

Northam St George's Weekly News

Friday 2nd February 2024

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Headteacher's message

Growing, achieving and flourishing together in mind, body and spirit.

Dear Parents/Carers,

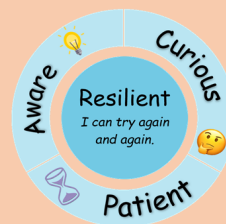
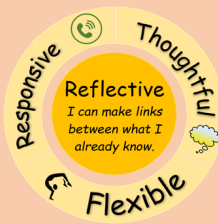
This week we have used the story of Marmalade the Orange Panda by David Walliams to support our worship theme of 'difference'. The story is about an orange panda called Marmalade who is treated unkindly by the other pandas because he looks different. It ends with Marmalade teaching the other pandas that everyone is unique and to celebrate differences. It is always such a heartening pleasure to speak to the children about big issues which they always approach with maturity and sensitivity.

The Friends of Northam Schools (FONS) have asked me to inform you that we are currently one of the charities to vote for in your local Tesco store (East-the-Water and Westward Ho!). If you shop here please use your blue tokens to vote for the school. If we gain the most votes, then we will receive a grant which will go towards new play equipment for the playground. Next Friday there will be a non-school uniform day for a £1 donation which will also go towards the play equipment fund.

Finally, it is our next round of parent teach consultation meetings next week. Please make sure that you have made an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher.

Have a restful weekend,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



School Diary Dates

5th February - 8th February	All year groups Parent Consultations - Links sent, contact the office if not received
Monday 5th February	2pm FONS AGM Meeting St George's Community Room
Wednesday 7th February	Sycamore Swimming
Friday 9th February	Non-School Uniform Day—£1 Donation
Wednesday 21st February	Juniper Swimming
Friday 15th March	School Disco
Thursday 28th March	Easter Service

Spring Term	2nd Jan—28th Mar 2024
February Half Term	12th—16th Feb 2024
Non Pupil Day	19th Feb 2024
Easter Holiday	29 Mar—12 Apr 2024
Summer Term	15th Apr—23rd Jul 2024
Bank Holiday	6th May
May Half Term	27th—31st May 2024
Last Day of Term	23rd July 2023

Around The Classes

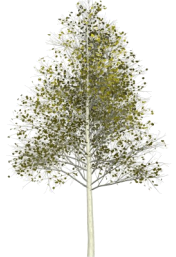


The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)



This week in the Woodlands we have been reading the traditional tale of Chicken Licken. The children have been busy exploring farms, building homes, using a map, making and performing their own puppet show and looking at rhyming books.

We have been using our role play as an opticians as the children have experience of this. They have been trying on glasses and doing eye tests on each other. In maths we are starting to combine two groups, using the words part and whole. Well done everyone for remembering your book bags everyday!! This has been really successful for staff and children!



Cherry Class

It has been another successful week in Cherry Class. We are continuing to enjoy Roald Dahl books. This week we finished 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and have moved on to 'The Twits'. Next week is the last week before half term and the children are trying hard to get the last few cherries for our tree. When this is achieved it will mean a class treat of their choice, let's hope we can do it before half term! In English we have been learning about the famous female pilot Amelia Earhart and the children have become experts on her. It has been really lovely to hear all the facts the children have found out with their grown ups at home. Have a good weekend.



Sycamore Class and Juniper Class



Year 2 have been busy this week and have worked so hard. The children have been keen to continue their learning about the Great Fire of London and have been enjoying reading a beautifully illustrated information book explaining the events. In English the children finished our current unit by writing a story based on the text Vlad and the Great Fire of London. We were very impressed with the quality of their writing. They enjoyed sharing their stories with a friend. In science we were learning about life cycles. The children worked hard to produce an information poster explaining the life cycle of an animal of their choice. We have also been learning poems in class. Do you have a favourite poem or could you find a poem that you enjoy?

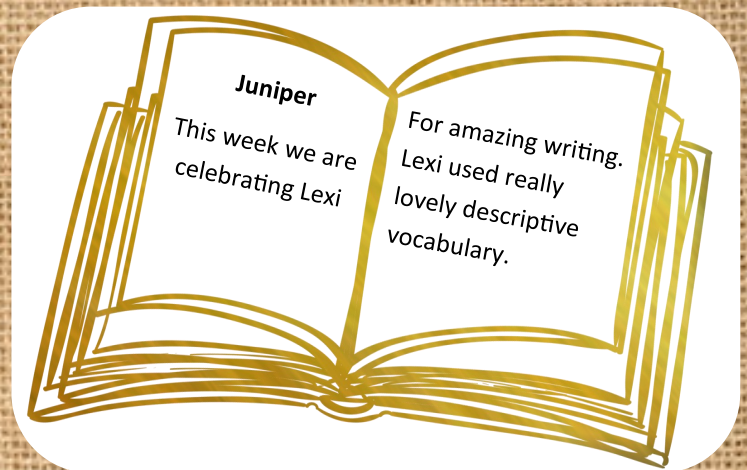
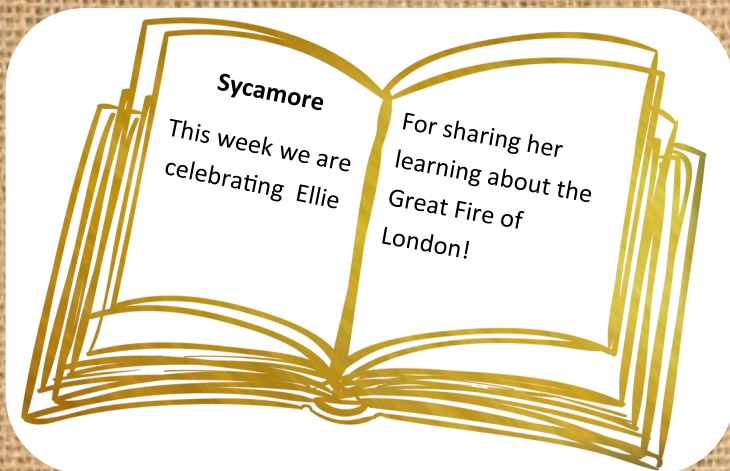
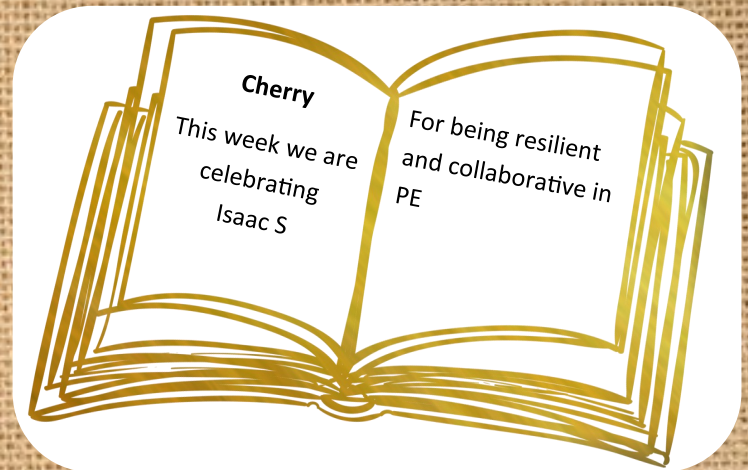
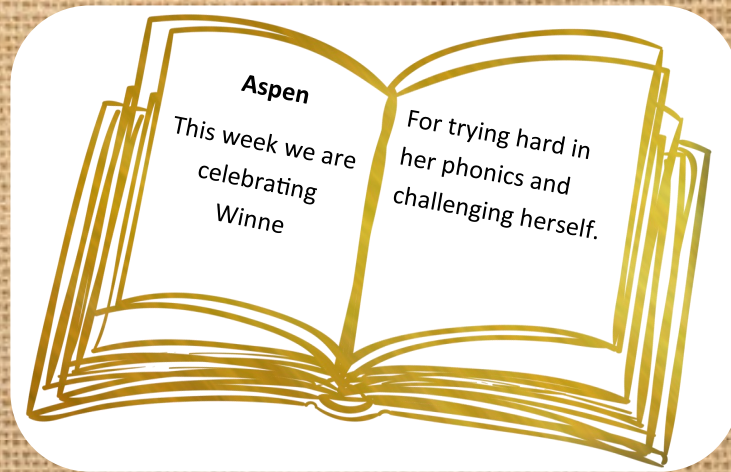


The Dunes Class

This week in the Dunes, we have been learning how to do handstands in PE. We have used the Museum of London website to research facts about the Great Fire of London. We also went on a scavenger hunt in Forest School and managed to find foot prints!



Golden Book



Notice Board



Weekly Attendance



Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

That's why school attendance is so important and why the Government is committed to tackling the issues that might cause some children to miss school unnecessarily. *The Education Hub Blog 2023*

Our weekly class attendance below.

Woodlands -93.31%

Cherry - 97.86%

Sycamore - 89.35%

Juniper - 90.48%

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



Our Happy Place Ltd is looking for Holiday Club Staff.

I'm looking for someone who can work a selection of days throughout the Easter and Summer school holidays. I'd like to recruit someone who is proactive, able to use initiative and can work alongside other people well. Ideally, I'm looking for someone with Childcare experience, but this isn't essential. All job offers are subject to an enhanced DBS check. The hours will be 8.30-4.30 on the days your required to work with great rates of pay and reduced childcare throughout the holidays for the right candidate. Please get in contact with Jemma if you are interested and would like application forms.

Email: ourhappyplaceltd@hotmail.com
Call: 07368 425219



Our Happy Place Ltd is looking for Bank After school Club Staff.

I'm looking for someone who can work as bank staff to cover staff sickness and Holidays throughout the school year for after school club. You could be required to work at short notice but if you have a school aged child, they will be able to attend club free of charge on the days you work. Ideally, I'm looking for someone with Childcare experience, but this isn't essential. All job offers are subject to an enhanced DBS check. The hours will be 3 -5.30 on the days your required to work with great rates of pay. Please get in contact with Jemma if you are interested and would like application forms.

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