



18th November 2022

DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

Headteachers Message

As I sit to write this, I can see children in non-uniform as a way of fundraising for children in need. The excitement in school on these days is joyful. More importantly though, is the care and compassion that our children show when thinking about the reasons why they're raising funds. I am hugely humbled and thankful to our wonderful school community for the importance they give to thinking about and then doing something for others.

ROBINS

This week in maths we have been practising our number bonds to 10 and learning how to use the part-whole model. We have also worked hard to use all the addition facts we know.

During science this week we have had fun with plasticine and pipe cleaners, molding them into different shapes, experimenting with the stretchiness and flexibility of these.

In Geography we have been packing a suitcase of items we would take on holiday to a hot or cold place as well as writing an invitation to a friend, persuading them to join us in a hot or cold destination of our choice.

WOODPECKERS

In Woodpeckers this week we have been working hard completing all our English and Maths tests, everybody has worked extremely hard! In Science we have been investigating different materials around the school, using adjectives to describe them. We also looked at different objects and materials to decide whether they are a good choice or not! In PE, the class are enjoying being taught by Elliot from ITFC and look forward to PE each week. Everybody is working really hard in learning their lines for the school play and are really excited to practice. Gentle reminder to ensure that all children are reading at home daily and their reading records are being signed.

BARN OWLS

Barn Owls have completed their non chronological reports, writing about a variety of mammals, fish and birds in detail. The finished work is really engaging and informative. In maths we have worked really hard on using exchanges in addition and subtraction, in science we revisited our trees to see how the berries, insects and leaves have changed since September and in PE we have continued to improve our fitness and our hockey skills. We continue to investigate South America and the Amazon and in PSHE we have been discussing the challenging topic of bullying and how we can all play a part in stopping it.

GOLDEN EAGLES

On Tuesday in Golden Eagles we had a fantastic WW2 afternoon. Our kitchen team provided an amazing presentation all about rationing and also lots of examples of foods and how much you would have been allowed each week. We were especially shocked by the cheese ration! We were able to taste a variety of WW2 foods, including stew, bread and carrot cake. At the end of the session we were able to look at a variety of different ration books and documents. To end the afternoon we looked at some codebreaking and created our own cipher wheels to make and break our own codes! It was a brilliant afternoon and really brought our history learning to life.

CONGRATULATIONS

KINGFISHER READING WINGS WINNERS - WOODPECKERS!

MATHS MONTER WINNERS - WOODPECKERS!

CALENDAR

- 23/11 – Swimming Gala at Hobart
- 06/12 – KS1 School Play
- 06/12 – DAFS Bag2School Collection
- 08/12 – DAFS Christmas Bingo
- 09/12 – Family Christmas Craft 2pm (parents welcome)
- 13/12 – Y6 NCMP Screening
- 14/12 – 10am Carol Service at Ditchingham Church (parents invited)
- 14/12 – Panto video in the afternoon
- 15/12 – Christmas Lunch (children only)
- 16/12 – Last day of term

PRAYER

Loving God
Help us to be generous
Help us to be kind
Help us to be loving
So that Children in Need are
helped today and every day.
Amen

ATTENDANCE

- This week our whole school attendance figure was **93.41%**

REMINDERS

- ITFC After School Club last session is 7th December

