



## **Pupil star of the week**

LL: AM Anees for being so enthusiastic and participating in all our activities. He has also had good great ideas for our story too,

LL: PM Ameilia for settling in so well (it's like you have always been here) and being enthusiastic with all our activities.

CC: AM Aminah- for settling straight back in to Nursery and growing in confidence

CC: PM- Mason- For being an all round superstar, growing in confidence and becoming a confident communicator

BB: Ayra for coming back to school with such a positive attitude and for her fantastic reading.

SS 1: Ayaan for communicating confidently about germs and handwashing during science week.

SS 1/2: Chase Powell, for showing how much he cares about his own and his friends learning. He has made the adults smile this week by always being polite, making the choices and being ready to learn.

DD 2: Sonny- For settling so well into his new school. For being very brave and for being a confident communicator when he has wanted something.

BB 3/4: Maryam for truly being herself and settling in so well into the class. She has had a positive attitude to learning, shown her friends how kind and caring she is and always had a smile on her face. We are really proud to have you as part of our class. Well done.

WW 3/4: Jake Kirk for his amazing return to school. He has worked really hard and been an absolute superstar.

SS 3/4 : Alfie Haggas for being a confident communicator all week- given some great advice and having great attitude to learning

OO 5 : Jake Robinson for being so enthusiastic towards his work and always being himself.

SS 5: Connie Silsen for her first week back at school. She has been tired but she has kept going and been engaged in all her lessons. A big well done!

LL 6: All of 6LL - for showing enthusiasm and great learning behaviours during our first week back. I have loved hearing their confident communication and the care they have shown with their work, particularly our Science Week activities.

MM 6: All of year 6 MM- for their positive attitudes at returning back to school and all of the collaborative learning which they have done this week.





## **What we've done this week**

**Lively Ladybirds:** This week we have read the story of Dear Zoo, we have focused on lions and camels and thought about adjectives to describe them both. We have also been designers and made some special cards for our Mummies.

**Curious Caterpillars:** This week we have been helping Mr Mouse to identify his new neighbour from the pictures that he sent us. We have learnt all about lions and found out lots of interesting facts

**Brilliant Butterflies:** This week we have been doing lots of art work. We have been experimenting with mixing different shades of green, we have done observational drawings of leaves and tested out different techniques using water colours.

**Swooping Starlings:** The class have settled back quickly and this week they have amazed me with their use of the high level vocabulary we have been learning - patients, suggest, clarify, brief and putrid.

**Successful Swans:** We had a fabulous start to our full class return by having an art hook day. We learned how to observe closely and draw eyes.

**Daring Ducklings:** It's been so wonderful to have all of our children back! Children have created their own PIC-collages all about science week and the importance of hygiene which links to Florence Nightingale.

**Blissful Badgers:** Wow, what a fabulous week we have had. In between art days and DT sessions making Roman chariots, we have been really enjoying free writing in our creative small world. We have also enjoyed our memory recall work and remembering previous work.

**Wondrous Whales:** In Whales we have had an action packed return to school. We started with an Art Day focusing on Eileen Downes, followed by a DT afternoon where we began to make our wooden Roman chariots. We have had a super week!

**Stupendous Squirrels:** Squirrels got off to a great start on Monday with a day of Art, using different mediums, tracing and blind drawing. Even more impressive was their resilience to new skills in DT on Tuesday. Our DT project is ongoing with the goal of making horse and chariots using wood. We have had lots of discussion around Place Value in Maths - all very engaged and working hard.

**Omniscient Otters:** The highlight for me this week was seeing all the children back in the classroom and how determined they have been to get back into school life again. I really enjoyed their DT work on the first day back, they made some fantastic Victorian toys and they should be really proud of themselves. Well done Otters!

**Super Seals:** Absolutely fantastic to have all the children back this week, I've missed them all! A personal highlight was our Victorian Toys creations. A lovely way to come back to school!

**Leaping Lions:** I have loved having all the Lions back in school! In class, they have impressed with their ideas, creativity and communication. Art and Science days were particular highlights.

**Magnificent Monkeys:** It has been wonderful having all of the year 6 monkey's back in class. I have particularly enjoyed the children working on their art work and investigating electrical circuits in science.



## **Important notices**

1. After school clubs will begin the last week before half term- watch out for a letter.
2. Parents evening will happen after Easter and further details will be sent out- this will be held over the phone.
3. Reading books- in Year 1 and 2 children will be bringing home new books. Please make sure they take them home, look after them and bring them back at the right time.
4. Our food pantry is on every Friday- please come and help yourself.

What can I bring to school?

We are advising that pupils do not bring their own pencil cases or avoid bringing any unnecessary bags with them.

Your child can bring:

- A water bottle (which must be taken home and washed daily);
- One school bag/ book bag – these must be brought to school daily;
- Packed lunch in a lunch box/bag;

Please avoid bringing anything else into school.

Start and Finish Times:

Please remember to arrive at school at the right time. Our staff on the gate will be helping with this. We are trying to make things as safe as possible.

## **Head Teacher's comment**

What a great first week back we have had! It has been wonderful to see all your children back at school and they have made us smile every day.

My highlights this week have included:

1. Our hook day and seeing so many different Art and DT activities going on throughout the school- I loved eyes Year 1 and 2 were drawing!
2. I loved seeing Year 3/4 make their Roman chariots - I cannot wait to see the finished product.
3. I really enjoyed talking to Year 6 about their work and listening to what they had to say.
4. In Year 5 they have been making Victorian toys and they looked fantastic!
5. I loved seeing one young man in Reception reading his book-it made me smile so much!

Thank you for all your support and for helping us to get your children to school in time. We are keeping social distancing rules well. Keep helping us to help your children.

Our key focus this week has been on justice and mercy and we had a virtual visit from Rooted In and from Harry at church. I hope this week we can use mercy and practice this in difficult times.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for all your support and help.

Mr Tolson





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### Photos from this week

