

We say goodbye to January this week- it has been a month full of wonderful things and now we head to February; lighter mornings, emerging flowers and bird song. Wonderful! In school this week we have been working on a whole host of learning. Our Little Wrens and Reception classes have continued with their focus on dinosaurs and wow- they can tell you so much! Flo was so proud when she shared the sentence that she had written about them in drawing club- well done! Base 2 have been very busy with technology, using the iPads to learn all about coding. They showed great concentration when faced with challenges and worked together to help them overcome these creating great final pieces of work.



Base 4 have combined history and art this week and have been working on a piece of art focusing on the Sutton Hoo helmet. This artwork should come together to create something very special – I can't wait to see the final product! Base 5 have also been delving into history and used their developing oracy skills to discuss activists in history – it is a real joy to listen to the way they speak about William Wilberforce, Emmeline Pankhurst and Elizabeth Fry. They discussed the issues these people fought for and debated whether their methods to bring about change were right or wrong with passion, clarity and respect.

Base 3 theme day

Base 3 have thoroughly enjoyed a day dressed as the characters from their class story 'Wind in the Willows' by Kenneth Grahame. We have had toads, moles, badgers, rats, foxes and even an otter in their classroom today. The children have been busy getting creative and have worked collaboratively to design, create and evaluate 3D models to represent the children's favourite aspects of the story, from Mr Toad's Toad Hall and Ratty's rowing boat to Toad's motorcar and Mole's underground house. The ended with a presentation assembly to the rest of the school showcasing our models and sharing the story.



This week's awards...

We All Matter Stars:

Little Wrens:	Marley for always being kind and sharing with his friends.
Base 1:	Cyndi-Lou for always showing kindness towards her friends.
Base 2:	Annabella – for always being kind
Base 3:	Alice for showing care for the classroom and others by carrying out her duties
Base 4:	Oliver G for always being kind and caring to children in the class.

Base 5:	Libby for helping others in class.
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ACHIEVE Learning Awards:

Little Wrens:	Stanley for showing great independence and not giving up.
Base 1:	Jack for engaging in his learning, showing good focus
Base 2:	Bonnie – for valuing her beautiful handwriting.
Base 3:	Lumi for producing a beautiful setting description with such value
Base 4:	Tilly for showing great concentration in her artwork.
Base 5:	Anna for improving with her maths through determination and perseverance.

Reading Awards!



We have continued to celebrate reading achievements this week. Well done to everyone for their dedication to reading- we are very proud of you all.



Bronze reading badges go to: Oliver, Paisley-Ann, Jesse, Flo, and Elsie.



Silver badges go to: James, Annie, Bella, Bodhi, Mable and George



Gold badges go to: Zara, Hugo, Joshie and Seb.



This week, 117 children achieved their 100% attendance award sticker- well done!

Assemblies:

In assembly this week, we read about a story which looked at worries and what to do when we have them. In the story, Felix seemed to have worries grow like a big red balloon which then stopped him from doing things he wanted to – like joining in football games at playtime. His dad then gave him a tip – to hold up his hand in a star shape and to breathe in and out while gently pinching the tip of his fingers. Felix did this 3 times and it really helped him to feel better. We all tried this – it really does work! We also thought about other things that help us, sometimes a hug is all we need, we agreed that sharing worries always helps and that we also needed to fight these worries and tell them to go away.



Celebrations:

This week we'd like to celebrate Daisy and her continued swimming achievements. Daily has now completed her Silver Swimming award badge and swam 300m of mixed strokes with tumble turns at the ends too! Daisy, we are all very proud of you. Keep up the hard work- it won't be long until you reach that gold!.. Isaac and Seb both achieved *Player of the Match* awards, while Griff was also recognised with an award for his recent boxing event. Well done to all for your achievements.



Key upcoming dates:

Friday 6th February - Base 2 theme day

Monday 9th February - Parent sharing afternoon Base 1-5 (2:30 pm- 5:00pm)

Thursday 12th February – FOWS Disco (see email from the office)

Friday 13th February – Base 1 theme day

Friday 13th February – Break up for ½ term.

Monday 23rd February – Back to school

Tuesday 3rd March – World Book Day

Your Headteacher,

Mrs Charlesworth