

Mr P Hayward: Headteacher

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

### In school this week...

In **Willow Class** this week, the Year 1 children have impressed us with some very tricky maths, including comparing numbers and ordering groups of objects. The Reception children have been learning about the Chinese New Year and they used lots of materials to make some very scary dragons!

This week **Oak Class** has produced some fabulous 'warning posters' about the Enormous Crocodile! The children's detailed drawings and powerful adjective choices have been very impressive. In their DT lesson, the children started to learn about different types of puppets and how they are operated - this is in preparation for making their very own puppets.



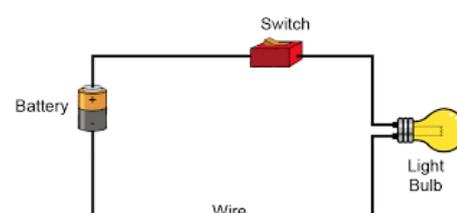
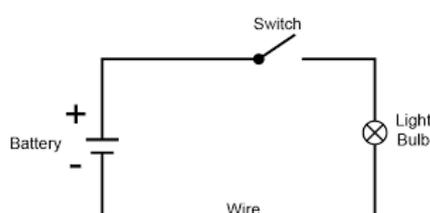
**Beech Class** has had a very exciting week! In art, children created a piece of graffiti using a stencil they had made in a previous lesson. In PE, the children started gymnastics and practised lots of different types of jumps. Science was



once again spent in the dark as the children investigated

how the size of a shadow changes when the distance between the object and the light source increases and decreases.

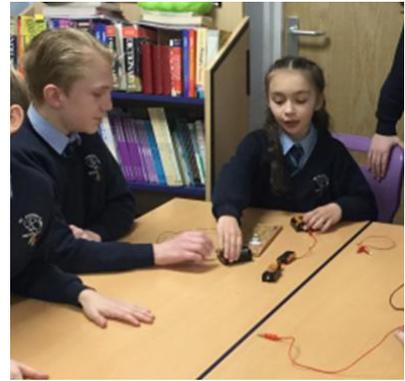
**Elm Class** investigated how sounds are made in science this week. They ran a damp tissue along a piece of string to make a variety of sounds. The children found that the cup magnified the sounds. They also investigated the different sounds made with different sized cups. All the children worked well in their groups and enjoyed sharing their results with each other.





This week in **Sycamore Class**, the children have been learning all about multiplication in maths. They have been using place value counters to multiply 4-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. They have worked really hard together as a team and have shown great communication skills in their groups. Well done Sycamore.

This week the children in **Maple Class** have celebrated St Andrew's winning the TT Rockstars competition and particularly our top three players: Oliver R, George R and Charley M. On Thursday, the children tackled the tricky art of circuit building! It wasn't easy, it wasn't very peaceful either but eventually all the groups had their light bulb moment and even managed to add a switch too! All very illuminating!



## COVID Update

This week we have had 4 cases of Covid in school. Beech (1), Elm (2) and Sycamore (1) classes have all had at least one case. We are therefore requesting that for one more week, children isolate if a member of their household has Covid. After 5 days, if the children have 2 consecutive negative lateral flow tests, they can come to school. This advice will change from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. – See below.

### From Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022:

- The children will be able to mix across classes at playtime and lunchtime in larger key stage bubbles.
- The children will be able to join together for events, like collective worship, in larger key stage bubbles.
- Staff will no longer wear face coverings in communal areas around the school.

**From Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022:**

- Children who have a positive case of Covid 19 within their household will no longer be requested to remain at home and isolate. Instead, we will ask for daily confirmation of a negative lateral flow test, each day, for 7 days, before coming into school.
- Non-essential visitors will once again be permitted in school. All visitors will be asked to take a lateral flow test before attending.

**CHILL**

To book places for CHILL, please click on the link below. Bookings should be made by no later than 1.00pm on the Friday before the bookings are required.

[CLICK HERE to access CHILL booking forms](#)

**Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Lunchtime Menu – Week 1 (Weeks commencing: 30/8, 20/09, 11/10, 01/11, 22/11, 13/12, 03/01, 24/01, 14/02, 07/03, 28/03, 18/04)

Day	Dailies	Hot Specials		Sides	Puddings
Monday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	<b>Burrito</b> A soft wrap filled with lightly spiced vegetables and rice	<b>Vegetable Supreme Pizza with dough balls</b> Cheesy tomato pizza slice with sweetcorn and peppers	Fresh carrots and sweetcorn	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream with fruit slices
Tuesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	<b>Allegra's Chicken Filo Pie with Mashed Potato</b> A delicious light filo pastry topped chicken pie	<b>Veggie Korma with Bombay Potatoes</b> A veggie version of the classic mild Korma, with yummy lentils and chickpeas	Peas and Fresh Broccoli	Secret Brownie
Wednesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	<b>Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy</b> Roast Turkey with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	<b>Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy</b> A chunky sweet potato and chickpea roast	Fresh Carrots and Fresh Cabbage	Shortbread Biscuit with fruit slices
Thursday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	<b>Favourite Beef Lasagne with a Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge</b> A classic Italian beef lasagne in a yummy tomato sauce	<b>Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice</b> A delicious butternut squash and tomato bake served with rice	Fresh Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Berry & Peach Oaty Crumble with Custard
Friday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	<b>Southern Fried Chicken Tasters with Chips</b> Lightly seasoned crispy chicken strips and scrummy chips	<b>Meat-free Dippers and Chips</b> Crispy Quorn dippers with their favourite sauce - ketchup	Baked Beans, Fresh Carrots and Peas	Orange Sultana & Carrot Slice

Available every day: Cool water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt and fresh fruit

**PRAYER SPACE – COMPASSION**

**Lord**, help us to show compassion when we are angry or upset. Help us to take a step back and look at the point of view of others. By trying to understand another person's feelings, we can show compassion. When we walk a mile in their shoes we can begin to understand what it is that shapes their moods, behaviours and the words they say. Lord, time and time again you showed compassion. Please help us to be more like you. Amen.

### And finally...

We must congratulate the children in Years 2 to 6 for their fantastic achievement last week, as they were crowned champions in our Times Tables competition against Colwich Primary and St. Peter's in Hixon! The children worked extremely hard, using their times tables knowledge in class, in CHILL and at home, determined to win the battle. We were so pleased to announce to them this week that their hard work had paid off, and award them with a special trophy. Sycamore Class put in so many hours earning coins that they came in as the **TOP CLASS** out of all classes in the 3 schools, with Lewis and Issy in Year 5 coming in as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest scorers in the entire competition! Thank you to families at home for helping to set the children up, give them encouragement and subsequently help them to master their times tables. It really makes a difference.

Mr Hayward.

### TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

#### SPRING TERM 2022

Monday 24 January	Local Academy Committee Meeting 6.00pm
Wednesday 26 January	Open the Book assemblies begin

**Half Term:** Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Monday 4 April	Parents' evening – Face to face
Tuesday 5 April	Parents' evening – Face to face
Friday 8 April	Last day of the Spring term

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 17 April

#### SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 25 April	School opens
Monday 2 May	School closed due to May Bank Holiday

**Half Term:** Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Monday 6 June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 7 June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 20 July	Last day of the school year

**Summer Holiday:** Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September 2022