



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to notify you of some upcoming staffing changes. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Atterton back, as she will return from her maternity leave on Monday 14th February. Mrs Atterton will be teaching in Class 1 in a job share with Mrs Lewis on Wednesdays - Fridays. We are sad that this means saying goodbye to Mrs McCormick, who has been covering Mrs Atterton's maternity leave period. I know that Mrs McCormick will miss working with Class 1, and know that we will all miss her too!

Some sad news: we have been experiencing trespass and vandalism on-site over the past two weekends. The police have been informed and are investigating. If you see anything that you think might be useful for us to know, please don't hesitate to email the school office, or telephone the police directly on 101 or 999 to report it.

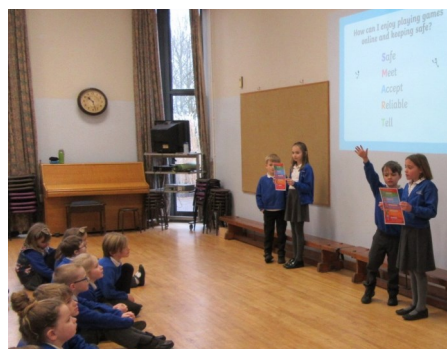
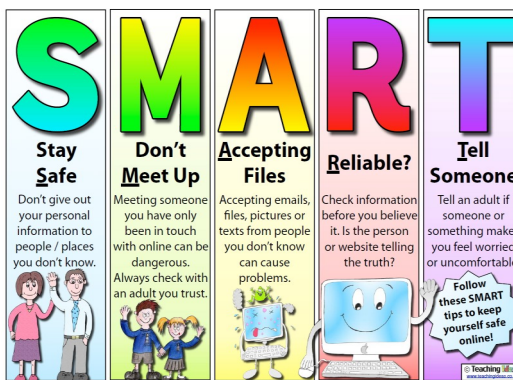
With thanks for your continuing support,

Mr R Stead



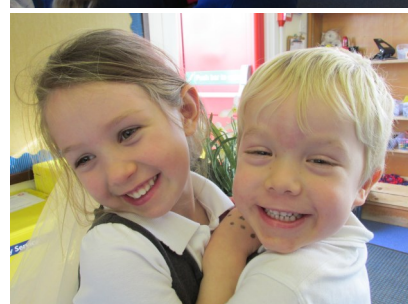
Our Digital Leaders have been very busy in school helping adults and their peers with lots of different computing jobs in their classes. They have also done a super job in supporting teachers with delivering an Online Safety assembly in the autumn term. The children learned about the SMART Rules which help to keep us safe when using technology and spending time online. Each class has taken part in a discussion and made a charter with all of the things that they believe they should follow to help them stay safe. These charters can be viewed on our school website on each of the class pages.

Miss Brown



Another week and another visitor! This week, Class R had a visit from Rev. Helene Stainer to find out all about what she does in her job as a Vicar and how she helps people in our community. She showed us her special clothes and some of us got to try them on too. She then performed a wedding, where Patrick and Beatrice got married, followed by a christening for Ruby's baby. We found out that she doesn't just work in the church building but also visits people in their homes and travels around our local area and beyond. Thank you, Helene, for coming to see us and we look forward to visiting you next time!

Mrs Smith



Diary Dates

Forest School

Wednesdays

9th February Class 3

16th February Class 2

2nd March Class 1

9th March Class R

Tuesday 8th February

Class 5 visit from Museum Service

Half Term

Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February

Year 6 Residential to Charterhouse

Tuesday 1st March to Friday 4th March

Parents' Evenings

Thursday 10th March

5pm to 7.30pm

Wednesday 16th March

3.40pm to 6pm

House Points	Week y Total	Half Term
London Plane	365	1703
Cork Oak	285	1352
Blue Cedar	383	1679
Horse Chestnut	291	1434

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Pre-School	Kier for great teamwork and showing a caring attitude towards others.
Class R	Holly for working really hard on her reading and phonics and making great progress. Well done!
Class 1	Rory and Tom for making useful connections with their previous maths learning and using prior knowledge to solve their maths problems. What great mathematicians you are becoming.
Class 2	Freddie, Rufus, Nellie P, Isabella and Henry for their writing. They have consistently worked hard at improving their work this week, using the toolkit to support their efforts. Their handwriting, punctuation and spelling have been excellent.
Class 3	Ben for doing extra research about the old railway line near Milverton, as part of our history. Ben discovered evidence of the railway's route and took photographs to show the class. Well done Ben – we all found your research fascinating!
Class 4	Iris has had a great week; working hard in all areas, contributing in class and generating plenty of words for our spelling pattern.
Class 5	Ava for her brilliant artwork inspired by the work of Henry Moore. Ava has also impressed me with her approach to reasoning and problem solving in maths: she works hard to find multiple solutions and is articulate in sharing her responses. Well done!
Class 6	Red for his fantastic control in different levels of formality in our writing work.

This Wednesday Class 4 had Forest School. First, we listened to the early signs of Spring. We heard a woodpecker and lots of crows. Next, we played "1, 2, 3 Where Are You?" In this game, the children hide from the teachers, who try to find the children. If you get found by one of the teachers, you join the teachers, and try to find the other children. After a while, Mr Wedderkopp and the children that have been found shout "1 2 3 Where are you?" and the children come out of their hiding spots and shout, "Here I am!!" After that, we found our special tree friend and we looked at them and saw if they were ok. We also found out that they were beginning to bud! Mr Wedderkopp told us about hazel tree buds. Did you know that hazel trees have male and female buds? The male hazel buds turn into leaves and provide pollen for the female buds. This pollen is carried by catkins. The female buds turn into hazelnuts and some go to supermarkets! After play, we had some free choice. We could choose to play on the swing, in the mud kitchen, on the stage or toast marshmallows. Lena, Finn and Teddy decided to make a charcoal shop. In their charcoal shop, you could choose between getting a stick of charcoal, or a lump of charcoal. The charcoal cost 3 fresh leaves and 2 sticks. When you bought some charcoal, you could take away a piece of charcoal. We ended our amazing session with a warm cup of hot chocolate around the fire circle.



by Lena and Lewis



Tilly had her hair cut for the Little Princess Trust. This is the second time she has done it! This time she had 25cm cut off! Well done, Tilly.

<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>



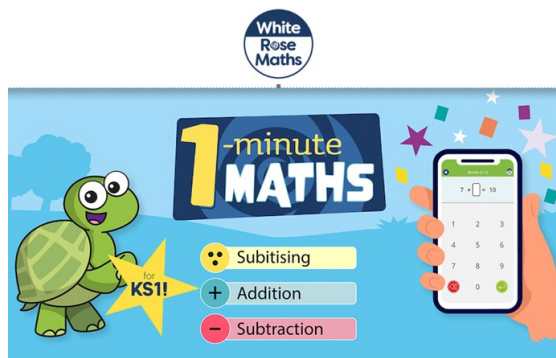
On Monday January 24th a small group of Year 5 & 6 children took part in a Cross Country event at King's College. They were excellent participants and did well against lots of other children.

The children who attend the Friday after school club have been working together, with their coach, to choose which fun activities they would like to do each week. Those activities range from football outside to gymnastics in the hall, and sometimes even a spot of Nerf Wars. They always seem to be having a great time and enjoy the opportunity to work as a team, planning and making decisions together.



Class 1 played Curling in their sports enrichment session this week. There was a buzz of excitement as their curling stones glided down the hall to hit targets. The children worked hard on their technique and adjusted the power needed to be able to hit certain alien spaceships. They split into teams to play a curling match, trying to land their stones on the floor target. Class 1 loved trying to knock the other team's stones out the way! The wristband went to Harry for great technique and helping his team win.

Miss Storey



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