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Sparrows (Y1).

We have been very busy since coming back to school. Our writing is already improving! We have been busy writing labels, lists and lots of great sentences. We have been learning more about numbers and our artwork has filled the classroom. We are looking forward to showing you all of our amazing work at Parent's Evening.

Owls (Reception)

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Headteacher's Message

Hello Everyone

We're looking forward to seeing you at parents' evenings in the next couple of weeks, and celebrating Harvest Festival. It's so great to catch up with so many of you at the start of the year.

We have been busy settling everyone in and forging on with key expectations. We are adjusting a few things because of the change in weather and because we'd like to see more of you. **From Monday, we will be returning to lining up outside in the morning-this will save the children treading the wet through the carpets they are going to sit on. Arrangements for Years R, 1 and 6 still stand as they are. Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will line up in their playtime places when the whistle blows.**

To avoid confusion, parents are welcome to stand over by the trim trail and tyres, but we ask that you keep all other areas clear so we can get the children in safely. We would also like to remind you that all children should be supervised before and after school and play equipment should not be used. Gates will shut at 3:30pm to maintain safeguarding.

Some of you have asked about results last year. National figures are not official yet, but we expect to be above these levels of attainment in all areas and in combined areas too. (Please see overleaf) We are very proud of children and staff- and many thanks to all those parents who support their children's learning journeys, you contribute so much to their developing worth ethic as well as key skills.

Robins (Y3)

This half term Robins class have been learning all about Robots in our topic which has tied in nicely to our core text this half term which is The Iron Man. We have really enjoyed The Iron Man so far, we have explored some poetry and we are concentrating on setting and character description at the moment, exploring lots of different types of writing about settings and characters. In maths we have looked at place value and exploring the value of each digit in a three digit number. We are now pros at learning to add on to the 10s, 1s and 100s column. We are now looking at addition and subtraction and looking at whether we can spot the patterns in a calculation.

Eg - $3+4 = 7$ and $4+3=7$

We are enjoying our science this term, exploring forces and magnets, we have learnt all about the push and pull force and how friction, air and water resistance not only occurs but helps and hinders us in our every day life.

Swallows (Y4)

The children have become captivated with our class text Beowulf and have loved exploring the Anglo-Saxon culture and comparing their lifestyles to ours. The children have recently become news reporters and are writing an article based on the deadly battle between Beowulf and Grendel - they are worth the read! We have also just completed our first unit of place value in maths and I am so proud, as their teacher, to see the progress of the children already. It was also a pleasure to take some year 4's and 5's to a Leicester Tigers tag rugby festival. The children were respectful, well-mannered and shown great teamwork! What a busy but great start to the year!

Eagles (Y5)

Eagles class have settled in like a dream and are creating true works of note. In writing (our big school focus) we have written settings, characterisation, endings and have used the editing process based around the book Cosmic. In maths we have looked at place value, rounding, calculation and reasoning. The change in the children's approach and confidence is already amazing. Our science and topic work has looked at the planets, space race, moon phases and why we have night and day. Next half term we will look at forces. All in all a great start to the year with a fantastic group of children who are 'giving their all'. I'm a proud teacher, for sure!

Kingfishers (Y6)

We have really enjoyed our first month in Year 6 and can't believe how quickly it's gone. We've liked the challenges we've explored in our Maths learning, especially rounding with bigger numbers and we have learnt lots about using jottings to help us to persevere with this. Our Science learning has fascinated us too. We've been learning about the different classes and orders of living things which we've only ever thought of as bees or spiders, as well as becoming familiar with Latin when reading certain species names. We're finding new things out all of the time! Learning spelling through Word Study has been so fun as well: sorting words, highlighting rules and chopping off sounds has helped us to understand patterns in spelling a lot more. We can't wait to use the skills we have been practicing in hockey in an upcoming tournament soon - particularly those powerful push passes and block tackles!

Headteacher's messages Initial 2018 results to be validated

EYFS good level of development 79%

Key Stage 1; children achieving age related

Reading 82%

Writing 79%

Maths 86%

Combined 79% (all three)

Key Stage 2 children achieving age related expectations

Reading 88%

Writing 82%

Maths 94%

Combined 82% (2017 National average was 61%)

School Bank Dates

Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Wednesday 7th November 2018

Wednesday 5th December 2018

Wednesday 9th January 2019

Wednesday 6th February 2019

Wednesday 6th March 2019

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Wednesday 1st May 2019

Wednesday 5th June 2019

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING – SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2018 – 10.00 TO 11.30 AM

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning will be held here at school on Saturday 6th October

Everyone is welcome!!! – spread the word!!

Donations of cakes etc., are greatly appreciated, please bring to school on Friday 5th or on Saturday morning.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!!!

