

Whitehall Park School

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Friday 5th March 2021

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Friends and Community,

I hope that you are all well and keeping safe. We have come to the end of a busy and successful half term of remote learning. Our children, staff and families have much to be proud of, not least the tenacity and proactivity with which our community has faced the year's challenges, to learning that has characterised education both in person and remotely.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Whitehall Park School for their hard work and dedication during this last lockdown. They have done a great job, in difficult circumstances, and carried out their duties with professionalism and determination to achieve the very best outcomes for our children.

I would also like to thank you, our parents and carers for your ongoing support for the children and towards the school. The remainder of the year is primed to be an exciting one, with more opportunities for the broadening of horizons and the surpassing of personal goals.

Today, Friday 5th March, we have been busy planning and preparing to safely welcome back all our children. I know that some of you will have mixed feelings about school re-opening and maybe some anxieties, but please be reassured that as always all the staff at Whitehall Park School are working tirelessly to ensure we alleviate these worries and plan a safe return for all. Households with school age children can now receive twice weekly lateral flow tests. This is for asymptomatic testing only. Children should not be tested; however, any adults can use the tests. More information can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3kZNCjJ> For some extra reassurance, all staff on site are tested twice weekly.

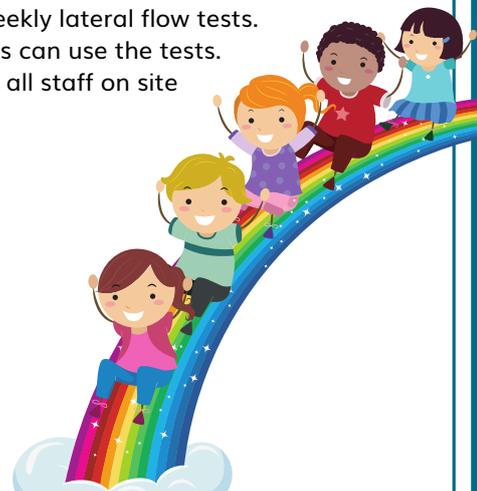
I have also got an exciting news for you all; some of you might have seen her at the school gate on Wednesday, Mrs Coyle will be on site a few days a week before returning fully to her duties after the Easter Break once her Maternity Leave is over. The key workers children were delighted to see her in school this week!

I am personally delighted to be re-opening again; I have missed seeing the children each day and talking to you.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Ms Tyler



Free Lunches!

Hornsey Lane Children Centre will offer free lunches for families in need over Easter who do not attend the play scheme.

Please contact Irene to register your family in advance on : irene@hleca.org.uk telephone 07377000510

Easter Holiday Play Scheme

Hornsey Lane Community Centre are offering Holiday Playscheme. from Tuesday 6th April to Friday 16th April 2021. Open 8.30am to 5.30pm.

Open to all families. Cost £20 and free lunch from Lunch Bunch will be provided for all children.

Activities include Easter egg hunt, chocolate art, crafts, games, table tennis, film afternoons, cooking, outdoor activities and much more. Contact Irene on 0207 272 5938 or email Irene@hleca.org.uk

Back to School



Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Please ensure you adhere to your allocated pick-up and drop-off time. Please alert the Office if your children will be late, both morning and afternoon pick-up and drop-off. You must wear a face covering and keep 2 metres apart from anyone who is not in your household.

Year group	Entrance	Drop off	Pick up	Siblings
R	Ashmount Road	9:00-9:05	3:15-3:20	Pick up at earliest time from ASHMOUNT ROAD
1	Ashmount Road	8.55-9:00	3:20-3:25	
2	Ashmount Road	8.50-8.55	3:25-3:30	
3	Ashmount Road	8:45-8:50	3:30-3:35	
4	Hornsey Lane	8.55-9:00	3:20-3:25	
5	Hornsey Lane	8.50-8.55	3:25-3:30	
6	Hornsey Lane	8.45-8:50	3:30-3:35	

Children not collected on their allocated timeslot, will be brought up to the Office. Parents will have to wait until 3.35pm to collect them from the Main Entrance (Hornsey Lane).

One-Way System



PE Timetable

Reception	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1	Monday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Friday
Year 3	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 4	Wednesday and Friday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday



Uniform

Children must wear their full school uniform every day, except for PE days when children should come to school in their PE kit.



What Can My Child Bring In?

- Children can bring their school bag in with essential items only: water bottle, reading books, reading record, healthy snack, and packed lunch (when applicable)
- Laptops, Chromebooks and iPads will need to be returned to school by Friday 12th March. Please ensure your child brings the laptop to their classroom on the day they return, where they will be collected by the Computing Lead.



Parking

We'd like to remind parents and carers to turn off engines completely when waiting for their pick up time. Not only is this contributing to air pollution, studies have shown the effects this has on asthma and lung development in children.



Please also be considerate where you park and to be mindful not to block our neighbours' driveways.



Self-Isolation

If your child needs to self-isolate following contact from NHS Track and Trace, please contact the Office and we will provide your child with some remote learning resources.

SATs & National Tests

Pupils will not be sitting official SATs. However, the Trust have announced that children in Year 2 and Year 6 will sit a past paper in June. This is nothing for the children to worry about – it is purely to use internally and Year 6 results will not be passed on to their secondary school.

After School Club

After School Club will resume after the Easter break. Miss Angela will be sending out timetables and booking details soon. We will still be running our after school provision on a bubble basis with staggered pick-up times to avoid mixing.

Unfortunately, we will still not be able to provide breakfast club. This is because too many children would be mixing bubbles and we do not have the capacity to provide separate year group breakfast clubs.

Friday 12th March

We value reading very highly and we are all going to take part in this special day to celebrate the joy of books and reading. We are asking for all children to come dressed as their favourite book character. Children will be taking part in a range of activities throughout the day.

IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



Each child will receive a World Book Day £1 token which can be redeemed on Whitehall Park's Book Club as we are unable to have a book fair on site due to COVID-19. Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running!

Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/whitehall/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by March 26th, 2021.

Competition

Our competition this year is for children to produce a representation of their favourite character on a rock/potato. This needs to be brought into school on Friday 12th March and will be displayed in the classrooms for children to view. A winner will be chosen from each class, and they will receive a prize.



'Parenting in Times of Uncertainty' - by Dr Emma Silver

Dr Emma Silver, Highgate School's Director of Wellbeing, recently delivered an informative talk titled "Parenting in Times of Uncertainty". Although school will be resuming next week, this information remains relevant as the transition from home to school can be difficult. We encourage all parents, carers and guardians to have a listen and take on board what you can, for both you and your child's wellbeing. You can listen to the complete talk here: <https://bit.ly/387Go6Z>



Office Phone Hours

Please be aware that the Office Phone is available from 8.00am to 4.00pm. If you are calling out of Office hours, please leave a message or you can reach us by email.



The WPS Cockerel

This Summer we will be embarking on a journey to restore the famous Hornsey Lane Cockerel and we need your help!

We have a target of £4,705 to raise to restore the cockerel so he can sit proudly upon the school walls again. More information about the project can be found here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/savethecockerel>.

So far, the community have raised an amazing £1,000 towards this historic work of art, however we need to raise more! This term, we have lots of ways for the children to get involved and fundraise; from sponsored walks (under the rule of 6!) to cockerel themed competitions.

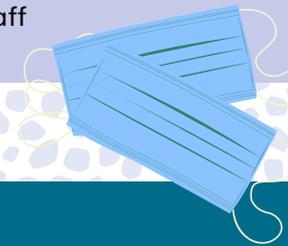
At the end of this term, we will be hosting an Easter Bonnet Parade for all year groups and asking for a donation of £1 to take part in the competition. There will be plenty more to come, but for now, please visit the JustGiving page to donate!

Local florist, Rewild is supporting the fundraising effort. 20% of every purchase of bouquets, house and garden plants, gifts, and greetings cards will be donated to the restoration project until the target is reached. Pretty handy with Mother's Day just around the corner - it means you can support the school's fundraising efforts without paying anything extra. Visit www.rewildflowers.co.uk and enter the code RESTORE at the checkout or quote the code if visiting the shop.

COVID-19 Home Testing Kits

Households with school age children can now receive twice weekly lateral flow tests. This is for asymptomatic testing only. Children should not be tested; however, any adults can use the tests.

More information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>



School Dinners

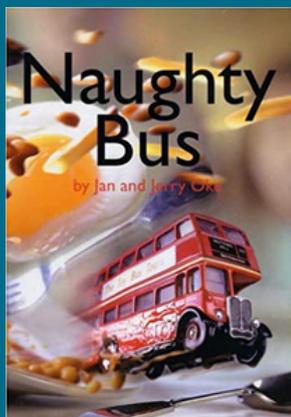
We would like to remind parents and families who follow a halal diet, that school dinners are not halal. Please notify the Office to confirm changes to your child's dietary requirements



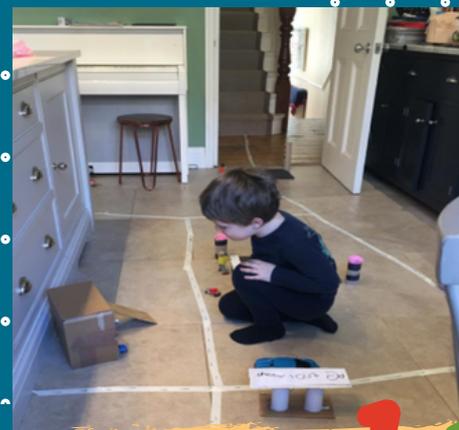
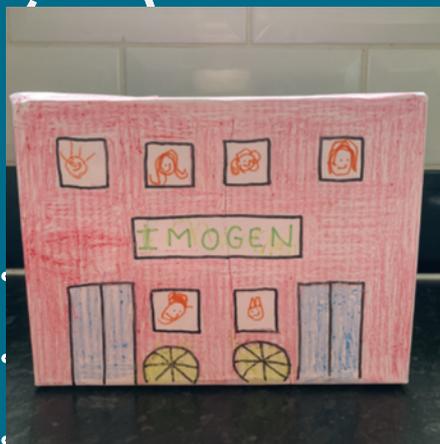
Celebrations from EYFS



For the past two weeks in Reception, we have been looking at our new topic - London transport. We discussed what mode of transport we can see and hear in London and talked about why we need transport. We have also looked at similarities and differences between old and new vehicles.



After reading 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan Oke we talked about London buses and how they are different to other buses around the world.



We had a go at creating junk modelling vehicles, London roads and even zebra and pelican road crossings.



In Maths we have been looking at 'teen' numbers', putting numerals in correct order, finding 1 more and 1 less from a given number and learning about a new mathematical concept 'Estimation'.



Celebrations from KS1

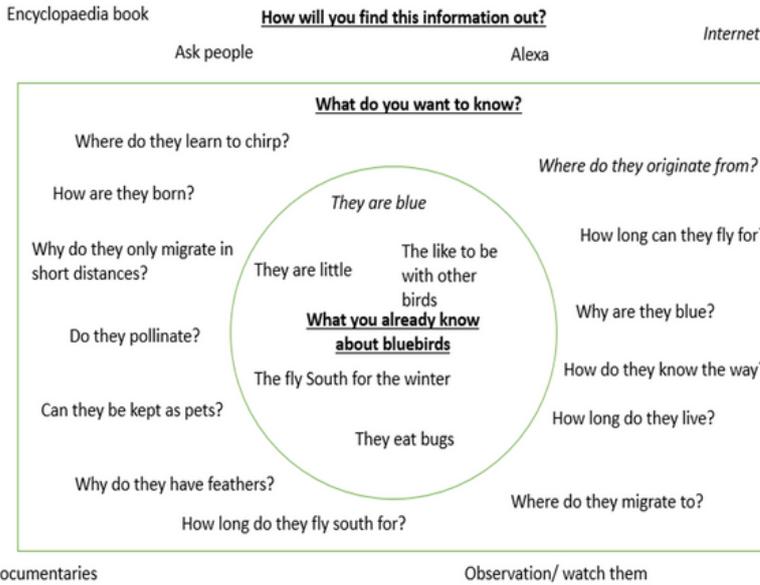


Year 1 started the term with Measurements. Our focus for the first week back was measuring length and height in non-standard units of measure. Here is Oscar measuring a spoon using pasta.



Year 1

In Year 1, we have been preparing to write a non-chronological report about bluebirds. Here, as a class, we created a circle map to deepen our thinking. We came up with some fantastic questions for our research.



THE LONDON GAZETTE

On the 5th of September 1666 St Pauls Cathedral caught Fire. King Charles II and Samuel pepys helped to save books From the Ferosious Fire. Samuel Pepys said "It was very Windy and smoky, but I am glad we saved some books."

Samuel made a fantastic newspaper article about the Great Fire of London. He used some fantastic features and even added a quote from Samuel Pepys himself!

Huxley drew some colourful illustrations to explain the sequence of the Great Fire of London.

Year 2

The Great Fire of London

On 2nd September, at 2 o'clock in the morning, Thomas Farriner's bakery catches fire. His family escape through a window.

In another part of London, Samuel Pepys's servant wakes him up to tell him about the fire. They watch from the window.

In the morning, Pepys goes to see the Lord Mayor who doesn't think anything needs to be done to stop the fire.

At 10 o'clock, King Charles II orders houses to be pulled down to try and stop the fire. Lots of people are moving their belongings in carts.

That night, Pepys drives some of his possessions to a friend's house in his nightclothes to keep them safe.

Lots of people are leaving their houses and getting into boats on the River Thames to escape the fire.

The king walks around London, giving money to people who are poor.

Pepys goes back home to bury his cheese and other belongings in his garden. Later, he puts his wife on a boat.

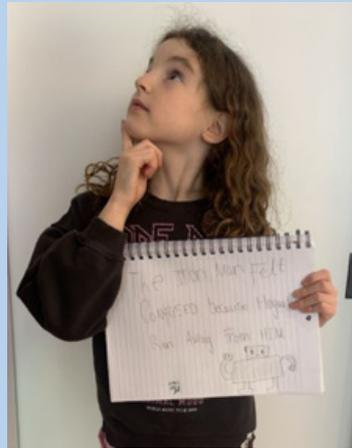
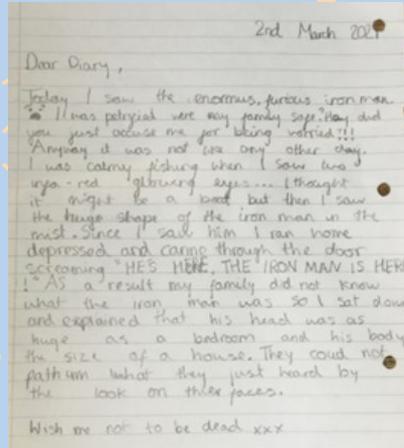
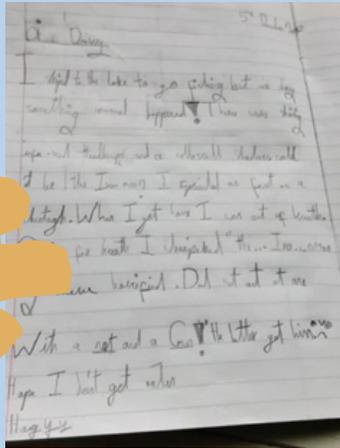
Pepys went up Barking Church tower where he sees the damage.

Celebrations from Lower KS2



Year 3

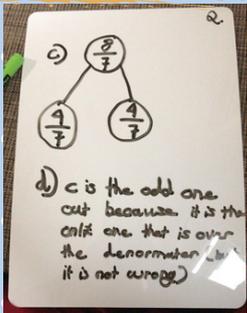
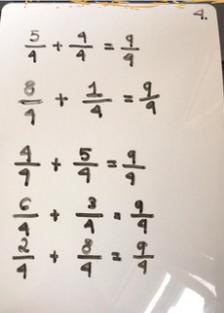
We have also started to explore our new topic in more details - Early Settlers - where we have started learning about place name origins. For example, did you know that Highbury means "high fort"?



In Maths, we have been challenging ourselves by converting measurements. We now know that 1cm = 10mm and 100cm = 1m.

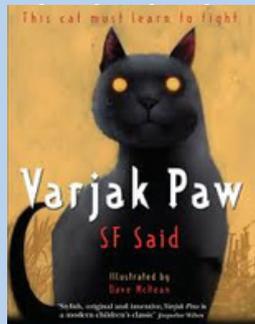
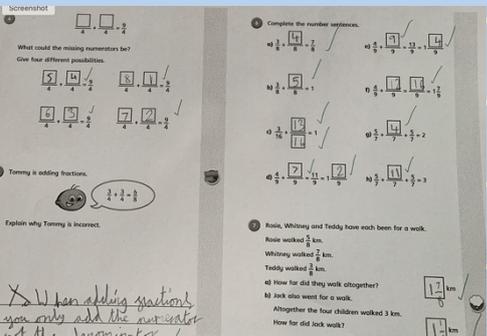
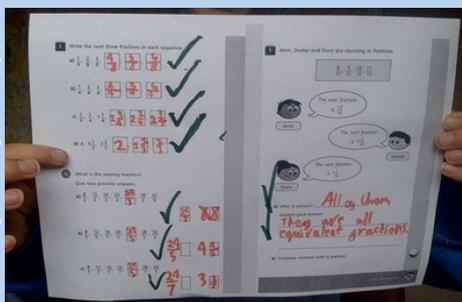
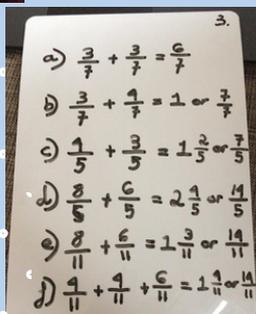
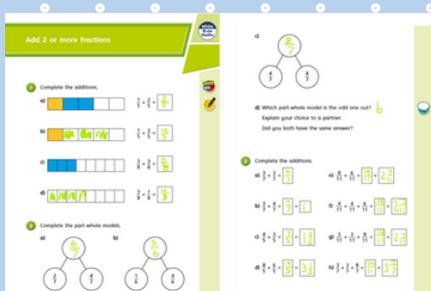


Year 3 have started a new book called Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We have really enjoyed reading it and getting to know all the characters through freeze frames and diary entries.



Over the last 3 weeks, we have been learning about Fractions. We have been finding equivalent fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and finding a fraction of an amount. We couldn't believe how useful it was to know our multiplication tables; Fractions are easier when you know your tables!

Year 4



The children are really immersed in our new novel Varjak Paw and have produced some fantastic story maps and poems with ambitious vocabulary and amazing figurative language.



Celebrations from Upper KS2

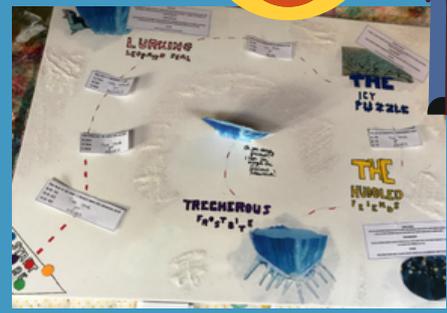
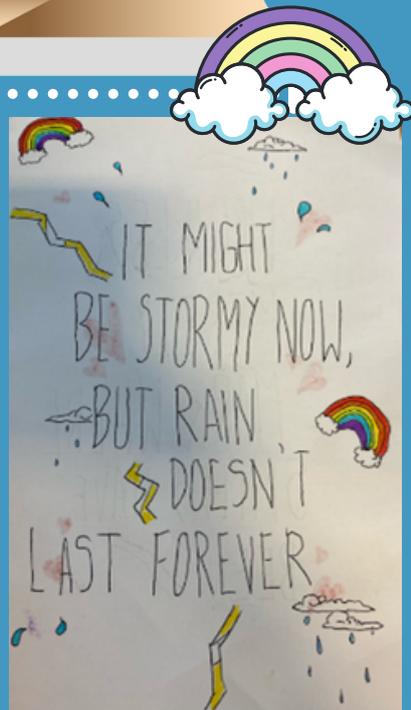
Year 5



Before half term, Year 5 completed topic projects on Antarctica. They were extremely creative! Some children created models and presented facts, some presented over video and some presented their facts through a poster, PowerPoint and even a board game! A huge well done to all of year 5 for their hard work. You all showed independence and resilience!



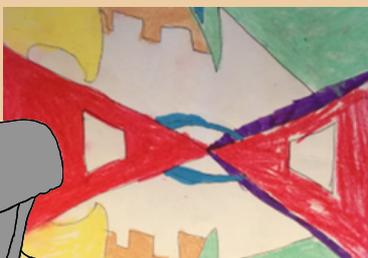
This week, we created positive messages for the elderly community to brighten their day during these difficult times.



We are delighted to have welcomed back so many children after half term and can't wait for everyone else to join us next Monday. It has been an exciting time for the children in Year 6, as we have all been finding out which secondary schools we might be going to.

Year 6

We want to say how proud of all of you we are and know that you will thrive in your chosen schools. We have had an amazing start to the new half term by learning all about Africa and the Kingdom of Benin. We have really enjoyed finding out about different countries across Africa and learning about their cultures. We have been really interested in their art and have been designing our own African inspired patterns and prints. Have a look at some of the amazing art work we have produced.



GOLD AWARD



We are always incredibly impressed with how well our children are doing at school and are so proud of their achievements. Each week we celebrate our achievements in our Golden Book assembly; where we celebrate everyone's green behaviour and learning and even award exceptional learning with special stickers and certificates!

Reception

- Aiden - Sage - For a great improvement in his handwriting and phonics and his brilliant team work in the class.
- Lina - Parsley - For trying her best with her home learning and giving lots of tasks a good try.
- Taylor - Sage - For collaborating together and making a very impressive movie trailer. What a phenomenal duo
- Matteo - Sage- For a brilliant start this week showing great confidence and positive attitude to learning!
- Joseph - Sage - For trying hard to read words and short sentences using his phonics knowledge.

Year 1

- Chloe - Jasmine - For being such a kind and caring girl. Always thinking of others before herself. Setting an example when working in a group, pair and individually. Chloe has produced really good work this week.
- Maria - Lavender - Making a really good improvement in her writing.
- Nicholas - Lavender - For making right choices in class.
- Amber - Lavender - Amber has made an incredible improvement across all subjects and has challenged herself to do more challenging work.
- Art - Jasmine - Using such technical language and thinking really deeply during our English discussion!

Year 2

- Neveah-Rose - Basil - Nevaeh has had a fantastic and positive attitude towards learning and has been really engaged with all the learning that has been done in school, keep it up!
- Zoe - Basil - Zoe has done a wonderful job at learning at home since January. She uploads all her learning and engages in the zooms, well done!
- Rcaim - Chive - Racim has been using his resilience to complete learning at home and has come on leaps and bounds! His confidence has grown when explaining his answers to the whole class on Zoom.
- Maeva - Chive - Maeva has settled back into school beautifully and is a model student. She uses her independence to complete learning and her behaviour is aspirational.
- Joshua - Chive - For always putting a smile on our faces, trying so hard in music lessons and being a friend to all!



GOLD AWARD

(Year 2 continued)

- Emily - Basil - Emily is always engaged on the zooms and asks some fantastic questions!
- Umut - Basil - Such a fantastic first week back at school, he has shown a really enthusiastic learning attitude, keep it up!



- Anna - Thyme - For wonderful public speaking - we loved hearing your diary entry from Hogarth in the key worker class! Read with wonderful expression.
- Amelie - Rosemary - For always giving 100% effort to their home learning tasks and to the zooms.
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- Karim - Rosemary - For always giving 100% effort to their home learning tasks and to the zooms.
- Logan - Thyme - Logan has really engaged in his learning and challenged himself in English and Maths. Logan created innovative sentences to describe the Iron Man which year 3 have been learning all about. Well done Logan.
- Danny - Rosemary - Danny has been a super enthusiastic member of the team. Always delivering his best in learning and for teaching his friends how to play basketball. Well done Danny.
- Antonin - Thyme - This week I have seen some lovely cursive handwriting from Antonin, and I can tell he has been practising hard at home!



- Isaac - Myrtle - Isaac drew some wonderful illustrations for his story map of Varjak Paw.
- Riley - Myrtle - Riley played his guitar and sang to the class beautifully on Zoom. Thank you for giving Myrtle Class a great start to their lesson.
- Hope - Myrtle - For perseverance in learning equivalent fractions this week! Well done!
- Ava - Myrtle - For excellent contributions in our circle time sessions.
- Nina - Myrtle - For persevering with equivalent fractions
- Frederick - Clove - For collaborating together and making a very impressive movie trailer. What a phenomenal duo

GOLD AWARD



Year 5

- Freya - Mint - Freya has worked hard to identify the features of a persuasive speech and get into role as Dooby from our novel 'Foodland.' She has thought in detail about the strengths he can bring to the island and why he should be their leader! Well done!
- Brianna - Mint - Brianna has shown responsibility for her learning this week in maths. She has worked extremely hard to gain an understanding of tricky concepts and showed resilience throughout. Well done!
- Ella - Chamomile - Ella created an outstanding model of Tuxedo Penguins for her Antarctica project and delivered the information she had gathered clearly and concisely. Excellent work, Ella!
- Jonah - Chamomile - Jonah got into role as a journalist and created a video all about the crazy creatures and amazing animals in the Antarctic! The video is engaging and the facts are presented clearly. I was blown away! Excellent work, Jonah.
- Ayaz - Mint - For recording an absolutely amazing news report linked to Shackleton and his crew's safe return to mainland Chile - it was really fantastic and very professionally done!
- George - Mint - For writing an absolutely amazing news report based on Shackleton and his crew's safe return to mainland Chile. It was full of lots of interesting detail.

Year 6

- Sophia - Cinnamon - For having such a positive attitude and showing such amazing resilience!
- Max - Cinnamon - For always having such a positive attitude towards his learning.
- Avigail - Nutmeg - Av for her enthusiasm across the curriculum. Well done!
- Jake - Cinnamon - For being a great role model in Year 6. You always have the most amazing manners and show respect and kindness to all those around him.
- Daniyal - Nutmeg - For always being polite to the adults and showing respect to all those around him. You are a great Role model!