

Northam St George's Weekly News

Friday 23rd February 2024

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Headteacher's message

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

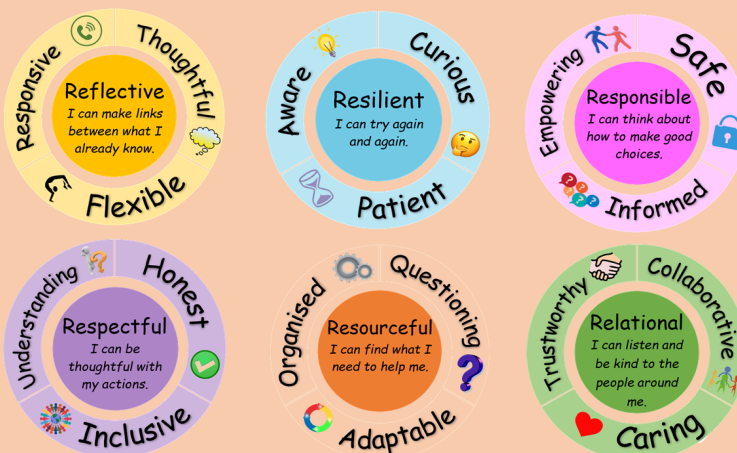
Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term, and what a wet and windy week it has been. Despite the rain, the children have seemed in high spirits coming in to school each day. This week we have been focussing on being resourceful in our collective worship time. We have discussed how being resourceful links to being a successful learner and the children are going to practise being organised and asking questions.

This week I have communicated our plans to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. I have attached a copy of the letter to the bottom of the newsletter. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Year 1 and 2 children have started their cricket coaching this week. We are very fortunate to welcome Martin Brice (a highly regarded cricket coach), to St George's. Martin ran 6 cricket sessions this week which were highly enjoyed by the children.

Have a restful weekend,

Phil Lewis (Headteacher)



School Diary Dates

Monday 26th February	Reception Weighing & Measuring
Wednesday 28th February	Sycamore Swimming
Wednesday 6th March	Juniper Swimming Cherry—Dental Nurse Visiting
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (Letter Attached)
Wednesday 13th March	Sycamore 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

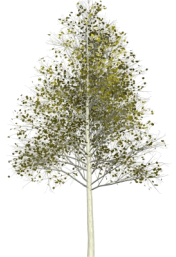
Around The Classes



The Woodlands (Aspen Class and Beech Class)



This week in the Woodlands we have been looking at the book, "What's in the Witch's Kitchen?" We have discovered lovely things we might like to eat and really disgusting things we wouldn't want to eat. Some of our words this week we have been learning are: surprise, escape, delicious and courage. Ask your child if they can remember what these words mean. In maths we are looking at length. Can your child do some measuring at home? They could bring in their recordings to go up on our maths wall. In forest school we looked at "What's in the Witch's Wilderness" we found lots of squelchy mud, snails, flowers, blossom on a tree and slugs and spiders.



Cherry Class

It was lovely to welcome the children back this week and hear all about their half term. On Wednesday this week, we started our cricket sessions. This is something we will be taking part in for the rest of this term. The children seemed to really enjoy it and were very enthusiastic. We will just have to keep our fingers crossed for better weather in the coming weeks. This week in our science we have begun learning about the human body and over the next few weeks will be exploring and learning about the 5 senses. Have a great weekend.



Sycamore Class

It was lovely to welcome the children back this week with smiling faces and see how surprised they were to see how the tadpoles had grown over the holiday. In English the children were excited to receive a note from a mysterious visitor who wanted to know more about where we live. The children worked hard to answer some of his questions and really thought about using detail to describe. On Wednesday we had a fantastic cricket session. The children really enjoyed the different activities and we are keen to see how they progress through the term. In Science the children were learning about what a habitat is. They are excited about going out to explore habitats around the school. What was your child's favourite part of the week?



Juniper Class

It's been a great first week back for Juniper class, and it's been fantastic to come back after a few weeks off to everyone being so enthusiastic! So, thank you Junipers! We kicked off the week on Tuesday by reading our new English book called "Here we are", and discovered an Alien had crashed landed near by, so we had to start using descriptive language and extending our sentences in order to give Juro8 (The Alien), as much information as possible about where he is. In maths, we have been looking at our 10 times table, as well as dividing by 10. Can your child tell you the answer $7 \times 10 = ?$ Or perhaps $40 \div 10 = ?$ Finally, this week we began to look at our new RE topic, where we discussed why Spring might be an important time for Christians, we even created our own posters of things we are thankful of during springtime. Thank you Junipers for a great first week back!

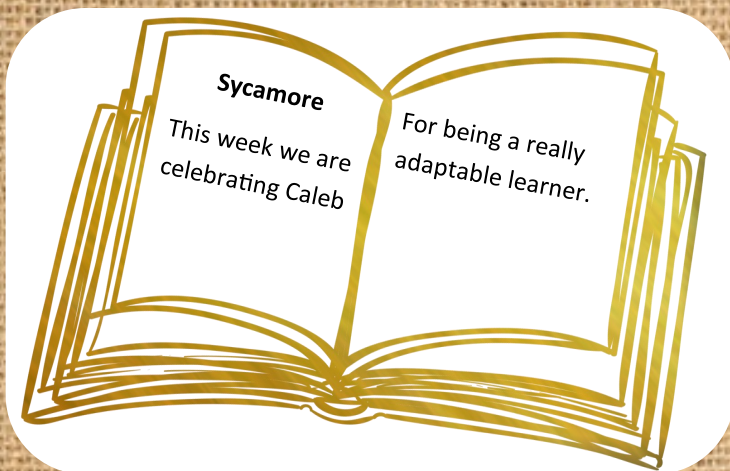
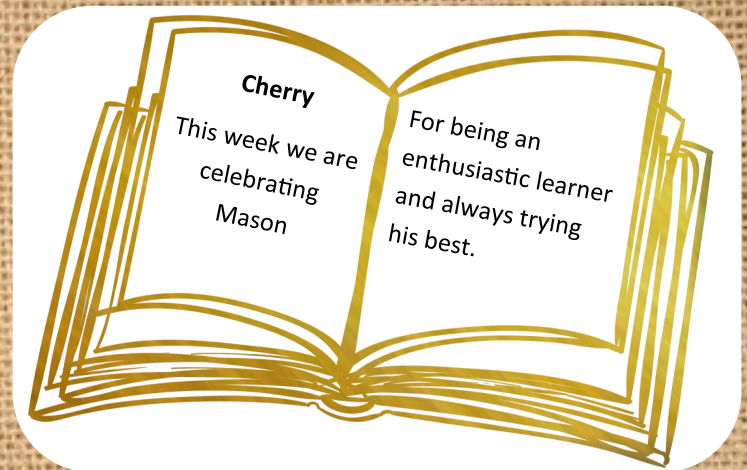
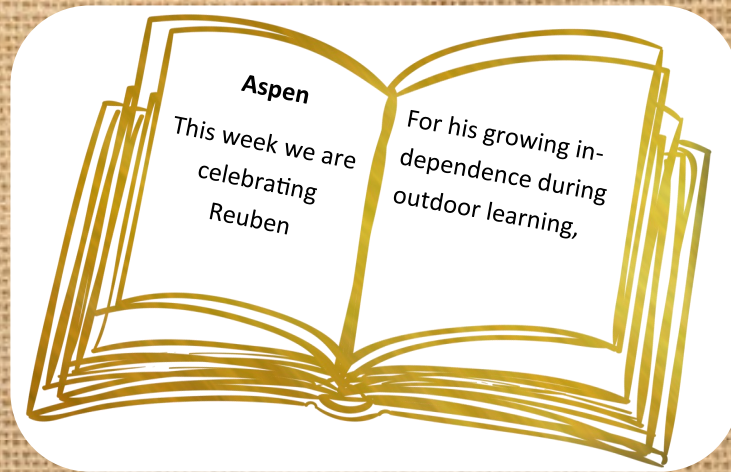


The Dunes Class

This week in the Dunes, we started to learn about climates in Geography. We started to think about what we already know about different climates, and different weather. In Science, we began our new unit, 'Living things and their habitats'. We discussed some habitats that we already knew. In Art, we experimented with different methods of painting. We learnt how to use watercolour paints. We also used cotton buds to paint dots and created pictures of rainbows!



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 - 96.19%

Cherry - 95.05%

Sycamore - 99.4%

Juniper - 92.35%

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



Year 2 Cricket Session



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 you 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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