

Pupil of the Week Awards

	Betty Bee	Wilbur Woodpecker	Olive Owl	Samuel Squirrel
Kingfishers	Florence & Millie	~	Marla	Rupert
Jackdaws	Nate	Louis	Raffy	Mia
Ospreys	Poppy	Harvey	Ilaria	Harper

World Book Day - Reminder

In the past we have had "Dress up as a book character" on this day and while some loved this idea, we did hear that this can also be quite a stressful/expensive thing to expect. To accommodate more people's wishes, children can dress up on this day, either as a book character or as something else. If your child does not like dressing up, they can wear non-uniform. Hopefully this will alleviate any stresses without denying the enjoyment for those who do like it. The children in Ospreys class are at outdoor learning on this afternoon, therefore if they do wish to dress up, they can bring their outdoor learning clothes in a bag, to change in to before they go.

The Kilmington telephone library organiser has also offered to facilitate a free book fair at playtime, so we will all have the opportunity to get a new book like last year. Thank you to her in advance.

Clubs - Reminder

Please remember that there are no clubs next week, clubs will resume during week commencing 9th March.

CLASS NEWS

PIPITS

Pipit class had an exciting finale to last terms learning about travel and journeys as they took a trip on the train to Exeter. This trip was kindly supported by Stacey Retter from South West Railways who escorted us safely on and off the trains. In preparation for the trip, the children learnt about keeping safe on the platform and crossing the road using a pelican crossing. We had also been reading 'The train ride' and we were looking forward to travelling through a dark tunnel.


Once we were in Exeter, we visited the new children's library exploring the sensory room and borrowing some books. Next, we visited the Royal Albert Memorial Museum. The children were very excited to see the animals up close and they loved trying on science dressing up outfits in the 'Wow! Amazing science in children's books' exhibition. After the visit the children created messy maps of our journey using the blocks to build the museum and the library.





KINGFISHERS

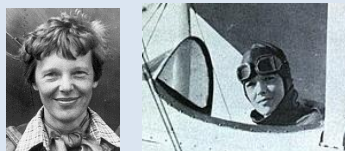
Kingfisher class have started learning about multiplication as equal groups and repeated addition in Maths. The children have been using images to help their understanding. We have also been counting in 2s and we have discovered that multiples of 2 always end in 2, 4, 6, 8 or 0. They are also even numbers.


$$5 + 5 + 5 = 15$$

or

$$5 \times 3 = 15$$

In English, we are reading a sequential biography about Amelia Earhart. We have learnt about the key events in her life that led to her being the first woman to fly an aeroplane across the Atlantic Ocean all by herself. Amelia always followed her own advice which was...*"If you want to do something, do it!"* Kingfisher class have been thinking about what they want to do when they are older. Their dreams and ambitions include being a mechanic, teacher, builder, vet, singer, doctor, explorer and a car dealer!!



In Science we have learnt that all animals, including humans, reproduce and have 'offspring.' We have learnt the names of some baby animals such as - sheep have lambs, cows have calves and goats have kids!

JACKDAWS

Jackdaws have been looking at some interesting texts over the last few weeks. We rewrote a scene in the brilliant graphic novel *Arthur and the Golden Rope* which the children very much enjoyed. Their writing was very well thought out. We have just started the equally brilliant *Meerkat Mail* and have had fun investigating the covers to get information.

In maths, we have moved on to fractions. An introduction to the topic at first which we will revisit as the spring term goes on. The children have been very accurate so far, and are having a go at applying their times tables knowledge to this new learning.

We have started our swimming and tennis lessons over at The Axe Valley Academy which is always a brilliant time of year. It is excellent to have new spaces to complete our PE learning in. Everything has gone smoothly so far and we are looking forward to our sessions there this term.

In our geography learning this term, we are looking at our region in the UK and comparing it to the Campania region in Italy. We have already looked at the hemispheres and the different “lines” on a globe and map (like the equator, and the two tropics) and we are going to be learning about volcanoes and earthquakes within this topic too.

We are off on our very exciting trip to Hooke Court next week! There is also some exciting and out of the ordinary learning for those who are unable to join us this time... stay tuned!

OSPREYS

Fractions and decimals have dominated the maths learning recently and children are seeing how these two disciplines work together. As is part of our maths teaching and learning, we instill in the children that it is a part of the learning process to make mistakes and we can learn from them; it is also a good teaching point and a way in for us to address any misconceptions. We have been impressed with most children’s times tables knowledge; children who needed to sharpen up and speed up, have put in the hard work and can answer tables facts within 3 seconds! Please continue to practice multiplication and related division facts at home. Year 6 seem to be actually enjoying the Corbett Maths homework, 5-a-day that we have been setting regularly. A reminder that there are lots more resources on this site, including teaching videos and extra worksheets.

The old Haynes Manual has made a comeback in the form of Wallace and Gromit’s Cracking Contraptions. We have used this text in English to design and write an instruction / explanation text based on our very own Cracking Contraption. There have been some interesting designs including a goal- saving device, a teacher eliminator, a crochet contraption and a machine that even does your daily maths lesson for you!

In geography, we are continuing with our topic about the UK economy. We have had lots of thought-provoking discussions about farming methods, energy sources and water usage.

We have finished our topic on light and have just started the new topic: Changes in State – solids, liquids and gases. We are already excited by the topic even though we have only had one lesson. There have been some excellent questions which we will also research and find answers to! The topic will cover concepts such as dissolving, melting, condensation and burning. We have already noticed some some changes in state are reversible and some are irreversible.

At outdoor learning we acted out being solids, liquids and gases based on our knowledge of their properties which was very entertaining. We also searched for signs that spring is on its way and are looking forward to seeing the changes in the nature over the coming week

Jackdaws & Ospreys Swimming & Tennis

Your child will need to bring swimming kit to school on the following Mondays:

2ND March - 9th March - 16th March - 23rd March - 30th March

Outdoor Learning - Ospreys

Thursday (after lunch)

5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH March

As usual children can come to school in appropriate clothing and bring their wellies or alternative appropriate shoes in a separate carrier bag. Wellies are ideal and long trousers and long sleeved tops are essential to protect from brambles, stingers and insects. Enough clothing to keep warm and coats are essential on these dates

Clubs

REMINDER: NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Remaining Dates:

Tuesday	Lego	March 10 th , 17 th & 24 th
Thursday	Story	March 12 th , 19 th & 26 th

Diary Dates March

Mon 2 nd	Jackdaws & Ospreys Swimming & Tennis – parents to collect at 3.00pm
Mon 2 nd	Y3 & Y4 depart for Residential – packed lunch Monday only
Wed 4 th	Y3 & Y4 return from Residential – normal pick up time
Thurs 5 th	World Book Day – Dress up (book character, something else or non-uniform)
Thurs 5 th	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Mon 9 th	Jackdaws & Ospreys Swimming & Tennis – parents to collect at 3.00pm
Thurs 12 th	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Mon 16 th	Jackdaws & Ospreys Swimming & Tennis – parents to collect at 3.00pm
Thurs 19 th	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 20th	Non-uniform Day – donation of £1 for the PTFA Easter Raffle prizes
Mon 23 rd	Jackdaws & Ospreys Swimming & Tennis – parents to collect at 3.00pm
Thurs 26 th	Ospreys Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 27 th	Taster Day of School Meals - Parents & Pupils – after school
Mon 30 th	Jackdaws & Ospreys Swimming & Tennis – parents to collect at 3.00pm
Tues 31st	PTFA Easter Raffle Draw – after school

Our forthcoming events and diary dates are on our website listed in the *News & Events* section.

[Diary Dates website link](#)

[Term Dates website link](#)

