



Autumn Term

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## HEAD TEACHER'S HIGHLIGHTS

Dear parents

We have had a lovely week with lots of learning going on. It is great to see the children enjoying their reading and writing and we had a little bit of extra inspiration on Tuesday. Jayne Gibbons one of our parents from Class 1 came into school to help us with a reading challenge. We thought the children would like to be involved in writing a whole school story. We gave them the idea initial idea that the story would be set in Church Aston and the main character would be a mouse. They followed up on this by coming up with lots of story ideas which Jayne is going to weave into a story for us. The children will then have opportunity to edit it and add in more of their thoughts about what the characters will look like and what else might happen in the story. Many thanks to Jayne for taking the time to work with us on this, we will let you know how it all works out.

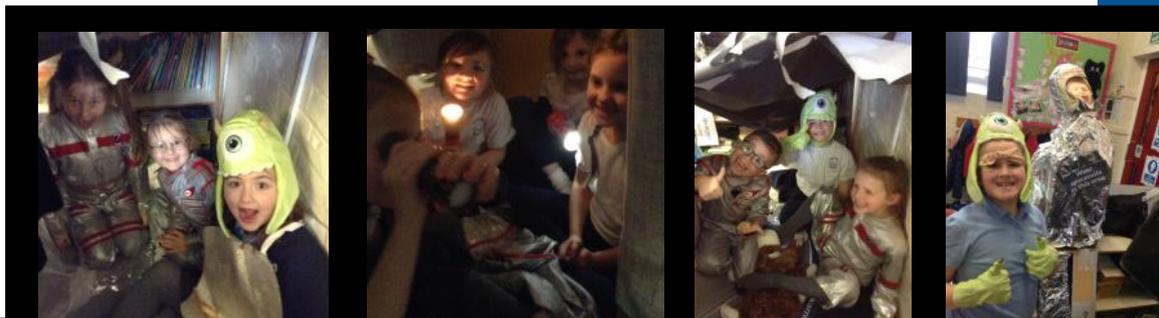
The children met our new forest school leader Amazing Amanda from Educating Kids Outside. She was interested to see what we have already been doing in forest school. She has been down to the Deer Park to familiarise herself with the area and the resources. She had some great ideas that will suit our children and take their forest school opportunity on a bit further. We look forward to working with her in May and June. More details to follow nearer the time.

The sweet sale was a popular event, I know the children were keen to sell them. Thank you to Friends of School for organising this little treat for everyone.

Have a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes

Jenny Griffiths



**CLASS 2 HAD A WONDERFUL SURPRISE TODAY AS THEY TURNED UP TO SPACE SCHOOL AND THEIR CLASS HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A SPACE CENTRE.**





# CLASS 1

Well, this week has flown by like a super-fast jet! We have had lots of fun in Class One, the children are really enjoying our 'Here we go!' topic.

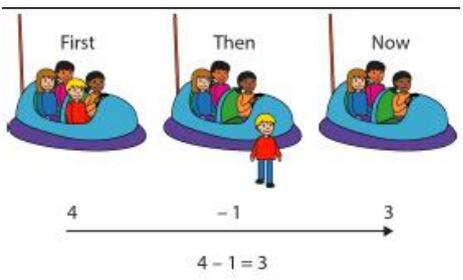
We have been learning about the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts this week in our English lessons. The Smeds and the Smoos was a fiction text. We have read non fiction texts about different vehicles this week and have been recording facts about them. The Year One children made super 'Did you know...?' posters all about vehicles. Next week will look at more non fiction texts.

In phonics this week Reception have been recapping the sounds igh, ow, oo (zoo), oo (book) and ar.

In maths this week Reception have been thinking about 5 and a bit more. We know that 6 is made of 5 and 1 more and 7 is made of 5 and 2 more.



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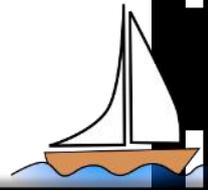
The children loved meeting Jayne Gibbons on Tuesday who is an author (and a mum of one of the children in our class!) She collected ideas from the children about a possible story all about a Church Aston mouse who lives in

the church. She has taken the children's ideas away with her and is going to use them to write the story. How exciting!

Year one created some fantastic space backgrounds for their Peter Thorpe inspired artwork on Monday.



Next week they will add their rockets! Have a great weekend and we will see you next week for the last week of this half term!.



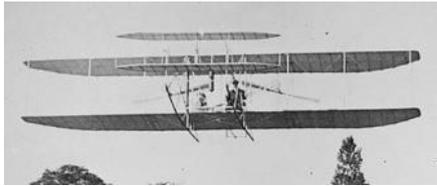
**Rewarded for being such a kind and caring member of our class.**

**STAR OF THE WEEK**

# CLASS 2



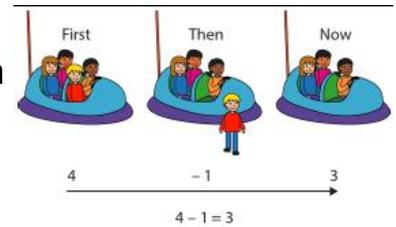
Class 2 have finally finished our diary writing about the Space Race, so we celebrated by making a rocket going around the Earth. We used a split pin to make a pivot so the rocket could orbit



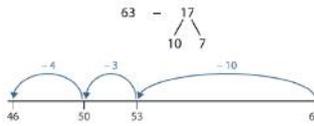
the Earth. In history we have researching travel and transport. The children have learned about the first engine powered plane made by the Wright brothers, and it stayed in the air for 12 seconds.



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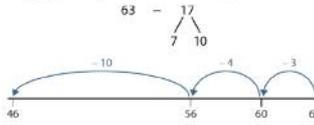


Bridging a multiple of ten - subtracting the tens first:



The year 2 children are also working on subtraction. They are counting back in jumps of 10, then looking for bonds to the nearest multiple of 10 and subtracting the rest of the units.

Bridging a multiple of ten - subtracting the ones first:



As we approach the last week of term, I wanted to say thank you for your continued support with the reading at home. Any reading your child does can be recorded in their Reading Records as it all adds to their learning experience.

I'm sure you will hear lots about our day at Space School. They were very surprised to see their class had been transformed into a space station.



**Rewarded for working hard and taking on new responsibilities.**

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# Important Dates

Various—Class 2 swimming (every Wednesday until 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – last session)

8<sup>th</sup> February – whole school trip to Enginuity,

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb—Wear it Red for The Air Ambulance—donations welcome

12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> February – half term

19<sup>th</sup> February – PD day

20<sup>th</sup> February – first day back to school

21<sup>st</sup> February—Class 1 swimming (continuing every Wednesday until 20<sup>th</sup> March – last session)

21<sup>st</sup> February—Friends of School meeting—further details to follow

27<sup>th</sup> February—Parent's afternoon/evening, appointments will be available to book via Class Teachers from 5<sup>th</sup> February

7<sup>th</sup> March—World Book Day—dress up as your favourite book character!

**THIS WEEKS WINNING  
TEAM IS**



**GREEN TEAM**



## Menu change next week

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Beef Bolognese or Veg Bolognese followed by fruit crumble and custard

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Chicken Strips or Quorn Dunkers followed by Mousse.

The menu for the rest of the week is unchanged (apart from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> when it is the Enginuity trip and packed lunches have either been ordered or will need to be brought in from home)



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that supported the Sweet Shop and to the Friends of School for organising this.



# *Celebrating Success*

## **REWARDS OF THE WEEK**

**Well done to all the children that received an award for Marvellous Mathematician, Wonderful Writer, Hand Writer of the week, Reader of the Week or Breakfast Club Superstar. Keep up the hard work.**



**Class 1**



**Class 2**

# Celebrating Success

# Mathletics



**BRONZE**



**GOLD**



**EMERALD**



**SILVER**



**PLATINUM**