

# NEWSLETTER

Faith

Curiosity

Wellbeing

Confidence

Dear Parents and Carers

Last Friday, too late for the newsletter, there was a fantastic event for Year 4 when my Barley office was made to look like the scene of a crime - wanton vandalism - and dotted with clues to frame the guilty party. Read on to find out what happened and who the "criminal" was. Year 4 was enchanted and thanks to Mrs West for setting it all up - all in the name of report writing in the English curriculum.

We are very grateful to FOBBS for buying us a High Pressure Washer and look forward to using it to swab down the paths and playground areas that are so muddy after the very cold weather. We are trying hard to keep the mud outdoors and away from the children's clothing - both seem difficult at the moment.

Next week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year - the Year of the Snake - on Wednesday.

We hope you all have a nice weekend.

SHARON BROWN - FEDERATION HEADTEACHER

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Benefice confirmation service by Bishop Richard at St Margaret of Antioch in Barley on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> of March at 10:30am. If you are interested in being confirmed, please let Rev Mark know - revmarkbridgen@gmail.com or 01763 848756.
- School Valentines Dance - 7<sup>th</sup> February (Nursery to Year 1, 4pm until 5pm - Year 2 to 4 5pm until 6pm) at Barley Hall.
- February half-term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup>.

*"Living Life in All Its Fullness"*  
-John 10

# VALENTINES DANCE

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February at Barley Hall

FOBBs have kindly organised a Valentines Dance for the school children to eat, dance and get their face painted.

- Barkway children (Nursery, Reception and Year 1) are invited from 4.00pm - 5.00pm
- Barley children (Years 2, 3 and 4) are invited from 5.00pm - 6.00pm

There will be pizza and snacks/drinks, a Valentine theme Photo Booth, glow sticks for all and lots of dancing.

Tickets are £5 for 1 child, £7.50 for two or £10 for three

Parents who are able to stay will be provided with hot/cold drinks and nibbles in the Year 4 classroom, across from the Hall.

Siblings are welcome too!

Please contact Kelly Whitaker, details below, if you would like to come:

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# STARS OF THE WEEK

Children are chosen by their teacher to be Star of the Week and are proud to receive this recognition which we celebrate in our Sharing Assembly.

Stars are chosen for good behaviour, excellent work, demonstrating school values...

## NURSERY

This week in Nursery, Mabel is our star of the week. Mabel has settled into Oak Class so well; showing great confidence, having lots of fun exploring inside and outside; and making lots of new friends. Mabel also showed amazing cutting skills where she was able to snip along the straight lines to get to the stars.

Well done, Mabel - we are so proud of you!



This week in Reception, our star is Lewis. Our book of the week is 'The Emperor's Egg' and the children drew their own penguin and wrote a sentence to describe it. I was really impressed with Lewis's 'can-do' attitude. He tried really hard to use his phonics to sound out words and find tricky word cards on the table.

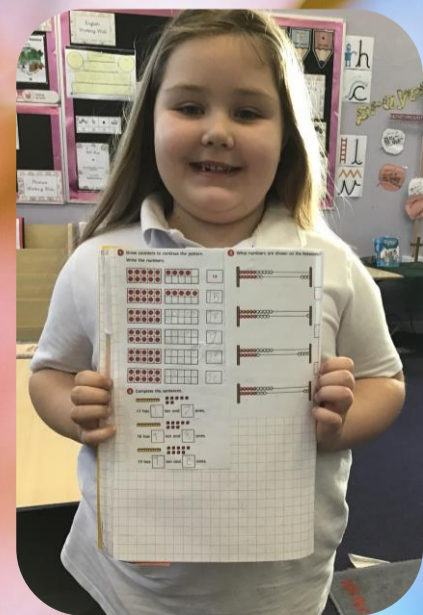
Well done Lewis!

## RECEPTION

## YEAR 1

This week in Apple Class, Ellie May is the amazing star of the week. She has worked incredibly hard in maths doing 10 and a bit. She has shown a great understanding of how to do this eg. 17 is equal to 1 ten and 7 ones.

You have worked so hard this week! Excellent work!

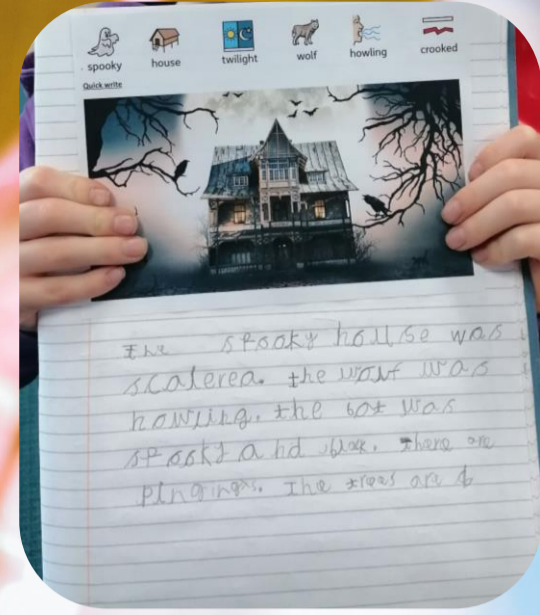


# STARS OF THE WEEK

## YEAR 2

This week in Hazel Class, Jake is the shining star for his efforts with handwriting and phonics. Jake has been working hard to form his letters correctly and is using lead in and out lines now!

Jake is also doing a brilliant job at applying his phonics when spelling out his words. Well done Jake we are very proud of you.



## YEAR 3

This week in Beech Class, Stan is star of the week for his reading. Stan loves reading!

We are reading a play script in our whole class reading and Stan is enjoying choosing a character and then reading in different character voices.

Well done Stan.

## YEAR 4

This week, our star of the week is Amber. We have been learning how to multiply using the formal written method this week and Amber found this quite tricky at first. However, she showed our school value of perseverance, kept on trying, did not give up, and eventually was able to multiply a 3 digit number by a 1 digit number accurately.

Well done Amber, we are very proud of you.



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## ART STAR

This week Ellie-May in Year 1 is our art star, she created this wonderful under sea artwork inspired by Kandinski, whose art we have been studying.

She persevered making more than one painting until she got this great result.

Brilliant work Ellie-May!

## SPORTS STARS

This week our sports stars are; Cali for showing perseverance in dance, Cece and Eliza for being extremely supportive and compassionate to their teammates, Noah H's group for showing excellent team etc - understanding, creativity, coordination and timing, Louis and Finley in Reception for showing great attitude in gymnastics, and finally Hunter for trying extremely hard with his listening and following rules of the games.



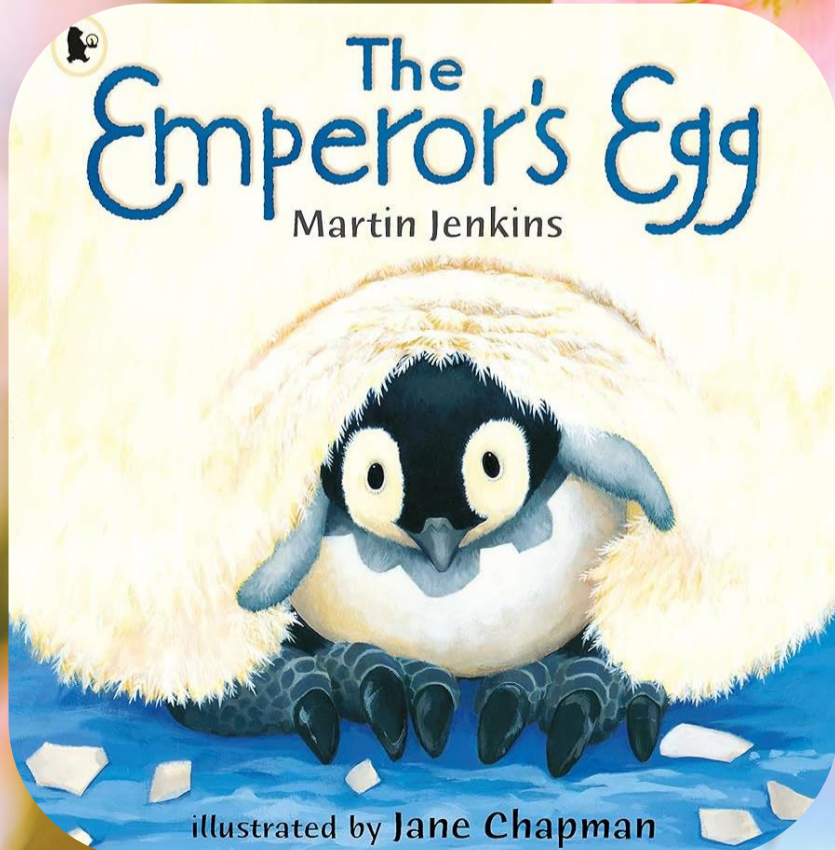
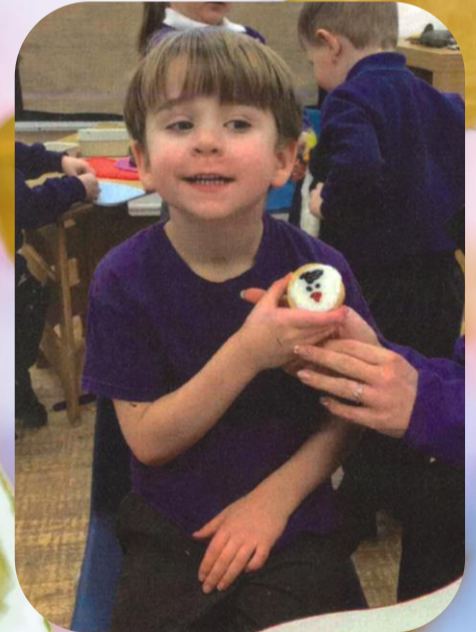
## NURSERY AND RECEPTION

This week in Oak Class we have been celebrating Penguin Awareness Day and learning all about penguins and how we can protect them.

We have had so much fun making our own penguins using collage materials, creating observational drawings and paintings of the different species of penguins, playing a penguin matching game with our friends, and making and decorating our very own delicious penguin biscuits!

We have been reading *The Emperor's Egg* this week and we have learnt some really interesting facts about penguins.

# PENGUINS



# WRITING TO ENTERTAIN

## YEAR 2

Year 2 are really enjoying their new 'Writing to entertain' unit inspired by the fairy-tale Rapunzel.

Hazel Class enjoyed listening to the first part of the story and thinking of questions to ask the character of the witch.

Angelica-Mae began the 'hot-seating' activity, answering the questions in role as the witch. She was very excited to wear the witch's cloak. The children asked thoughtful questions:

"Why did you take the baby when it was not yours?" (Isabelle)

"Because I wanted a child of my own" (Angelica-Mae).

The children then took it in turns to act out the story so far, taking turns to be different characters and also taking turns to be the narrator of the story.

The children wanted to make props too and Willow and Jaxon made some excellent lettuce for the wife in the story to eat!



# PLAY SCRIPT WRITING

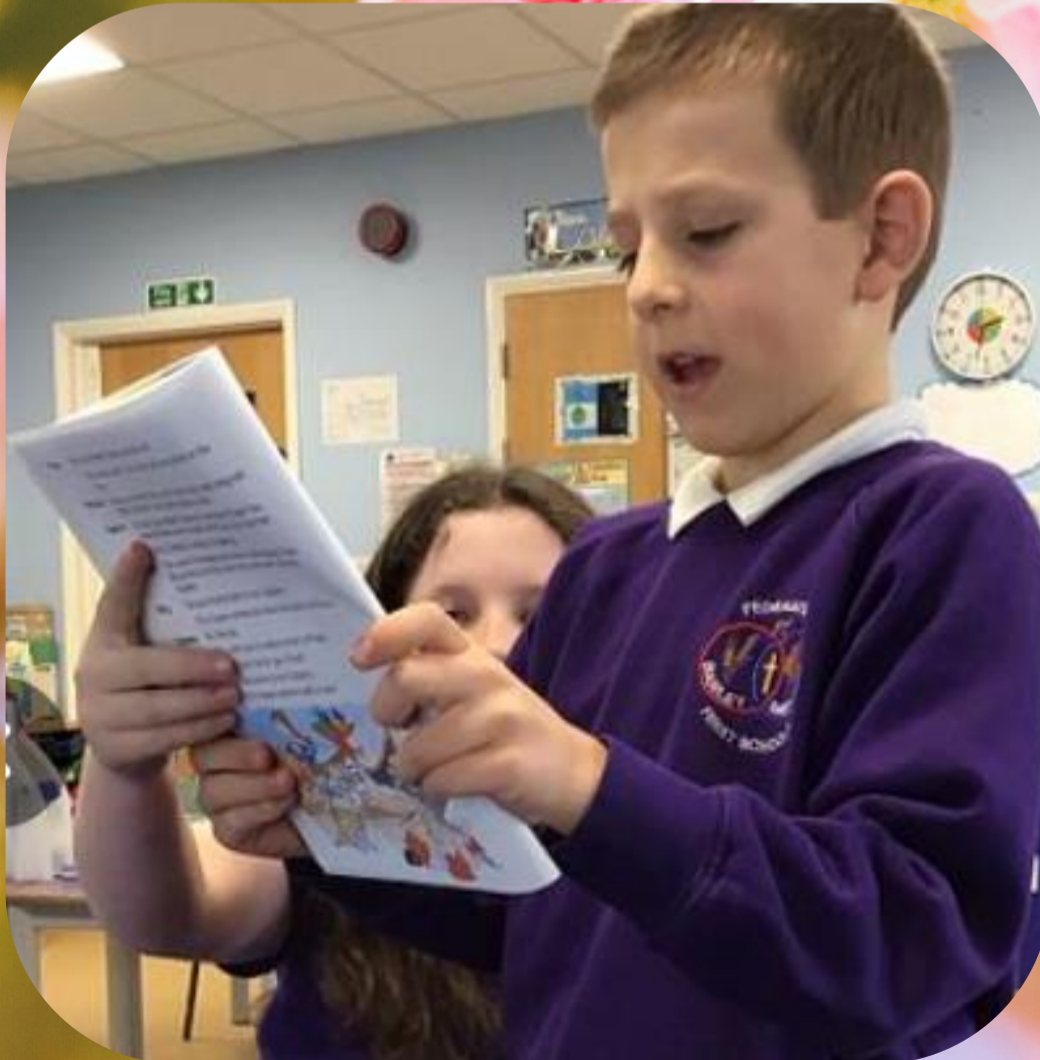
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Beech Class are reading a play script about pirates in their whole class reading sessions – this is not as easy as it may sound!

They are persevering to remember their character names and follow the script while reading with expression and in a fluent style.

Keep up the amazing work Beech Class!

We need to keep reading as we want to find out if the Captain of the ship finds the treasure.



# SOLVING MYSTERIES

## YEAR 4

Year 4 had an exciting time last Friday when they had to solve the mystery of who had put rainbow paper around Mrs Brown's office.

They interviewed eye witnesses and put together the clues to solve the crime.

This week, they have been working on creating a news report about this event.

Great detective work Sycamore Class!

