

Dear Families,

Wow! What a week it has been! The call from Ofsted finally came on Monday morning as I was settling into my first morning teaching in Osprey Class! Thank you all for the kind words of support across the course of the week, the staff and I really appreciate it. We now have to sit and wait for the report, we will share it with you as soon as we get it!

As you will be aware, there has been a lot of staff illness this week, we are sending our love to all the staff who have spent half term and this week still being poorly! We hope you are feeling better soon!

Congratulations to the Year 4 children who took part in Level 2 Bikeability this week, Ian said he was very proud of you all!

## Weekly Round Up

### Pebbles

This week we have been talking about what makes a rainbow. It was a rainy day in Ibstone and we hoped we might see a real rainbow but sadly the sun did not shine. We cheered the day up with rainbow songs, ribbon dances and everyone painted a beautiful rainbow.

Pebbles enjoyed listening to the 'Whatever Next!' story and the children were very happy to act out the story using all the props. We played in space tents, made wonderful rockets and had a picnic on the moon, just like baby bear.



### Ladybirds

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful half term. This week we have started our Space topic, we began with an introduction into our solar system finding out how many planets we have and all the different names. Ladybirds carefully used non-fiction books to look at the different planets and painted these accordingly. We have started our Talk 4 Writing based on the book Whatever Next! They have enjoyed role playing travelling to the moon with their space hat and boots. The children wrote a list of the things they would take to the moon. We have been learning about adjectives and thought of lots of adjectives to describe Baby Bear, we then put these into a sentence.

In maths we have been working on length and height; practically exploring the height and length of things in and around the classroom.

In phonics we have revisited three sounds a day building fluency in reading these. We read sentences together each day and we will now start to write the sentence in the phonics session.





### Woodland Class

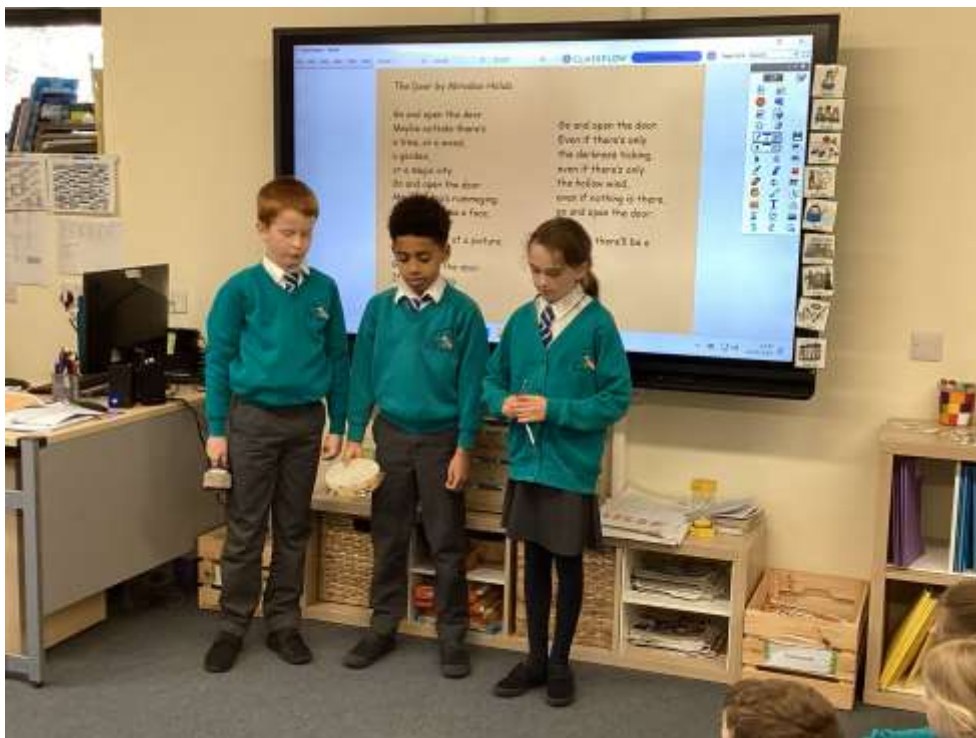
Woodland Class have continued to learn about the Great Fire of London this week, they have looked carefully at houses of the time and have started designing and making their own Tudor houses. In RE they have started to think about their big question 'Why is Easter important to Christians?'. During their learning around the room time, they have built models of the houses and streets of London from 1666, written diary entries like Samuel Pepys and made Get Well Soon cards for Miss Smith.



### Kestrel Class

Kestrel Class have had a whole week of Mrs Butwell this week, they have enjoyed learning about food webs as the final part of our work on the digestive system. The children were given the roles of different producers/consumers/predators and we linked the different food chains to create a web. Once they had completed it they thought about the biodiversity and interdependence of the web.

The children have been learning to perform The Door by Miroslav Holub and have worked in groups to think about how the instruments could add layers of meaning to the performance.



### Osprey Class

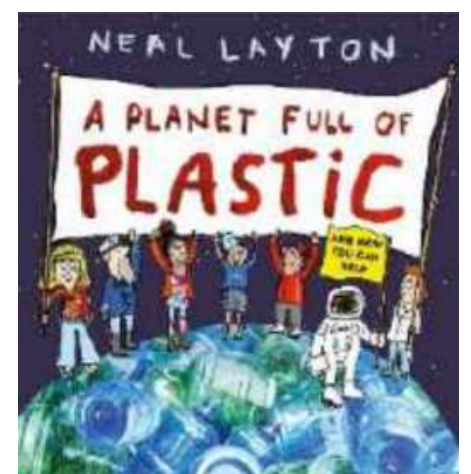
Osprey Class have been sharing their knowledge about Greek Gods and Goddesses, learning lots of new vocabulary and writing their own verse of a poem about the Greek Gods and Goddesses. They have also been listening to several Greek Myths and finding out more about Ancient Greece.

In mathematics, Year 5 have been learning about fractions and Year 6 have moved onto a unit about percentages.

I am looking forward to being in Osprey Class more next week! We have an exciting half term ahead of us!

### Barn Owls

In English this week, we have started a new unit of work on a discussion text. We explored different information sources to build our knowledge about plastic so that we can consider 'Is Plastic Fantastic?'.  
In mathematics, we have started exploring fractions. We have been revisiting the words numerator and denominator to name the parts of a fraction. We looked at unit fractions where the denominator is always 1. Through looking at a variety of unit fractions, we discovered that the greater the denominator, the smaller the fraction.



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**In other news**

**World Book Day**

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day next Friday (7<sup>th</sup> March). We are inviting the children and adults to dress up as a character from their favourite book and bring their book to school with them.

**Parent Governor Appointment**

Following our plea for a parent governor, we are delighted to welcome James Baker to the Governing Body as a Parent Governor.

**Cross Country**

Our cross country runners had a super session on Monday, running over 2km! If you have not yet signed your child up, please add them via iPal, Cross Country is a free club that run for our KS2 children on a Monday lunchtime. Ben, our chair of Govenors, joined the club on Monday and was very impressed with everyone!



**Enjoy the weekend!**  
Louise Long  
Headteacher

**Headteacher Awards**



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## Zog the Dog Awards



## Bikeability Level 2



## Maths Whizz Awards



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# Runners of the Week



## Diary Dates

New or amended dates will be shown in **BOLD**

Date	Occasion	Who?
<b>March 2025</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – please see main body of the newsletter	Everyone
<b>April 2025</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – 1.30pm	Everyone
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
<b>May 2025</b>		
6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Adventure Week –sent 13/01/2025	Year 5 only
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6 only
23 <sup>rd</sup>	End of Term – 3.15pm	Everyone
<b>June 2025</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day	Staff Only
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to school	Everyone
<b>July 2025</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Transition Day	Everyone
3 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow	KS2 families
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Adventure Weekend – information sent via email 10/01/25	Year 6 only
11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Sports Morning 9-11am – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Ladybirds & Woodland Class families
11 <sup>th</sup>	Pebbles' Sports Morning 11.30-12pm – more information to follow PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Pebbles families
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ibfest Week – more information to follow	Everyone
21 <sup>st</sup>	Leavers' Service 9.15am, St Nicholas Church	Year 6 Families
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Garden Celebration – 12.45pm	Everyone
23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET Day	Staff Only

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