



Harpley CE Primary School
Living, Learning & Flourishing

WEEKLY NEWS AND INFORMATION

'I will instruct you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.' Psalm 32:8

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week beginning 29th January 2024

This week's learning highlights:

News from the Infants (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

This week we have been trying to improve our focus and attention as our main "behaviour for learning" target. We have learned how important it is to look at where the learning is happening, to have regular breaks, then be able to re-focus again. Not an easy skill (even for grown ups) but an essential skill to practice. How long can you focus on an activity at home? Can you improve this time?

The Ladybirds have shown some fantastic learning in maths this week using 2p coins to count in 2's and 10p coins to count in 10's. Very clever.

They have also been leading our "alphabet rap" every morning and can say both the name and the sound of every letter in the alphabet.

They have loved using the "thinking den" to think their own thoughts learning that their thoughts are unique to them.

The Bees have proudly published their stories based on the text "The Comet." They are really pleased with the results and want to put them on display and then share them with you at home.

They worked really hard on their handwriting and presentation skills.

In maths the Yr 1's have been making sure they know their number bonds to 10 recalling them quickly. Why not use this link to practice at home?

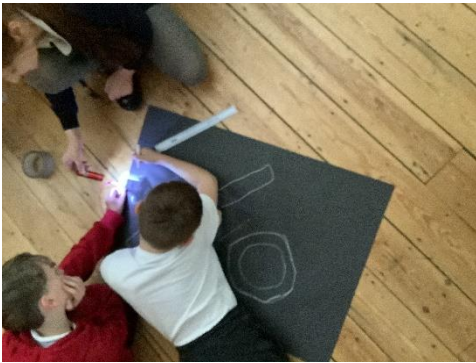
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

The Yr 2's have been learning to add equal groups as they have just begun learning all about multiplication and division. They are getting the hang of it really well. To be really good at multiplying we have been practicing counting in different steps. Try this game to practice at home.

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/nuttyNumbers/index.html>

News from the Juniors (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6)

This week year 5 and 6 have been exploring shadows and how these change depending on how the light is positioned. They had a go at drawing around the shapes and changing the distance from the object to see how the shadow changed. Year 3 and 4 have been exploring the layers of the earth and had great fun making a dirt pudding to represent this. Jam for the mantle, inner and outer core, rich tea for the crust, apple for the bedrock, angel delight for the subsoil and a bourbon biscuit to create the topsoil. They had great fun making this. In French we have been learning how to name the animals we would find on the farm.



SPECIAL MENTIONS

Infants:

Chloe for great maths work

Felix for improving his listening skills

Juniors:

Edward for his effort with writing sentences using noun phrases.

Roman for his excellent participation and pronunciation in French this week.

Rory for his enthusiasm within our lessons this week and great contributions.

Clara for her hard work in *Geography* this week.

VISION, VALUES & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP - CREATIVITY

In collective worship, we have thought about the world around us as God introducing himself to us through what he has made - Our World, His wonderful creation.

Our 5 Core Values:



REGULAR DATES

MONDAY - 5th February 2024 (Week 2 on the NORSE menu)

3.20 PFA craft club - Jaxson, Clara, Oliver, Lola, Felix, Annabelle, Maisie, Felicity, Romilly, Maud, Oriel, Luke, Ruby R, Aubrey, Hallie, Tillie, Teddie, Rory, Anna, Rose, Lily

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

3.30-4.15 ICS Coaching after school football club

Booking form for the After School Club.

<https://forms.gle/Mfdh7NF1E3Fcw13ZA> link for Spring 2024 half term

THURSDAY




ALL PUPILS to come to school in their PE kit, they will remain in them all day. Please could children bring in spare socks and school shoes so that if they have been out on the field and their shoes and socks are wet, they have another pair to change in to.

FRIDAY

Junior class LAST swimming - Juniors must be in school by 8.45am. Danielle, Corynn & Ceri are helping this week

Infant class - please bring PE kit to school to change into at school.

TERM DATES

2024 AUTUMN TERM 	2024 SPRING TERM 	2024 SUMMER TERM 
Wednesday 4 th September - Friday 20 th December (Half term - Friday 25 th October - Friday 1 st November)	Thursday 4 th January - Wednesday 27 th March (Half term - Monday 19 th - Friday 23 rd February)	Monday 15 th April - Friday 19 th July (Half term - Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May)



ATTENDANCE

Our Attendance Target is **97%**.

January attendance:

Infants	96.43%
Juniors	95.36%
Whole school	95.76%

