

15th March, 2024

Wherwell Primary School Newsletter

Let's Love To Learn And Thrive Together



Dear Parents,

Last week, we had a huge amount of fun celebrating World Book Day! At Wherwell, we really enjoy books, and this was a brilliant way to celebrate our love of reading. It was lovely to see such imagination as the children came to school dressed as their favourite book characters. Thank you for all the effort made. Don't forget to use your £1 book token.



I would also like to say a huge **thank you** to our wonderful *Friends of Wherwell* who organised a Spring Afternoon Tea for Robins' and Puffins' 'Special Person'. Sadly, I was unable to be there but I know that much fun was had enjoying a cuppa and a treat.



Finally, today you will receive your child's annual report. Please talk to your children about their current targets and take time to celebrate their achievements. There will be an optional parent's evening if there is anything in the report you wish to discuss. We will have a final face to face parent's meeting in the Summer term.

Finally, we have a help out in the school grounds afternoon this Sunday between 1:30 and 4:30. If you can spare anytime, we would be grateful for your help. Let's hope for sunshine!

Have a lovely weekend,

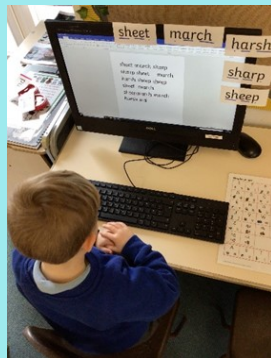
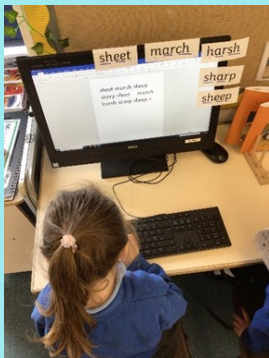
Best wishes,

Mandy



ROBINS

Robins have really enjoyed having a go at sewing, we have used large needles, wool and hessian fabric in embroidery hoops. Robins were very excited as this activity was introduced and the children were very eager to have a go. We've seen some lovely sewing, some children have already started to work on shapes, letters and numbers. We've seen a wonderful umbrella, a house, a letter J and a number six. Robins have also been quite excited by another new activity in the classroom: we've been having a go at typing on the computer in our classroom. We began with typing focus phonics words, we've now moved onto the challenge of copying one of our simple phonics sentences. Some children have enjoyed typing their names and other familiar words as well.



PUFFINS

Puffins have been very busy over the past couple of weeks. Last week was an assessment week where the children showed lots of independence and resilience as their days looked quite different to their usual timetable.

This week the children have been catching up on their longitudinal Science study on the change in seasons. We went for a walk around the school grounds and took photos and recorded the signs of spring. Back in the classroom, we have been keeping an eye on our cress experiment and some of our sunflowers are really starting to grow!

On Tuesday, the children enjoyed some taste testing of fruits ready for them to create their product design for their own fruit kebab.





KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have enjoyed learning about shapes. Year 2 particularly enjoyed investigating lines of symmetry using mirrors while Year 3 enjoyed drawing shapes to exact specifications in centimetres and millimetres!



SPARROWHAWKS

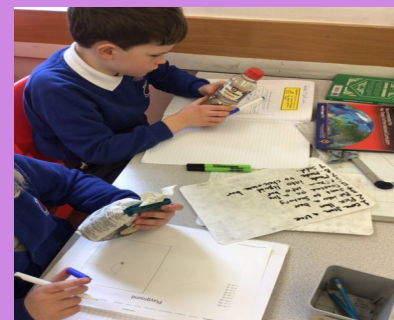
In Sparrowhawks, we have been looking at mass as part of our maths learning. The children got to measure a variety of classroom items to explore which had a greater mass.



In science, Sparrowhawks explored the hypothesis of 'people with longer femurs can jump further'. Sparrowhawks measured their femurs and jumped across the playground to see if their prediction was correct.



As part of our topic of food glorious food, we have been looking at where our food comes from. Sparrowhawks enjoyed looking through lots of different food labels and finding out the miles it had to travel to get to us.





HOUSE MARTINS

This week, House Martins earned a certificate by participating in their third and final Coping and Resilience Education (C.A.R.E) workshop. The children have showed great emotional intelligence during these sessions and have learned lots of strategies to help them navigate difficult feelings.



Staff Car Park

For safety reasons, the staff car park gates will be locked during school drop off and pick up. Please use the path through the orchard to access the office or playground.

The car park should not be used for parent parking/drop off or manoeuvring, at any time.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Activity	Date (New Dates)
Reports go home	Friday 15th March
School Help Out 1pm - 4:30pm	Sunday 17th March
Optional parent's evening	Wednesday 20th March
Puffins History Walk	Wednesday 20th March (21st March reserve date)
House Martins outcome to parents at 2:50pm	Friday 22nd March
Kingfishers outcome to parents at 2:50pm	Tuesday 26th March
Sparrowhawks outcome to parents at 9:10am in school hall	Tuesday 26th March
Robins trip to Hilliers - details to follow	Tuesday 26th March
Robins and Puffins outcome to parents at 2:50pm	Wednesday 27th March
Student teachers last day in Sparrowhawks and Puffins	Thursday 28th March
Last day of school	Thursday 28th March
Easter Holiday	First day -Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April
Harewood Run - details to follow	Monday 6th May
Year 6 SATS week	Monday 13th—16th May
Year 4/5 residential to Liddington	Monday 13th—Friday 17th May
Walk to School Week - details to follow	Monday 20th May—Friday 24th May
Last day of school	Friday 24th May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 27th May—31st May
INSET DAY	Monday 3rd June
Sports for Schools visitor	Friday 7th June
School Fete—details to follow	Sunday 9th June
Year 6 residential to Runways End	Monday 10th—14th June
Class Photos	Wednesday 19th June
INSET DAY	Monday 15th July
Last day of term	Tuesday 23rd July
Sports Day	Thursday 11th July
Reserve Sports Day	Thursday 18th July