



Diptford Diary



Friday 29 September 2017

All your up to date news about our classes!

NEWS THIS WEEK!



Hawks enjoying their visit to Dartington Hall

Dipper News:

This week in Dippers Class the children have been inventing their own story based on "The Train Ride". They have had lots of interesting ideas about the mode of transport and where it will take them in their own stories. I have been impressed with the way in which the children have tackled this challenge and we are looking forward to finishing these off next week.

On National Poetry Day we learned the performance poem "What can you do with a Football?" The children were brilliant!

In maths we have continued with our 'Place Value and Ordering' topic and have looked at how place value can help us to order measurements and weights as well as other numbers. I have set a MyMaths task for Year 2 children and have put the MyMaths login information in the inside cover of their reading diaries.

In Science we have been continuing our topic of Brilliant Builders and today the children had a go at making a tudor house collage.

Year 2 children have also been learning about homophone spellings and have brought home a few to practise. Year 1 children will be bringing home some "Spot the sound" sheets to have a look at at home. Any questions about any of these please let me know.

Achiever of the week -Holly for always being "on green"!

Kingfisher News:

Kingfishers have been learning lots more about Paddington Bear this week. We have been experimenting using exciting and new vocabulary to describe characters. We also learnt about verbs and adverbs and tried to start some of our sentences using our 'ing' verbs. Ask us to tell you our favourite sentence using an 'ing' word.

In maths we have been practising our written methods for addition and have been adding some really tricky numbers - up to 4 digits and decimals! We have also been learning how to use different objects to represent numbers. Can you think of a new object we could try at home? Maybe some food!

We are busy with our French, still adding to our conversations and can now say our numbers up to 10 and ask someone how old they are. We have also learnt some fruit and vegetables and are learning a new song to help us remember them. Can you test us on some of our french fruit and vegetables to help us learn them? How many can we remember?

Outside of the school day, some of our class also attended a cross country competition at Stover. We had some amazing result across the school and every race had over 100 children in them! We have a Tag Rugby competition next week that we have been practising for, so fingers crossed for us!

Our word total this week for our reading has reached a superb 711,034 words. We have also achieved lots of high percentages on our quizzes this week. Keep up the great work Kingfishers.

Achiever this week: Joshua for his superb attitude to learning.

Hawks News:

Hawks flew over to Dartington Hall this week, with help from some very kind parent volunteer drivers which was very much appreciated! Many thanks to all the parents who took time out of their day to drop us off and pick us up.

The weather was kind to us and the children enjoyed a full day of outdoor learning. We were able to see the deer in the deer park on our way to and from the woodland area, where the children enjoyed an archaeological dig experience and a mapping activity.

During the archaeological dig, the children found many historical artefacts including gun shot shells, coins, flints stone from stone age times, clay pipes, belt buckles and even an Iron from Victorian times! The children placed their finds on a historical timeline and talk about what could be learnt from the artefacts, they came to the conclusion that in the past the area has mainly been used for farming and hunting. In the mapping activity, the children learnt how to read and use four figure grid references and used a compass and map to navigate their way through the woods.

They saw the river Dart, heard the steam train and could even see across to the church at Staverton. Can your child tell you what the two different church symbols mean on a map? After a much needed lunch break, Hawks burnt off steam in the adventure playground before heading back to school. What a wonderful day we had!

If you are interested in visiting Dartington as a family, they have a free family day this Saturday called 'Bugs, birds and butterflies', fliers were sent home this week or for more info visit their website: <https://www.dartington.org/>

Achiever of the week Jack - For showing great independence in all aspects of school



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Little Dipper & Preschool News

This week, the Reception children have begun their phonics lessons which has been very exciting. We have been exploring the sounds; s, a, t and p through a range of interactive games and activities. The children's favourite activity was 'silly soup' where they needed to put objects, beginning with our focus sound, into a pan. They then gave it a good stir with our giant spoon. You've been amazing learners, boys and girls. Well done!

Phonics isn't the only exciting thing to have happened in Little Dippers this week. We have been reading the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and... jack sent us a letter and... sent us some magic beans! Wow! Jack needed help to sort the beans into groups and count his 'super magic number beans'. I must say, the children did a fabulous job and Jack was very pleased.

It was National Poetry Day on Thursday so the Pre-school and Reception children joined together to explore different poems and rhymes. Some were very funny and it was a joy to hear the delight in their laughter. We learnt a new poem called 'I'm a Little Bean' which they performed incredibly well during Achievers Assembly. We are very proud of you all!

Achiever this week: Amelie. D for always being incredibly helpful. Thank you, Amelie!

Important dates for the week ahead:

Wed 04 Oct - Tag Rugby Competition Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Parents Evening

03 Oct – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

04 Oct – Years Little Dippers, 1, 2, 5 & 6

05 Oct – Years 1, 2, 3 & 4

Correspondence out this week:

Junior Skills for Life Year 6

Tag Rugby Competition for Yrs 3,4,5 & 6