

Ibstone CE Primary School Newsletter

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We are delighted to share with you some good news. We have heard from the education department at Waddesdon that our robin lantern came second in the Facebook vote. Thank you for voting for our robin! As our prize, we will be lucky enough to receive a talk from one of the education leaders about birds. The talk will be in three weeks' time.

Currently we are planning to run the Kites Holiday Club at February half term. We do need bookings though, so if you think you would like to make use of the Kites Club at half term please return your form to the school office as soon as possible so that we can confirm arrangements.

We have a new sports coach this term, Coach Joshua. Coach Joshua has been working with the children on a range of ball skills and fitness challenges. Our specialist music teacher, Mrs Blake, has been teaching the recorder to Year 3 this term. The Woodland class have been learning some African 'Call and Response' refrains which sound beautiful. We will look forward to showing off some of this term's music learning at our Mothering Sunday Service at St Nicholas Church on 11th March.

Please remember to hear your child read regularly at home and sign their reading diary. A little reading regularly supports children as they master new skills. As children become more proficient readers they still need to read aloud so that pronunciation can be checked and supported. Please help children by encouraging them to put intonation into their reading and to observe punctuation so that what they read makes sense. Please read other reading materials as well as school reading scheme books too so that your child has a rich diet to help keep their interest fresh. It will be World Book Day on March 1st so we will be sharing favourite books and favourite authors.

The Kestrel class would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the PTA for all their new books. The children have been very excited to look through the new books. The children have been commenting about any authors that they already know and generally sharing their ideas about the new books. The books have been greatly appreciated.



In maths this week the children have been revising telling the time. They have also been studying how we use the 12 hour clock and the 24 hour clock. The children have been practising 5 minutes past and 10 minutes past and 5 minutes to and 10 minutes to. Linking in with their topic, the children have also been looking at Roman numerals up to 24 as Roman numerals often appear on clock faces. The children are encouraged to practise their times tables too.

In English the children have been looking at different sentence starters and learning the technical name for adverbs which begin sentences, for example, 'Suddenly...'. These are called 'fronted adverbials'. The children have also been practising using adverbs, prepositions and similes in their writing.

The children are practising their sentence formations ahead of their extended writing sessions where we hope to see evidence of their learning in their compositions.

In science, the children have been learning about forces.

In the Woodland class, the children have been practising their spelling and grammar and endeavouring to include these in their writing. The children have been making plurals by adding 's' or 'es' and putting plural words into sentences.

In maths the children have been using apparatus to reinforce their learning of times tables. We learn the 2x table and the 10x table first, followed by the 5x table. We encourage children to see patterns in numbers as they learn. In science the children are continuing in their classification of animals. This week the children have considered how humans change as they grow and age.



Thank you for supporting our project on toys by sending toys into school. The children have been making a timeline with the toys. The children have been fascinated by similarities and differences. In ICT the children have been creating pictures of their favourite toy and word-processing a sentence about their creation.

In the Ladybirds class, the children are still enjoying learning through fairy tales. This week Goldilocks and the Three Bears has provided a rich seam of activities. The children have been busy making porridge, for three different-sized bowls, of course. They have been practising the language of comparative size, and ordering objects accordingly. The children even helped to make up a musical rap to re-tell the story. Needless to say there has been lots of role play around the characters and the story. The children even worked in small groups to design a new chair for Baby Bear.

Another story focus this week was the Gingerbread Man. The children made gingerbread men. They weighed out the ingredients, practising the language of more and less and practising the skills of reading measurements. The children talked about one more and one less. The recipe gave the children the opportunity to list and write instructions about what ingredients were needed and what you had to do in order to make gingerbread men.



This week we have a bumper edition of photographs to make up for last week. We hope you enjoy them!

Finally with a lot of runny noses we are very short of boxes of tissue if you can donate any to the school we would be very grateful. As always, thank you for all your support.

Ruth Goddard, Headteacher

Headteacher Awards



Diary Dates
New or amended dates in BOLD

Date	Occasion	Who?
January 2018		
29 th January	PTA Meeting 7.30pm venue TBC	All
February 2018		
1 st February	Stay and Play 2pm	Ladybirds parents
9 th February	EOT 3.15/3.25pm	All
9 th February	Kites Valentine Disco 3.15-4.30pm	All
12 th -16 th February	Kites Holiday Club 8.30am-6pm	All
19 th February	School starts 8.50am	All
March 2018		
28 th March	End of Term 1.30pm	All
29 th March	INSET DAY	