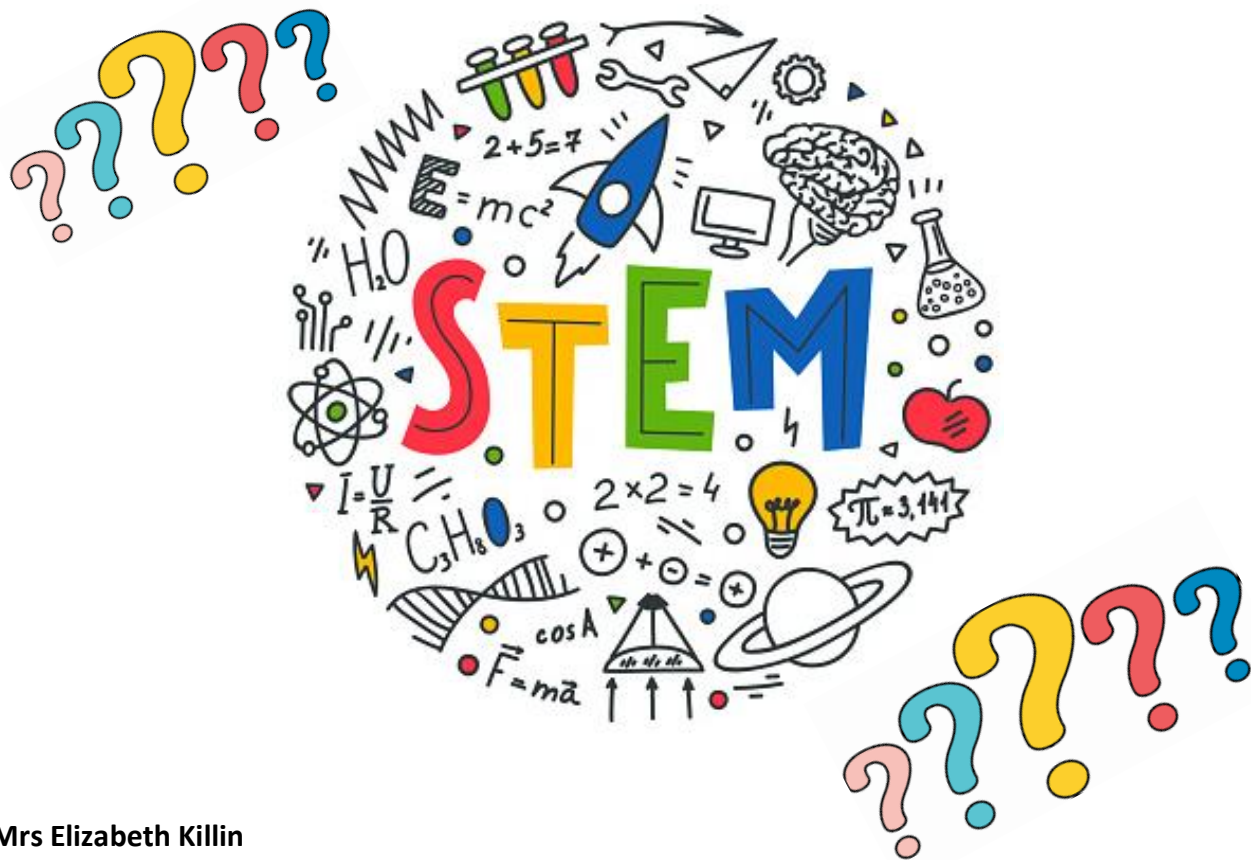




Dear Parents and Carers,

We are holding a **Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM)** week, next week. Across the week the children will be designing and carrying out experiments, meeting a scientist, taking part in workshops and much, much more. There will also be a thrilling science show on Friday 10th February. The school is largely meeting the cost of this week, however, we are asking all parents for a voluntary donation of £4 towards the week. This will go towards the cost of the workshops, science show and many 'ingredients' needed to make the week a success! The theme of the week is a surprise and will be revealed to the children on Monday so I hope I don't give too much away if I say the children will also be given a delicious treat as part of our scientific journey!



Mrs Elizabeth Killin
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

THESE ARE SOME OF THE DATES FOR THIS TERM

Friday 10th February - Valentine Bake Sale and 'Pyjama and Onesie' Mufti Day

Monday 13th - Friday 17th February – Spring Half Term

Wednesday 22nd February – Year 5 visit Therfield to watch Bugsy Malone

Wednesday 22nd February - 6pm Year 6 SATs information meeting for parents

Thursday 23rd February – Year 1 trip to Brooklands Museum

Thursday 23rd February – Year 6 Junior Citizen Event

Monday 27th February – Year 2 trip to Brooklands Museum

Friday 3rd March – World Book Day (Official WBD is 2nd March, but we are celebrating on 3rd)

Tuesday 7th March – Parents Afternoon/Evening

Tuesday 14th March - Year 1 9am Phonics workshop for parents

Tuesday 14th March - Year 5 and Year 6 visit to the science museum

Tuesday 21st March – 9am Year 2 SATs information meeting for parents

Christian and Learning Values

Well done to the following children who received a values award this week:

Commitment: Joel P (Kestrel), Luvaniel W (Oak), Olivia S (Chestnut), Keeva K (Fox), Reggie O (Squirrel), Alice H (Squirrel) Lena Jane S (Hedgehog) and Holly I (Maple)

Reflectiveness: Jessica M (Hawk)

Respect: Harper E (Eagle)

Attendance



Class	Week Ending 13/01/23	Week Ending 20/01/23	Week Ending 27/01/23	Week Ending 03/02/23
Bumblebee	97%	96.8%	100%	94.4%
Ladybird	84.45%	92.4%	85.60%	88.8%
Hedgehog	93.15%	86.5%	89.60%	91.75%
Squirrel	91.7%	93%	90%	89.55%
Badger	93.3%	93.3%	93.30%	86.7%
Fox	98.10%	96.3%	95.20%	97.05%
Chestnut	90.85%	92.6%	95.15%	94.15%
Oak	90.40%	90.3%	87.90%	87.65%
Maple	95.3%	98.15%	92.20%	93.45%
Eagle	98.4%	95.65%	86.55%	91.6%
Hawk	91.75%	94.05%	87.50%	93.85%
Kestrel	86.5%	86.3%	89.10%	93.8%
100 % Attendees	263	266	253	259

Previous winners, Fox Class, have the hamster back again next week and have earned a prize each today from the prize bag. This is because they have beaten every other class in the school over the last 5 days to hit 97% as a class.

We were really excited to hand out close to 200 red wristbands on Wednesday. The children who got them were incredibly proud. We reminded all the children who didn't get one that every month is a fresh chance to win a wrist band and that there are just 15 school days in February so go for it!

Children are able to wear their wristbands to school but are encouraged not to take them off at anytime as this can lead to them getting lost. If your child loses their wristband we can't replace it for free, however, you can pay for a replacement at £2 each.

Mrs Gray
Deputy Headteacher

Fine Diners

Winners this week:

Anna K, Keaton T, Anna K, Ava S, Isabelle F, Khaleesi A and
Izzy T

Well Done!

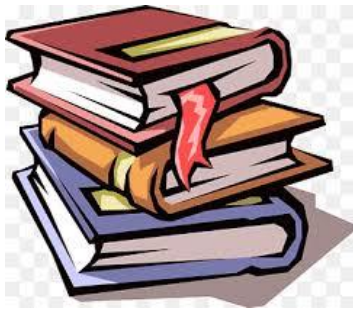


Words of the Week

Vocabulary!

As a school, we have done lots of work with the children on developing their vocabulary. Each week we share our words of the week (linked to our topic and curriculum learning) and unpick what they mean. We use the word in different contexts, find synonyms, act them out, draw pictures and many more strategies to help us to remember them.

Developing children's vocabulary really impacts their speaking skills as well as their reading and writing. Listed below are next week's words of the week so you can discuss these with your children at home!



Words of the week next week:-

Year 5 and Year 6 – Capitulate and Solidarity
Year 3 and Year 4 – Precipitation and Ordnance Survey
Year 1 and Year 2 – Extraordinary and Ordinary
Reception – Stormy and Sunny

Top Classes for using TTRS this week



1st Oak
2nd Maple
3rd Eagle

Highest number of coins this Year

1st Mason V
2nd Shariq
3rd Victor

Most Improved Studio Speed

1st Zoltan
2nd Aniketh
3rd Jack J

Numbots (Key Stage 1) – highest number of coins earned this year

1st Imogen
2nd Nam
3rd Nathan F

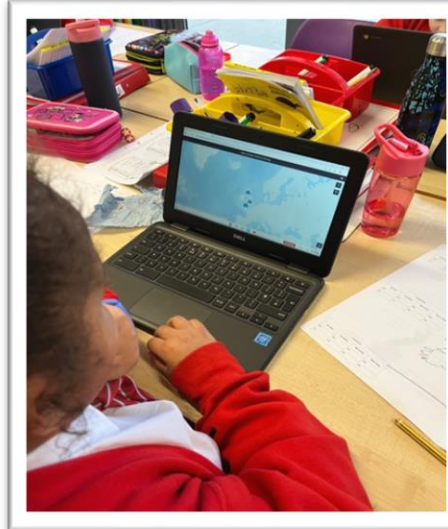
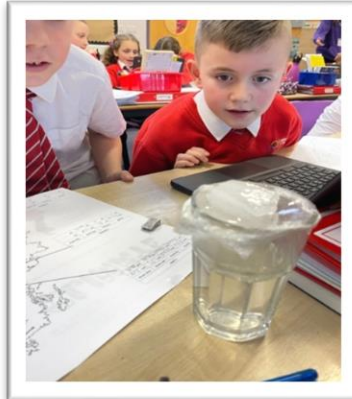
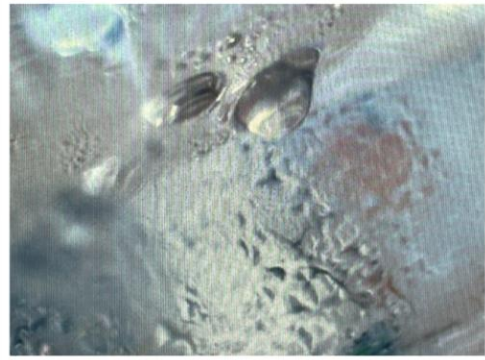
Congratulations for passing the next stage on Numbots: Imogen

HOUSE POINTS

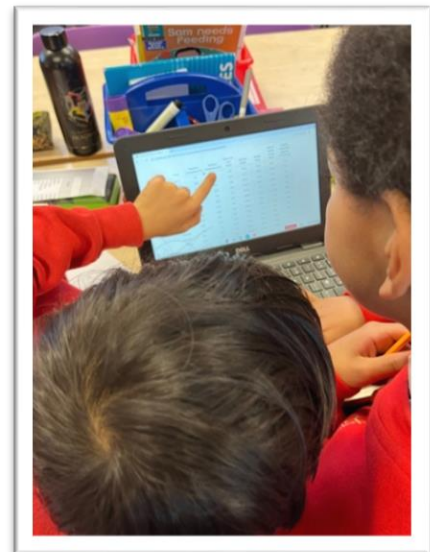
1st Dragon 2nd Phoenix 3rd Unicorn 4th Griffin

Maple Class

This week Maple Class have been very busy in the afternoons during science and geography. We have been looking at the weather and the water cycle and how they affect climates. Using a glass, cling film and hot water, we were able to recreate the processes of evaporation, condensation and precipitation. The children were very excited to see it raining indoors! Why not try this at home?



Then in geography, we spent an afternoon looking at the different weather patterns and climates around the United Kingdom. Using Chrome books, we were able to compare the rainfall, sunshine and temperatures throughout the year.



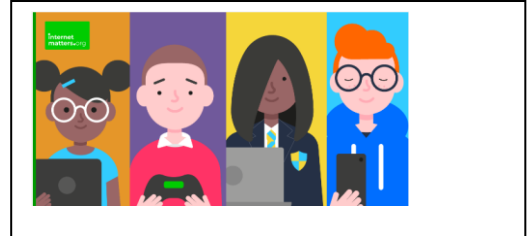
We decided the best place to live in the UK was Cornwall for the sunshine and temperature; and the worst was The Orkneys off the coast of Scotland where it appears to rain – a lot!

Miss Brewer
Class Teacher

Internet Safety

As parents and carers, keeping our children safe on the internet and mobile devices can be challenging

- <https://swiggle.org.uk/> is a child friendly search engine
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/> is a great website giving advice to parents and carers about keeping your child safe on social media, online games and around the web.
- [Interland is an adventure](#)-packed online game that puts the lessons of digital citizenship and safety into hands-on practice.
- [Be internet Awesome](#) – is a program to teach children online safety. There are fun and free web-based games.



Mrs Gattey
DSL and Assistant Headteacher