



# TEAGUES BRIDGE PRIMARY

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Friday's Newsletter

8th December 2023



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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Performance at the church

I would like to thank-you all from the bottom of my heart for joining us at Wombridge church this week. It was a lovely atmosphere and we have received such wonderful comments. The children were simply amazing and their behaviour was outstanding. Thank-you to everyone, the parents, the children and the staff.

The children really enjoyed the whole experience and were so excited to perform in the church. We hope to continue this tradition in the future.

### Christmas Dinner ~ 20.12.23

It is Christmas dinner Wednesday 20th December. Please ensure you pay for this via Parent Pay, there will be no sandwiches made by the kitchen on this day. If your child prefers to be sandwiches they will need to bring their own from home. The dinner will cost £2.50. Menu can be found later on in this newsletter.

### Dates;

Tuesday 12th December ~ Sleeping Beauty Pantomime ~  
Whole school (no cost to parents)

Monday 18th December ~ Parents appointments via TEAMS  
~ 3.30-7.00.

Tuesday 19th December ~ Parents appointments via TEAMS  
~ 3.30-5.00



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### CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU

20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

*Traditional Christmas Roast to include:*

Roast Turkey with chipolata sausage, stuffing, and gravy

or

Vegetable Layer loaf ✓

Roast Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes

Seasonal vegetables: Cauliflower, Brussels Sprouts, Carrots

Ice-cream

and

Festive biscuit



*Please note there will be NO school sandwich service available.*

*The cost is £2.50 for children in KS2, if not in receipt of Free School Meals*

*Christmas dinner must be paid for via parent pay.*





# Safeguarding Information for Parents

## What is Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)?

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a form of child sexual abuse. Child sexual exploitation is a term used to describe where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child under the age of 18 into sexual activity. The child may have been sexually exploited even where the sexual activity appears consensual. For instance, the child might have been led to believe they are in a consensual relationship with the person.

Child sexual exploitation does not always involve physical contact; it can also occur through the use of technology, such as social media and gaming apps.

## What are the signs that a child may be being abused or exploited?

Understandably children can find it very difficult to talk to adults about the harm they are experiencing and may not even recognise that what's happening to them is abuse or exploitation. They may not always show any outward physical signs of abuse, but there are some things to look out for, including emotional or behavioural signs. Some things you may notice in your child are outlined below. This is not an exhaustive list of the signs of abuse and exploitation and they can also be indicators of other difficulties a child is facing, not just sexual exploitation.

- physical signs, such as unexplained injuries, regular infections
- changes in emotion
- issues with their mental health, emotional wellbeing or self-esteem
- changes in behaviour
- changes in their usual habits such as eating, use of phones or changes in friendships
- having more sexual knowledge or displaying more sexualised behaviour than is developmentally appropriate for their age
- having things such as money, phones, expensive clothes or other items, when you don't know how they have bought them
- being away from home or school where you don't know where they are

## What do I do if I have concerns?

If you are worried that a child may be being sexually abused it is important that you share that concern, the information you have may help professionals to build a picture about what might be happening to a child and help them. If you have concerns, speak to family connect on 0152385385 option 1.





# This week in Seals...

## RE

In RE, the children learnt the Sikh story about Bhai Kanhaiya and took turns to hotseat and question each other to learn and understand further why he showed kindness to his enemies.



Hot Seating



## Reading

In reading, we have been using our skills to answer questions, using the reading bookmarks

## Christmas Carols 2023

A huge well done to all of the children in Seals for their effort in our Christmas Carols Show this week! We are incredibly proud of you and we hope that you enjoyed seeing them perform as much as we did!

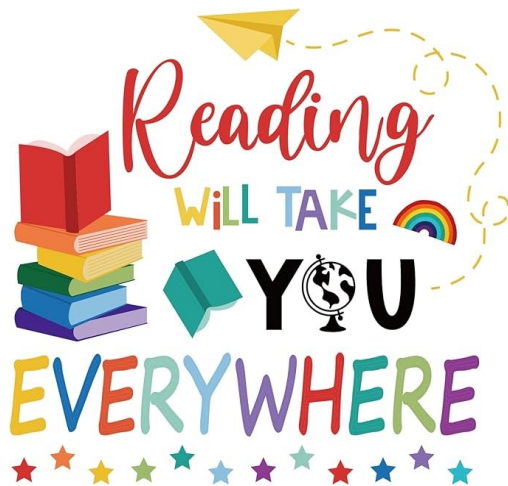


Seals Christmas Choir 2023



# This week in Swordfish class...

## Literacy



Last week, we started to look at what makes a great setting description. We looked at using prepositions, expanded noun phrases and similes. We even looked at including the 5 senses to add extra detail. Ask your child if they can name any prepositions or even create their own simile. Once the children had created their setting descriptions, they then looked to uplevel some of their vocabulary to make it more interesting.



Please read with your child at home as much as possible and remember to record in their reading diary.

On Wednesday 6th December, the children put a smile on all our faces when they sang a number of carols at Wombridge Church. The children had worked so hard to make sure they performed to the best of their abilities. It was an absolute joy and we'd like to thank all those that attended and supported.

## Maths:

In maths, we have moved onto learning all about fractions. We recapped on previous learning, with the children sharing what they could remember from last year. We discussed some of the key vocabulary including the numerator and denominator. Ask your child what these words mean and ask them what they have learnt about a 'whole'.

## The children using Scratch with Mr Smith

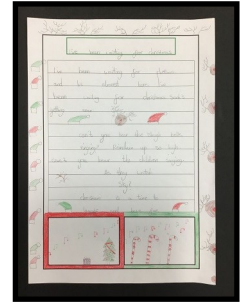
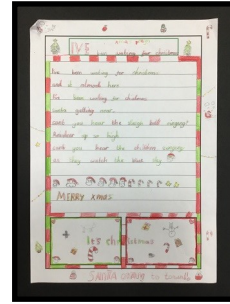
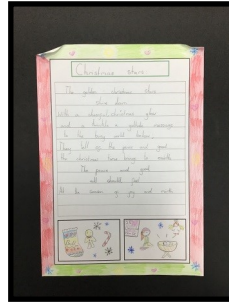
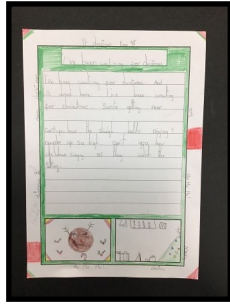
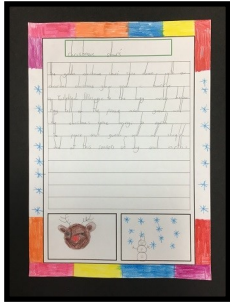
## ICT



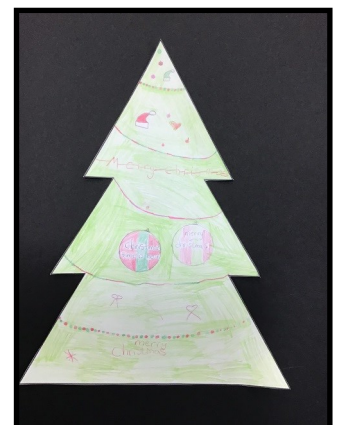
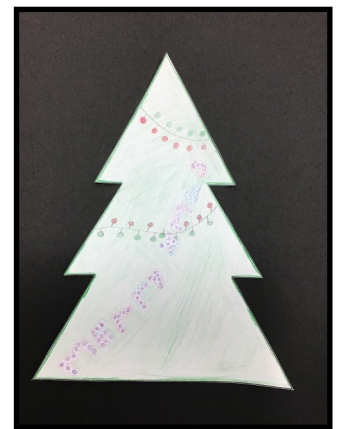
Swordfish have been fortunate this week, as Mr Smith, our ICT expert, taught the children some coding. He linked it to our topic 'South America vs UK'. First of all, the children had to complete a quiz all about Brazil, before being set the task of moving various animals from the Amazon Rainforest across the screen. They had to use their coding skills to complete the task. It was great fun, and the pupils were able to talk through how they had input the coding.

# This week in Beluga's.....

This week, Beluga's have began to talk about the importance of Christmas. The children wrote their own Christmas poems about how they feel at Christmas time and what they enjoy doing most with their family and friends.



After that, the children designed their own Christmas tree. We collated all of the trees and created a whole class Christmas tree. Together we discussed how this represented us being a team and showcased everyone's unique designs and appearances but what was most important was that we always work together and help each other and this is when we grow and achieve our dreams.

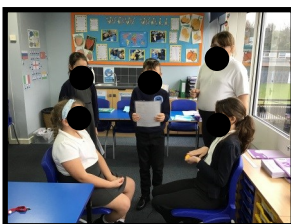
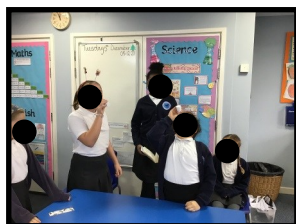




# This week in Octopi...

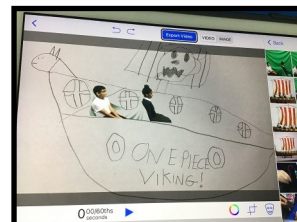
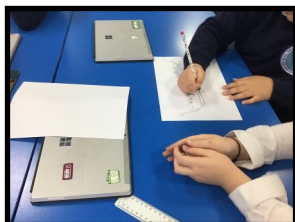
Another fantastic couple of weeks here in Octopi class.

We began by recalling the events of our English narrative 'Shahrazad and the Sultan' before retelling the narrative through a variety of activities such as story boards, freeze frames, storytelling and also through role play. We enjoyed putting ourselves into the positions and exploring the mindsets of various characters from the story and adding speech to express their thoughts and feelings.



Additionally, we have enjoyed getting into the Christmas spirit by having a go at writing Christmas inspired poems. Two of these were then chosen to be shared at the Christmas Carol concert in the church, which all of the year 5 children were fortunate to take part in. We enjoyed practising the songs and ultimately performing these in church in front of parents.

We have enjoyed another fantastic session with Mr Smith from Amazing ICT. During the session we had the opportunity to design our own Viking longships and then use the green screens along with an app on the ipads to transform ourselves into weary Viking sailors placed into the actual longships themselves. It was really enjoyable and extremely fascinating to learn how to do.

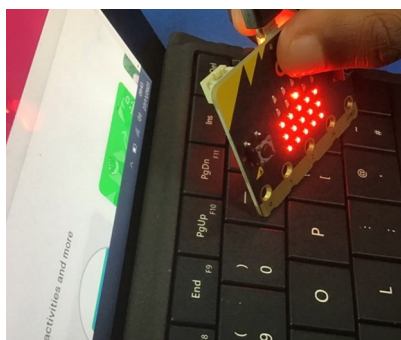
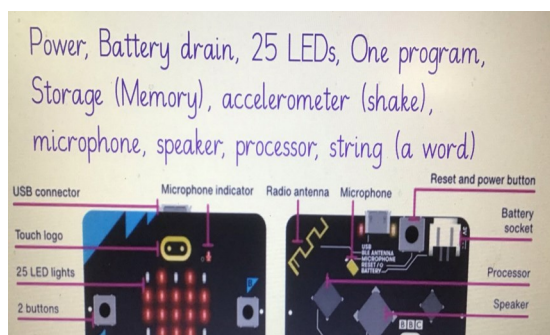




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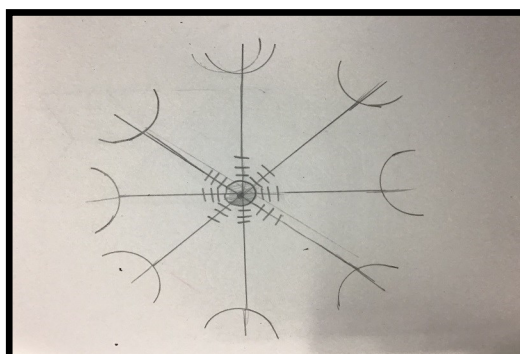
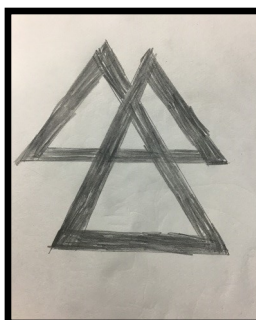
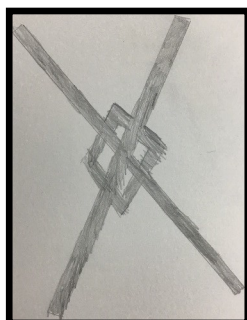
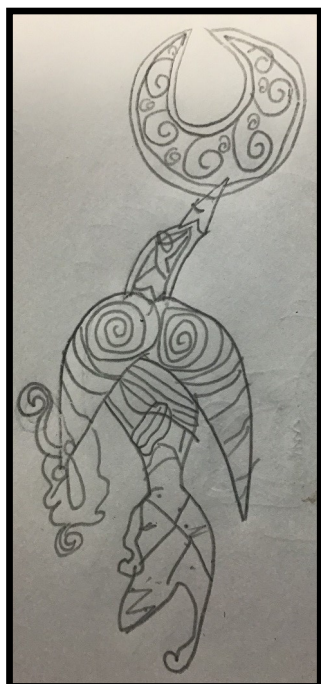
Over the last 2 weeks in sharks we have been finishing our writing about the text Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian. We have wrote our own conflict story including speech and relative clauses.

In Computing we have been working with Mr Smith from Amazing ICT. We first explored the micro bit. We looked at the different input sensors and output LED screen and used the set program to see how the motion and noise sensors worked.



We then looked at the block coding module for programming the micro bit. We looked at designing code to show a heart shape when the micro bit's movement sensor was activated and also to play a tune we designed if button A was pressed. We were successful at this task and the micro bit gave the desired outputs.

In Art, we looked at Viking drawings and how they used signs and symbols to represent different ideas and gods. We used our sketching books to practice skills in line and shading to re-create some of the symbols. Here are some of our examples:



## *Homework of the week award*

We have introduced a new award for Friday's award assembly.

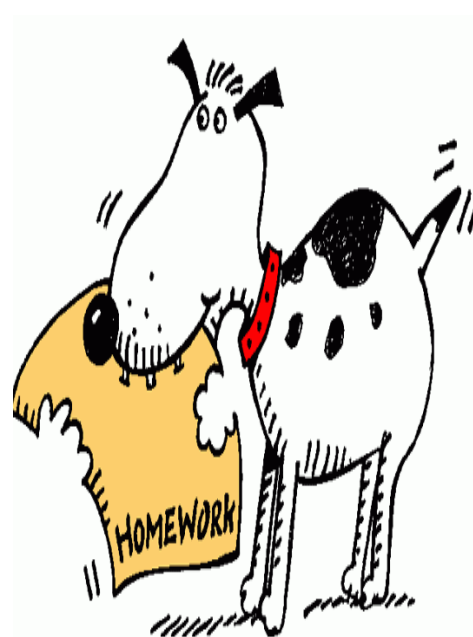
This is in recognition of the fabulous homework most of our children produce. It is also to show the importance of doing homework.

We need to ensure that children are equipped to be able to complete homework, as a school we are looking at our homework offer and adapting it to meet the needs of the children.

The most important homework your child can complete is reading, this opens the doors to all other learning in school and in life.

Each Base has nominated two children for this week's homework of the week award

Turtles	Damian	Lilly
Starfish	Emilka	Eric
Seahorses	Heidi	Dexter
Dolphins	Matilda	Carter
Seals	Riley	Karla
Swordfish	Harry	Keerat
Beluga's	Natalia	Koen
Octopi	Betul	Britney
Sharks	Sienna	Tomasz

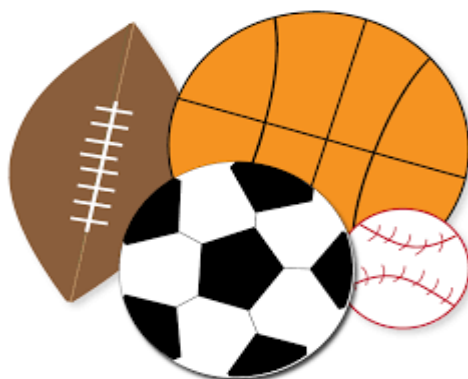




## *Star Player of the week award*

On Monday, Thursday and Friday, all children have PE. This is delivered by the Crossbar coach. The coaches have recently introduced star player of the week from each base. This is because of the effort they make and the sportsmanship they show. Please see the children chosen for 'Star Player of the week' award this week.

Turtles	George
Starfish	Preston
Seahorses	Gabrijela
Dolphins	Koray
Seals	Mac
Swordfish	Jaiton
Beluga's	Audrey
Octopi	Isla
Sharks	Lilijana



## Friday Awards

Our Awards Assembly takes place on a Friday via Microsoft Teams. Children were awarded with their certificates in class. Please see below a list of the children who have received awards this week.

Base	Star of the week	Worker of the week	Whale Rules Champion	Respectful Rangers	Handwriting Heroes	Punctual Panda	Best attendance
1	Logan	Finley Winter	Iris Bridget	Evelyn Jacob	Oliver	Mathias	Neda
2	Leyla	Jacob Oscar	Jaipreet Theo	Gunveer Alfie	Holly	Clark	Aniya
3	Maya	Anastasia Alfie	Tymo Nathan	Sohaib Archie	Ellie	Olivia	Sophie
4	Koray	Tymon Harrison	Elizabeth Isla	Joey Alaya	Indie	Alan	Lillian
5	Ivy	Simran James	Rosie Max	Harrison Amelia	Mathias	Ismail	Dominik
6	Jessica	Leon Ollie	Annabelle Erin	Freddie Jairaj	Ella	Harrison	Sakina
7	Kendall	Darwin Kyra-Mai	Lexi Luke	Anastasia Clim	Evie	Louie	Darwin
8	Lucas	Jayden	Lacey	Bella-Rose	Ajai	Isla	Phoebe
9	Manraj	Lacey Emelia	Elliot Emilia	Seth Ahmet	Lilijana	Leighton-Jae	Jacob

Best class attendance this week:

EYFS ~ Starfish ~ 97% ~ FANTASTIC

KS2 ~ Seals ~ 95% ~ SUPER



## Friday Awards

The Cleanliness award is to encourage children to take care of their classroom environment and the areas around it. It is to ensure that children are proud of their classroom and it is a welcoming and safe environment to work in.

Each class are given points every time a member of the Senior leadership team, goes into their classroom. They can get 20 points if their classroom is perfect, 10 points if there are some things on the floor and 5 points if it is tidy but a little disorganised.

The class with the most points at the end of the week gets a class certificate and the cleanliness trophy. The children have really embraced this new award and were excited to learn which class had won, this was announced in our Friday's award assembly.

# The Cleanest classroom is:

## Base 5





# Picture News

## TAKE HOME



## In the news this week

British litter-pickers have become world champions in the litter-picking World Cup (also known as the SpoGomi World Cup) after sifting through nearly 60 kilograms of rubbish in the Japanese capital to win the first-ever contest of its kind. The British team, made up of Sarah Parry and brothers Alexander and Jonathan Winship, beat teams from 20 other nations from around the world. SpoGomi is named after a combination of 'sport' and 'gomi', the Japanese word for rubbish. Each team is equipped with protective gloves, metal tongs and waste bags, and allocated an area of five square kilometres (nearly two square miles) in the busy Shibuya district of Tokyo, to collect as much litter as possible.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your experience of litter in your local area. Is it a problem? Have you ever been litter-picking?
- What do you believe rubbish is? Ask others at home. Do you all think the same?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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