Winchester Cathedral Leavers Service	17/6/2022	Winchester Cathedral	Year 6 Children	
Hampshire Games	23/6/2022	Aldershot	TBC	
Dance Festival at Test Valley	24/6/2022- 9.30am - 3pm	Test Valley	Year 3 and 4	
Sports Day	29/6/2022 1.30pm	Broughton Football Grounds	All children	
Reports to Parents	1/7/2022		All children	
Rounders competition	7/7/2022 4pm	Test Valley	Rounders Team	
Broughton and West Tytherley singing day	8/7/2022 All day Parents at 2.30pm	TBC	Both Schools	Concert at 2.30pm
End of Term Production	12/7/2022 1.30pm 6pm	Broughton	Oak	
End of Term Production	13/7/2022 6pm	Broughton	Oak	
Tri Golf Competition	14/7/2022 4pm-5.30pm	Broughton	Year 2 children and sports leaders	
Leavers Treat	18/7/2022	TBC	Year 6 children	
End of Term Service	21/7/2022 10am	Church	All	Year 6 Leavers