



4th November 2022



DITCHINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

Headteachers Message

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful half term. We have been really pleased by how well children got back in to routines this week, taking excellent responsibility for their learning. Thank you for your support with parents' evenings this week. Please do remember that if you ever need to speak to a member of staff from your child's class, you can catch someone on the gate at the start or end of the day, or make an appointment via the office. Well done to the children who have taken on the job of raising money for charity by selling the items from the British Legion. I have been so proud of how respectful and responsible they have been about this important job.

ROBINS

During PE this week Robin Class had so much fun using mood lines to demonstrate how they would feel in different scenarios. The red line of cones represented happy feelings and the yellow line represented sad feelings. I was impressed that the class were able to explain how exercise can help to make us feel happy!

During Geography this week we have been researching a hot or cold place of our choice and creating our own fact-files. I am so impressed with the great level of perseverance demonstrated in creating these!

This term in PSHE we will be learning about our emotions. This week we have been focussing on happiness. The children enjoyed a fun game of 'pass the smile'. Each child started by covering their mouth and revealing a beaming grin to the child on their right, who then passed the smile around the circle. We further discussed important questions such as how do we know when someone is happy, what are the things or people that make us most happy, how do we make other people happy and how do we create our own happiness?

WOODPECKERS

We have had a great first week back in Woodpeckers! We have been recapping some of the learning we did last half term before moving on to this term's topics. In Maths this week we have been working hard towards subtracting numbers across 10 using different resources to help us. We have just started looking at the songs that will go with our KS1 Christmas Nativity play and we are so excited to start practicing for it. Just a reminder to keep reading with your child at home and that PE days have changed for this half term. We now have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday!

BARN OWLS

Barn Owls have had a great start back at school. We have begun a new text in English - we are writing a non-chronological report - and we have started new guided reading books (Y4 - James and the Giant Peach: Y3 - Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure). In maths we are focusing on addition and subtraction - especially on exchanging and in science we're investigating the three states of matter (Solids, liquids & gasses). In PE we will be enjoying fitness and hockey and in Design Technology we will be making small bags. Please do send in any material like old shirts or curtains which we can use for this project.

GOLDEN EAGLES

We have had a fantastic start to the half term in Golden Eagles and have jumped straight into our new English text, an explanation all about a machine that can tidy bedrooms! We are continuing with our WW2 learning in history and this week we looked at some pictures of WW2 artefacts, deciding what we thought they were, based on what we already know about the war. We started our new science topic 'Everyday Materials' and spent time categorising different materials based on both given criteria and criteria that we have thought of ourselves.

CONGRATULATIONS

KINGFISHER READING WINGS WINNERS - GOLDEN EAGLES!

MATHS MONTER WINNERS - GOLDEN EAGLES!

CALENDAR

- 14/11 - Nasal Flu Immunisation Session
- 15/11 - Golden Eagles WW2 food afternoon
- 16/11 - Swimming Gala at Hobart
- 06/12 - DAFS Bag2School Collection
- 09/12 - Family Christmas Craft (info will be sent home in due course)
- 13/12 - Y6 NCMP Screening
- 15/12 - Christmas Lunch (children only)

REMINDERS

- Remembrance Poppies are on sale from the school office
- Please ensure your child brings a change of shoes, and a coat as the weather is getting cooler

ATTENDANCE

- Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure was **97.62%**.

WHO'S WHO

Name: Mrs Brooks

Role: Robins Classroom Assistant

Favourite Subject: Maths

Hobbies: Gardening, bird watching, reading, walking, foraging, preserving and exploring small, windy islands.