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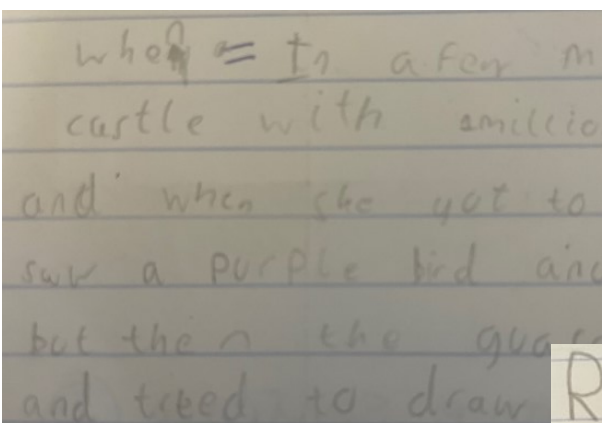
What a busy week it has been at school! Myself and Ms. Lucca have spent time this week popping into classes to see the learning taking place. We have seen some wonderful work in maths and English and the children have demonstrated fantastic learning behaviour and excellent understanding!

We have also seen some fantastic progress in presentation this week with children really working hard on their handwriting and some children even achieving their Pen Licences! Please see below some of the amazing progress we have seen. This has been wonderful to see and I look forward to awarding many more Pen Licences in the weeks to come!

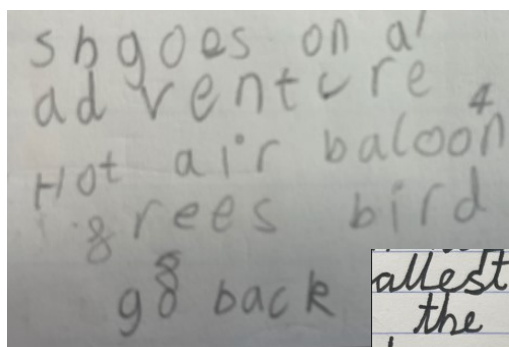
Have a lovely weekend.

Miss. Candish

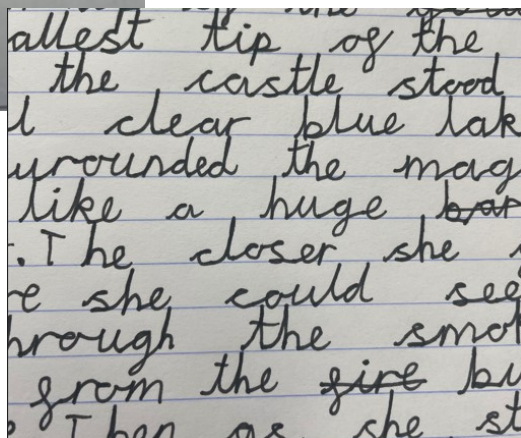
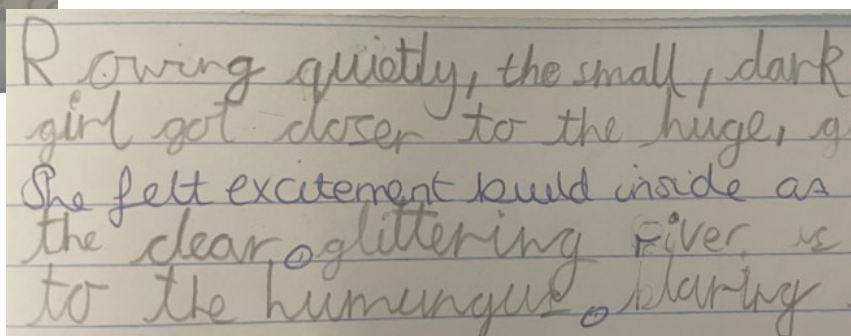
Head of School



Alfee-Jai 4BW



Francesca 4BW



## Stars of the Week

### Well done to the following

Year	Name
Nursery 1	True S.
Nursery	Franklin .
RB	Lois B.
1L	Cody S.
1D	Harper P.
2R	Evie F.
2M	Emma P.
3S	Mia S.
3O	Willow D.
4BW	Cordelia C.
4O	Joaquin J-C.
5D	Kaia H.
5W	Mason E.
6AR	Maxwell L-T.
6S	Declan V.

## Pen Licences

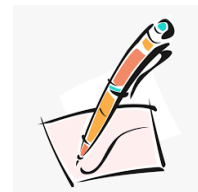
This week, Pen Licences have been awarded to:

Ronnie A.

Francesca S.

Alfie E.

Congratulations to you all!





# Burrowmoor News

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## Curriculum News

### Nursery - Mrs. Green

A huge welcome to all the new families who have joined us in Nursery this September. This half term, the children in N1 will be focusing on transition into Nursery and developing their confidence when engaging in new situations, activities or playing alongside the other children. We will be supporting the children's understanding of counting in everyday contexts.

N2 will be developing their knowledge of rules within Nursery and developing friendships with other children. We will be embedding the children's understanding of counting by saying one number for each item in order up to 5.

The whole Nursery will be enjoying the Elmer stories by David McKee, Things I like by Anthony Browne and The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr. The children have been engaging in learning and singing the rhymes Tommy Thumb, Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes and If you're happy and you know it. It is so lovely to hear the children singing these during their play.

Please do check Tapestry regularly. In Nursery, we welcome and encourage parents to add photographs of your children's adventures and achievements, as well as liking the observations added by Nursery. If you need any help with your account, please ask Mrs Green who will support you with this.

### Reception - Mrs. Brand

This half term, children will be settling into their new classroom and making lots of new friends. Our focus is 'Me and My Family' and we will be learning about each other, our families, pets and our homes. We will be discussing feelings and how to interact appropriately with our class mates. We would really appreciate it if we could have any family photographs, including any of the children as babies, which we could share with the class. We will be sharing these photographs and talking about how much the children have grown. During the half term, we will be visited by different kinds of pets and will be learning about how to look after them.

This week, the children have taken home a wordless reading book. Can we please ask that you share these books with your child, at least three times per week. During this time you could discuss what is happening within the book, introduce new vocabulary and think about what might happen next in the story. Reading the pictures in a book will help your child with comprehension when they start to read books with words. Reading books will be changed every Monday and Thursday. Your child has also brought home a reading book for pleasure, a story book for you to read to your child. These need to be returned on a Monday at which point your child can pick a new story book.

Please could you ensure that book bags come into school every day, as we read with the children on a daily basis.

### Year One - Miss. Lorraine and Mr. Davey

It has been so lovely to welcome all of the children back after their six-week break. They have many exciting new topics and lessons they will be learning over the Autumn Term. In English, we are currently reading 'Dogger' and then moving on to 'Lost in the Toy Museum'. Towards the end of the term, they will be using all of the skills they have learned during their English lessons to make an information leaflet.

In Maths, we are learning about place value and measures. Our question in Science this term is 'What are the things I use made from?' Our History question is 'Are my toys the same as my grandparents?' whilst in Religious Education we are learning about Christianity with the question 'What makes a Christian person special?' During our Design Technology lessons, we are looking at how toys move and making our own moving toys. Our big question is 'How can I make a toy move?'

The children's attitudes to learning have already blown us away! We are excited to watch as they learn and grow this year. We hope they are excited too!



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## **Year Two - Miss. Malkin and Mrs. Robinson**

This half term, our humanities focus is History. We are thinking about how our school has changed since it was first built in 1906. We have already started to create a timeline and have looked at photos of the front of the school to spot changes. If you have any photos of the school or were a pupil here and have some memories about what the school used to be like, we would love to hear from you!

In Science, we are considering the suitability of different materials for the objects that they are made into. Over the next few weeks, we will be testing the properties of different materials.

Our Art project this half term studies the landscape paintings of local artist Fred Ingrams. We have lots of exciting events planned around this including Fred Ingrams visiting our school and an Art Gallery to display the finished pieces of work.

In R.E. this half term, we are learning about Christianity and the life of Jesus. We are thinking about key events in his life and how he helped others.

Our PSHE topic is called 'What makes a good friend?' We have already started thinking about why our friends are important to us and how we can be a good friend.

We have outdoor PE every Monday and indoor PE every Thursday.

## **Year Three - Mr. Offredi and Miss. Searle**

Our focus this half term in Year 3 will be based on our History question, 'How did life change from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?' We will start by understanding what is meant by an age and when the periods in history actually took place. We will then begin to try to understand how life was different for people during these epochs and how much harder their lives were.

Our other subjects will link into this topic, for example, we are reading Stone Age boy during Guided Reading and The First Drawing in English. Our Art focus will be to try and create a charcoal based drawing, using cave art as our inspiration. Following Art, we will start our D.T. lessons next half term with the aim of creating a Stone Age tool box. We are also planning a trip to Flag Fen near Peterborough where we will be experiencing life during the Iron Age and handling artefacts and tools related to this period.

During Maths, we will be studying place value, addition and subtraction, measures including length, capacity, mass and time as well as fractions and decimals. In Science, we will be looking to answer the question 'Why do animals have skeletons?' This will develop our knowledge from Year 2 and we are looking to make our own skeleton. In Computing, we are learning all about digital devices and the impact they have on our lives. In our R.E. lessons, we are considering how Jesus' ministry started and how his teachings have impacted on Christians lives.

Our indoor and outdoor PE lessons will continue to be on a Thursday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor).

## **Year Four - Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Barnes**

In Year 4, this half term our History lessons are focussed on the Romans answering the question 'How did the Romans change Britain?' We will be learning all about the invasions of Britain and how this changed life for the Celts, leading to the revolt by Boudicca.

In Art, we will be looking at mosaics and the children will have the opportunity to make a mosaic both individually and as part of a group.

In Maths, we began the term recapping place value and applied this knowledge to numbers beyond one thousand. We will then be moving onto addition and subtraction and applying this to different scenarios later in the term. In PE this term, we will be teaching about rotation in indoor PE and invasion games for outdoor PE. In Science, we will be looking at Sound and how we hear.

## Year Five - Mrs. Duddy and Mrs. Watson

During this part of the Autumn term, Year 5 are being inspired by the story Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief and will be writing a Greek Myth. In Guided Reading, we will be using the fantastic story of 'The Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' to develop understanding of what questions are asking in order to improve their comprehension skills.

In Maths, we are currently looking at using the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and using these to problem solve. We will also be developing our recall of times tables and developing knowledge linked with multiplication facts.

In Science, we are investigating forces and answering the question 'What would happen without gravity?' The focus in History will be the Ancient Greeks and we will be investigating what impact the Ancient Greeks had on the world? Design Technology is linked directly to this topic and we will be designing and making our own Greek style sandals. Finally, in Computing we are discovering how computer systems work and how we can use the internet safely to share information.

P.E. is on Wednesday afternoons and swimming is on a Friday.

## Year Six - Ms. Stimson, Miss. Angier and Mrs. Rainbow

This half term in Year 6, our topic focus is History, where we will be focussing on the World Wars and answering the question 'What impact did the World Wars have on Britain and March?' We have booked a visit to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford and know the children are looking forward to the experience. Our DT will link with this and we will be designing our own security warning systems for a trench.

In English, we will be using 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo to write a narrative and will be studying a number of war poets. In Maths, we are focussing on securing our knowledge of the four operations (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division). Year 6 PE will be Swimming on a Friday and outdoor PE on a Monday.

### Peripatetic Music

Over the course of the year, we will be offering a range of peripatetic music lessons. These are as follows:

#### Monday

8.30 am - 9.45am Mrs. Sarah Wheeler - woodwind

8.45 am - 11 am Miss. Hannah Caller - strings

#### Tuesday

Mr. Paul Purcell - drums (time tbc)

#### Wednesday

Mr. Jamie Wilson - brass (time tbc)

#### Thursday

Mrs. Beth Letts - piano & recorder

#### Friday

9 am - 12.15 pm Mr. Toby Rideout - guitar



### Can you help?

Mrs. Robinson is running a gardening club this half term.

Please could we ask for any donations of seeds or soil to help us to improve the school environment.





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## Parent Drop-Ins

Laura Mills (Inclusion Leader at Kingsfield and SEND specialist) will be offering parent drop-in sessions on a fortnightly basis. During these slots, you will be able to raise any concerns that you have around your child's development and also get some advice on the next steps.

To sign up for a slot, please speak to a member of our office team and they will book one for you.

The first set of dates are as follows:

21<sup>st</sup> September 22

5<sup>th</sup> October 22

19<sup>th</sup> October

We hope that you find these useful.

## SENDCo Update

As you know Miss. Angier has taken on the Designated Safeguarding Lead role within school so we are now looking for a substantive SENDCo. This advertisement is live on the 'MyNewTerm' website and we urge applicants to contact the school for an informal discussion.

In the meantime, Mrs. Coates has met with the Local Authority and from 26<sup>th</sup> September, Mrs. Alison Phillips will be joining our team as a temporary SENDCo, working alongside Mrs. Coates and Ms. Lucca.

Mrs. Phillips will be working on Mondays and Wednesdays only and will be focusing on general SEND provision and supporting staff, children and families. She will be accessing the [sendco@burrowmoorprimary.org](mailto:sendco@burrowmoorprimary.org) email address on those days.

Mrs. Coates will continue to develop new SEND systems behind the scenes and will monitor the email account on the days that Mrs. Phillips is not in.

Ms. Lucca will focus on improving behaviour and working alongside staff and families to offer appropriate strategies and support.

## Diary Dates

New dates will be added weekly so please do read this section each week.

### Autumn Term Dates

#### September

26<sup>th</sup> - Year Four History off the Page - Life in Roman Britain

#### October

5<sup>th</sup> - Year Two Artist Visit - Fred Ingrams

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Prospective Parents' Evening for Reception 23-24

11<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 visit to Duxford

12<sup>th</sup> - Whole school Spanish Day - Dia de la Hispanidad

18<sup>th</sup> - Year Two trip to March Museum

20<sup>th</sup> - Year Two Art Gallery Exhibition for Parents

21<sup>st</sup> - Staff Training Day

24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> - Half Term

31<sup>st</sup> - Term starts

#### November

10<sup>th</sup> - 6S Class Assembly

17<sup>th</sup> - 4BW Class Assembly

24<sup>th</sup> - 2R Class Assembly

#### December

13<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 / 6 Panto - Snow White and the Seven Dwarves

14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Fayre

21<sup>st</sup> - End of Term

### Spring Term Dates

#### January

4<sup>th</sup> - Staff Training Day

5<sup>th</sup> - Term starts

19<sup>th</sup> - 4O Class Assembly

26<sup>th</sup> - 2M Class Assembly

#### February

2<sup>nd</sup> - 5D Class Assembly

13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> - Half Term

#### March

2<sup>nd</sup> - 6AR Class Assembly

9<sup>th</sup> - 1D Class Assembly

16<sup>th</sup> March - 5W Class Assembly

### Summer Term Dates

#### April

17<sup>th</sup> - Term starts

#### May

11<sup>th</sup> - 3O Class Assembly

18<sup>th</sup> - 1L Class Assembly

25<sup>th</sup> - 3S Class Assembly

26<sup>th</sup> - Staff Training Day

29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half Term

#### June

5<sup>th</sup> June - Term starts

15<sup>th</sup> - RB Class Assembly

22<sup>nd</sup> - N1 and N2 Class Assembly

#### July

7<sup>th</sup> - Staff Training Day

19<sup>th</sup> - Last day of the academic year