GATEWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Inspiring Curious Minds

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 27th November**

Current Topic: **'We are Voyagers'** Current Value: **Self-Awareness**

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Attendance Award— Classes with the highest attendance this week are:

EYFS — Ducklings 85%

KS1— Parrots 98%

LKS2— Owls 98%

UKS2— Peacocks 92%

End of Week House points totals:

Spitfire — 281

Lancaster — 223

Hurricane — 293

Wellington — 258

Tea Party Guests

These children have attended this weeks value tea party:
Lyra (Robins), Pip (Robins), Evie B (Kingfishers), Nina (Penguins), Minnie (Robins) Isaiah (Penguins)

Stars of the Week



An update from Mrs Anstee



There is a definite Christmas feeling starting to creep into Gateway! We are delighted to have a beautiful Christmas tree arriving soon in our school hall, bringing a little festive sparkle. A huge thank you to Mike Bulman at SW Grounds and Gardens for kindly providing our tree – it is very much appreciated!

Next week sees one of the highlights of the year for our youngest children as our EYFS pupils take to the stage for their Christmas Nativity. It is always such a special occasion, full of excitement, festive songs and proud moments. We can't wait to see them shine!

Looking a little further ahead, we are really looking forward to welcoming families to our whole-school Christmas Carols event on Wednesday 16th December, 5.30–6.30pm. Wrap up warm, pop on your Christmas jumpers and come along to join us for some festive singing and Christmas cheer. It will be lovely to bring our school community together!

And finally, don't forget that we have Christmas Bingo tonight in the school hall! Doors open at 7pm, so come along, enjoy a festive evening and see if you can shout BINGO!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Gateway!

An update from Mrs Gardner



We would like to raise awareness of Children Heard and Seen, a charity that supports children, young people and families impacted by parental imprisonment.

Having a parent in prison can be an incredibly challenging and isolating experience for a child. Children Heard and Seen provides specialist support, helping children to understand their feelings, build confidence and connect with others who have similar experiences. The charity offers individual support, group activities, mentoring and guidance for parents and carers.

At Gateway, we recognise the importance of ensuring that every child feels heard, valued and supported, whatever their family circumstances.

If your family is affected by parental imprisonment and you feel that this support could be beneficial, please reach out to a member of our pastoral team in confidence.

Alternatively, you can find out more about the charity and the support available by visiting

www.childrenheardandseen.co.uk.

An update from Mrs Summers



We are fortunate to have a thriving wraparound provision, and we would like to thank you for your continued support and for adapting to our new booking deadlines. This is really helping us to plan staffing for each session and ensure we have sufficient food supplies for all the children.

A reminder that breakfast is served between 7.30am and 8.15am. We need to allow time to clear away and get the children settled into their classrooms so if your child requires food please drive before 8.15. Please remember that the pedestrian gate closes automatically at **8.15am**. If you arrive after this time and need to bring your child to Breakfast Club, please call us on **01993 684716** and a member of staff will be able to help. This is also the number to call if you are going to be late collecting at the end of the day.

If you are having a clear out of old toys before Christmas, please consider donating to WAC, we have lots of puzzles and board games already but the children love construction and role play toys. Please feel free to Dojo or email me if you do have any donations or questions regarding this.



An update from Mrs Diamond

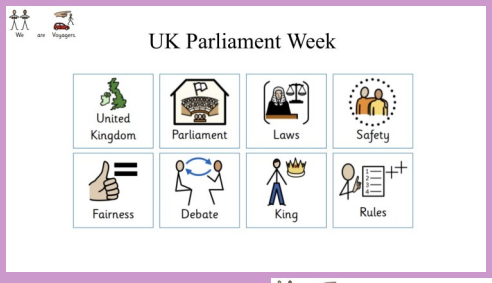


This week in The Hangar, our overarching theme has been inspired by UK Parliament Week (23rd–29th November). Some children have been exploring the concepts of democracy, voting, safety, laws and rules, thinking about how decisions are made and why they relate to our everyday lives.

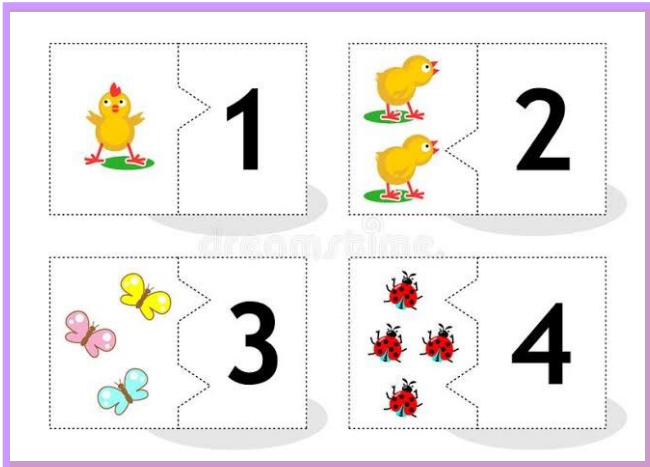
Other groups have explored these ideas through a week of themed activities called 'Our Voices, Our Choices'. Through a range of practical, creative and interactive activities, the children have been developing their understanding of the importance of having a voice, communicating their thoughts and preferences, making choices and listening to the choices and opinions of others.

To bring these themes together, our Makaton sign of the week has been 'listen', reinforcing the importance of listening to one another and recognising that everybody's voice deserves to be heard.









EYFS

What a super exciting week we have had! This week we met some of the animals that feature in our nativity as we had a visit from a mobile farm.

We met Norman the Donkey, Twinkle the pony as well as Earl the cheeky sheep. We spent time making friends with the animals and even got to take Earl for a walk, he was super cheeky and kept trying to get to the lovely fresh grass.

This week we have been adding to our performance, we have songs, actors, lines, lights and a real stage. We can't wait to share our show with you. This week in Phonics we have been practising our new sounds - we have learned c and k. We have even been writing short captions using the sounds that we know so far. In Maths we have been talking about the parts that make up numbers 1 to 4. We know that 1 and 3 make 4 and 2 and 2 make 4 as well.

Stars of the week -

Ellie - Duckling - For working hard to form her letters carefully in Phonics.

Alora - Chicks - for trying hard when writing cvc words in phonics.

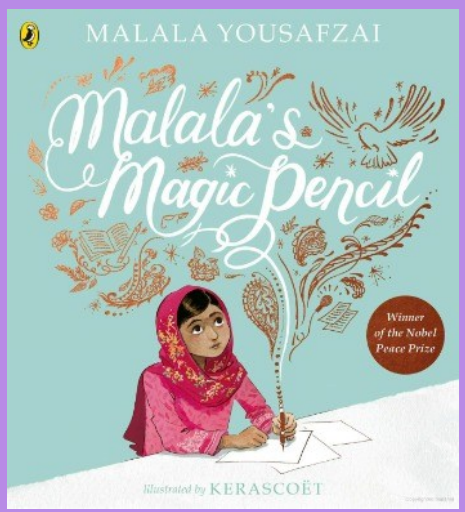
Robbie - Chicks - for working really hard on his line in the play.

Hazel - Ducklings - for working really hard in Phonics - Hazel is able to write cvc words all by herself.

Year 1 and 2

We have had another busy and exciting week of learning!

In English, we have continued using the video Way Back Home as inspiration for writing our own stories. We have been developing our sentences by using interesting adjectives and time adverbials to bring our writing to life. In Reading, we have been enjoying the book Malala's Magic Pencil. This has encouraged us to think about the lives of others around the world and reflect on how fortunate we are. In Maths, Year 1 have been exploring one more and one less, using their growing number knowledge to solve problems. Year 2 have begun learning about equal and unequal groups, developing their understanding of early multiplication and division. In History, we have been learning about the Wright brothers and discovering how their determination and pioneering work changed the way we travel today.



Most excitingly, we have begun planning and creating our very own hand puppets! We are looking forward to seeing our wonderful creations come to life.



Year 3 and 4

We have had a fantastic week in Year 3 and 4 and have really got stuck into our new topic. In English, we were treated to a performance of Beowulf to help us get excited about our new book. We then explored vocabulary from the book and created a class dictionary before writing expanded noun phrases about the scary monster Grendel. We also used quills in our carousel session which was really exciting!



In maths, we have explored mass, looked at different scales and measure classroom objects in grams.



In history we have thought about where the Anglo-Saxons came from and why they wanted to live in the United Kingdom. In RE we explored Christian communities and decided which aspect of Christian communities we felt were most important to us. Keep the homework coming, we have really enjoyed decoding the secret messages in runes.

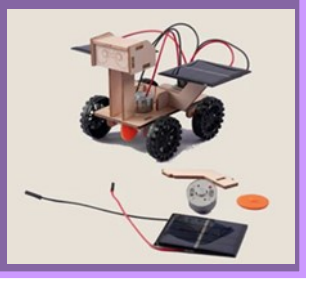
Year 5 and 6

We had a super start to the week with our Lego Robotix Coding workshop for each class. The children had the opportunity to design and build their very own Mars rover! After learning about the key components needed to make their rovers work, they carefully assembled the battery, sensors, wheels and stabilising legs, ensuring everything was correctly positioned. Once the essential parts were in place, the children were able to make their rovers unique by adding their own creative features and personal touches. The children then explored the world of coding, learning how to programme their Mars rovers to move and respond to different instructions and considered how different commands would affect the rover's movement. There was plenty of opportunity to test, evaluate and refine their designs and to rebuild when things didn't quite go to plan (including the occasional crash!). The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, communication and perseverance. They showed real resilience when faced with challenges, developing their problem-solving skills and self-awareness as they reflected on what was working well and what could be improved. A brilliant hands-on opportunity to combine computing, creativity and engineering!

In Science, the children have used different sized fruits to represent the planets in the solar system and placed them in the correct order. They had to use prior knowledge to think about which fruit would represent which planet. This demonstrated the size and we used pieces of toilet paper to represent the distance away from each other! Lots of fun and learning had by all.

Toucans had their third swimming lesson and everyone is trying really hard and making good progress in their groups. They continue to be very supportive of each other and they are all showing super resilience. Eagles are continuing to make excellent progress with their ukulele lessons. They are following a range of notations and rests when performing the melody. They are able to play a range of rhythmic patterns and some are showing great self-awareness to volunteer to play to the whole class.





Annual Lantern Workshop

This week we have held our annual lantern making workshops. Groups of festive creators stayed after school on Monday and Tuesday to make lanterns ready to take to the Carterton lights switch on . Look out for our fantastic festive creations as they help build the Christmas excitement. This year we have added some extra bright colours to make our lanterns stand out from the crowd. Huge thank you to Mrs Barker who stayed for the sticky fun to help Mrs stone as well..





Dates For The Diary

Friday 27th November — GSA Christmas Bingo — Doors open 7pm (School Hall)

Thursday 3rd December — Flu Vaccination In School

Thursday 3rd December — EYFS Nativity to CHICKS Parents

Friday 4th December — iRock Concert 9:30am — iRock Parents Invited

Friday 4th December — EYFS Nativity to DUCKLINGS Parents

Tuesday 8th December — Vision Screening EYFS

Friday 11th December — ACT Panto Performance to Whole School

Wednesday 16th December — Mingle in The Mess — 8:30 — 9:30am

Friday 18th December — End of Term 2 — 1:30pm Finish

Monday 4th January — Start of Term 3

Tuesday 5th January — Year 3/4 Young Voices

Wednesday 13th January — Mingle in The Mess 8:30— 9:30am

Wednesday 10th February — Mingle in The Mess 8:30 — 9:30am

Friday 12th February — GSA Mix It Up Day

Friday 12th February — End of Term 3

Monday 22nd February — Start of Term 4

Monday 1st March — NCMP Year 6 and EYFS

Thursday 4th March — World Book Day

Friday 5th March — GSA Gateway Golden tickets

Monday 10th May — Thursday 13th May — Year 6 SATs Week

Beginning Monday 7th June — Year 4 Multiplication Check

Beginning Monday 14th June — Year 1 Phonics Screening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12 24 41 55 71
7 20 39 60 73
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Christmas
BINGO
Friday
27th November
Doors Open:
7pm
Eyes Down:
7.30pm
Bar
Refreshments
RAFFLE
Raffle
Music
Round
Presented by
The Gateway School Association

THE OM Winter Activities



Clay Animal Decorations
Tuesday 22 December
10.15am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm

Tissue Paper Craft
Wednesday 23 December
10-15am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm

Pinecone Animals
Tuesday 29 December
10.15am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm

Winter Lanterns
Wednesday 30 December
10.15.am-12.30pm & 1.30-3.30pm

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Oxfordshire Museum Service

The Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock