

Chaffinches (YR 2)

We have been learning about Explorers such as Christopher Columbus and The Wright Brothers. We have enjoyed exploring and mapmaking within our own locality and we have explored what happens when we make aeroplanes and helicopters from paper. We have enjoyed being artists and exploring how we can create portrait pictures in various ways. We have learned about different ways that some religions celebrate Harvest Festival time. Swimming and football have been added to our weekly gymnastics PE lessons and we are working hard to improve our skills. We have been practising to read, write, order and partition two - digit numbers and we are now beginning to learn how to record and calculate addition and subtraction of two- digit numbers. Our story for our first English unit was called 'Pigs Might Fly' by Jonathan Emmett and we really enjoyed making up our own characters and events for our own stories. We have enjoyed our start to the new school year.

Sparrows (Y1).

Year 1 have had a great start to the year. In our English learning, we have been busy learning all about labels, lists and captions. We have enjoyed getting all of our ideas down on paper. In our Maths learning, we have been busy learning about numbers. We are becoming fluent with our counting skills and developing these every day.

Owls (Reception)

We have all settled nicely into school life and are getting used to having to come to school every day to have lots of fun. We are getting tired but are showing good resilience and perseverance to keep the enthusiasm going throughout the week.

Our topic this half term has been 'Dinosaurs'. These are the things that we have enjoyed doing.

'I we had fun making our Shapeasaurus dinosaur.'

'I have enjoyed printing pants for our Shapeasaurus.'

'Phonics is fun. I love learning new letter sounds.'

'I like singing and doing actions to the phonics songs.'

'I have enjoyed doing PE. I like climbing over and under the benches.'

The Owl team are very proud of how well you have started the school year. Keep it up!



**Asfordby
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Primary School

Autumn Newsletter 1

Headteacher's Message

Hello Everyone

We are aiming to get newsletters out the last week of every month where we don't overlap on holidays. We have had an amazing start to the year and it was great to welcome so many of you to our Meet and Greets. Thanks to those of you who responded in evaluations, they help us plan key actions to support you. We have been recognised by many visiting professionals as a school that offers families more in terms of opportunities to work with us to support our children, which is great to hear. We are also recognised for our expertise in Curriculum development and enrichment, and this year we welcome our new patrons of reading, our RSC associate schools and a number of research collaborations. All of these are testament to the professionalism of our staff and our commitment to providing the inspirational learning opportunities for our children, as well as commitment to our own school improvement and educational understanding.

We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed team to work with our children. Each of them are highly trained, and we take our professional roles very seriously in making sure our children are developing as they should. To this end, we appreciate the consideration and respect many of you show for our staff. This is extremely helpful in ensuring we have effective partnerships for working with your children. It has also been noted that our children display particularly good attitudes to school and the school is a calm and friendly environment.

Robins (Y3)

We have started this term with lots of robot fun! We have enjoyed exploring the different and amazing things that robots can do, such as rescue people from natural disasters and spray paint cars! We also have wondered what the future could hold for these fantastic mechanical beings? Tying this in with our class text this term, The Iron Man has given us the chance to explore if it may be possible for robots to have emotions in the future? We have enjoyed learning about forces and metals in Science which has again tied in nicely with thinking about our metal robots. In maths, we have been learning about place value and addition, we are continuing to work hard at getting to grips with the different methods of working out our calculations! Which method works best for you?

Swallows (Y4)

The children enjoyed the school trip so much that they wanted to write a little bit about our time at St George's Park.

On the 5th September 2017 year 4 and 10 of the year 5 class went to Burton on Trent which is where the FA headquarters is. When we got there we saw a wall that the England and all of the other players had signed. There were lots of football pitches. They had a football pitch that was the same size as the pitch at Wembley. We saw a huge running track and a gym. There were two pitches inside , one had turf. We played five matches and did lots of drills. It was a really great day.

Eagles (Y5)

In Eagles class we have been learning to add and subtract 4-6 digit numbers using a range of methods. Lily

In maths we have been learning how to add and subtract huge numbers, like 282 989. It has been very fun learning about this. Tahlia
In Eagles class we have been learning all about the solar system and the people who have been to space. We have learnt about the Space Race. The Space Race is a race to see who can get in to space first, the Russians or the Americans. William
I like learning about space. Charlie

Kingfishers (Y6)

We've had a great first month in Year 6, knuckling down to the challenges Miss G has set us and working hard to improve our Grammar knowledge. We already feel a bit more confident with recognising how to use semi-colons to link independent sentence ideas and we've loved exploring our class text, The Journey, which has made us think about the difficulties people face when they flee from war. In Maths, we have pushed ourselves to use our understanding of rounding to solve problems about approximate populations and related our learning of negative numbers to the concept of bank balances and overdrafts! If you saw our entry to the village show, you will also know how proud we are of our learning about Islamic Art and the geometric patterns we have created by overlapping circles and shading these in thoughtfully. We all feel we have become masters of compasses now!

Headteacher's messages

Please note as from Thursday 12th October, we will no longer be able to accept the old pound coin

School Bank Dates

Wednesday 25th October

Wednesday 22nd November

Wednesday 6th December

Wednesday 20th December

Wednesday 17th January 2018

Communications

Schools are a very different place to those we attended as children and expectations on staff to collaborate across schools to ensure we are all holding each other to account and keeping up to date is much higher-as are external tests and results expectations. This inevitably means we are not always readily available immediately, but we do want to work with you and our appointments systems and communications organisation are designed to ensure we take your queries seriously and deal with them as efficiently and timely as we can. It is vital you contact the class teacher in the first instance of a query as matters can be dealt with quickly. These are always communicated to senior staff through our internal systems who can then support with any further action if needed, however our class teachers can usually action support, and they, like you are committed to your child being happy and making progress in school.

PHOTOS

Please note it is classroom photos on Wednesday 25th October 2017