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NEWSLETTER: Friday 15th November 2024





Welcome to this week's newsletter. This week has been very busy with Remembrance Day on Monday; Anti-Bullying week; Odd sock day on Tuesday, the latest matches in the boys and girls Year 5/6 football teams and non-school uniform for Children in Need today to list a few.

On Monday, I had the privilege of going to the Emsworth remembrance service with our Year 5 children and I was very proud of how they represented the school, they took the event seriously and demonstrated exactly how we expected children at EPS to behave - well done to all of the children involved!

For Anti-Bullying week this week, classes have been learning about what this means and how important it is for us to challenge bullying and look after each other. Anti- Bullying week is important but being 'anti- bullying' and working to educate the children on this is something that happens all year round and we are always looking to improve our own understanding and skills when dealing with such a complex subject. In January the school will be taking 10 children across Years 4 and 5 for some training on anti-bullying through the Diana Award. This is something we have signed up for to help strengthen the children's understanding of what bullying is and how they can help to challenge bullying. The children and adults that attend this training will then become ambassadors for the school and be key in rolling this out to everyone else. If you would like to learn more about the Diana Award for anti-bullying (and sign up to their newsletter), you can using this link: https://diana-award.org.uk/our-programmes-and-initiatives/anti-bullying

Also, this week, the children continue to impress us with their learning outside of school and their attitude to helping others. Joseph Quinney in Year 4 was successful in his trial for Hampshire Cricket and so has begun training with them – well done Joseph. And several children this morning donated their own pocket money to Child in Need rather than ask their parents to pay. This is really heart-warming, what lovely children we have in school!

Thank you to everyone who is staying off the trim trail before and after school, as previously stated this has been introduced for the children's safety and we will reassess it in the spring once the weather improves and it is not so slippery.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you all have a lovely weekend. See you bright and early on Monday morning.

Best wishes,
Rebecca Mitchell
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Celebrating the Children

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Class	Name	Reason
Badgers	Ada-Rose Treagust	Ada-Rose, you are such a fantastic friend and role-model to others. Well done!
Hedgehogs	Theo Wisdom	Theo, you are the most polite and thoughtful little boy. I have never known you to not say please, thank you and you are welcome. Such a role model for others!
Squirrels	Tumur Johnson	Tumur, your enthusiasm towards your learning is amazing! You are so keen to learn and enjoy getting involved in every aspect of school. Well done!
Rabbits	Monty Price	Monty, we are so proud of how hard you have been focusing on your learning and the positive attitude you are bringing to the classroom. Keep it up!
Puffins	John Dunstan	John, you always give detailed thoughtful explanations and show a deep understanding of your learning. Well done!
Penguins	Elsie Froom	Elsie, it has been a pleasure to watch you succeed in maths this week. Your success is a testament to your hard work. Well done!
Lions	Jude Morgan	Jude, you are demonstrating a fantastic attitude towards your learning and are always trying your best. Well done and keep it up!
Tigers	Flo Boiling	Flo, you have tried incredibly hard when learning the column method in maths. Your growing confidence is credit to your hard work and determination to succeed. Well done!
Kangaroos	Ava Allen	Ava, you have been so successful when manipulating your tables in maths this week. You always have a conscientious attitude towards your learning - well done!
Koalas	George Higgs	George, you have come back from half term like a new child. You are constantly ready to learn, showing amazing amounts of focus and enjoyment in your work – thank you!
Owls	Amelia Hallitt	Amelia, you bring such calm, gracious and thoughtful presence to our classroom every day. Thank you for being a wonderful friend and such a hardworking student.
Otters	Orla Preston	Orla, your eagerness for learning and positive energy is a joy to have in the classroom each and every day. Well done!
Flamingos	Dollie Gray	Dollie, You have shown excellent effort and participation in maths this week; really pushing yourself to complete some challenging equations. Well done!
Toucans	Lily Cobbett	Lily, we are so proud of the effort you have been putting into your maths recently. Your resilience and positive attitude are helping you to make super progress, keep it up!

Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Headteacher's Award	Sophie Goodman	Sophie has been working hard to overcome any challenges she faces and we have seen an enormous boost in her confidence and independence. Sophie is now asking for help when she needs it and is demonstrating her impressive array of skills, including on the football pitch yesterday. Sophie didn't stop for the entire match and scored the team's only goal. Well done Sophie, see what you are capable of!
Attendance Award	Hedgehogs	99.67%
Winning House	Hayling	All the children in this house worked hard with their learning and following the school rules this week and earnt more house points than any other house, well done everyone!

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Early Years (EYFS)

Rising to a challenge

The Early Years is the ideal time to nurture vital skills such as resilience, perseverance and determination. We adopt an ethos that values the process of challenge whereby children have the confidence to take a risk, not being deterred by the fear of making a mistake or not achieving first time. We give the children the opportunity to engage in play and learning which involves effort and perseverance. We give them the time and space to explore, trying things again and again in different ways until they are successful.

These might not look like challenges to us, as adults, but the photos illustrate co-operation, perseverance, problem solving and fun, well done to the children!

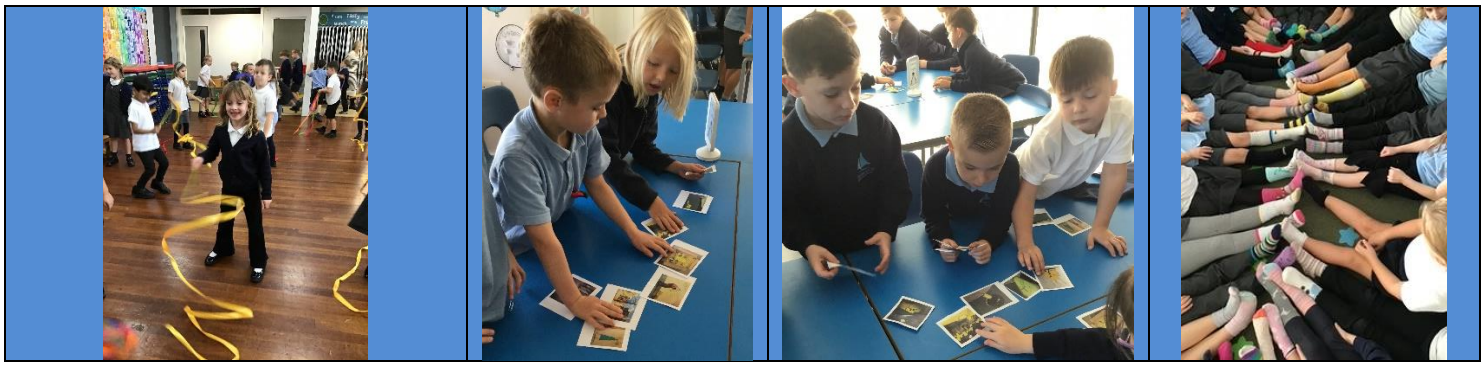
The Early Years Team



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Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

We have had so much fun this week in Year 1. We started the week making gingerbread men, which we hope the children enjoyed eating! The children have then been writing their recipes based on what they did when they made them. In maths, the children have been expanding on their knowledge of part-whole models and have enjoyed drawing part-whole models on the playground. The foundation subject we have been exploring this week has been history. We have spent time discussing the similarities or differences between old and new toys, and the children were able to talk about the difference in material of the toys and order them from oldest to newest. It has been wonderful to see the children completing challenges in their explore time. The children have especially enjoyed making gingerbread men masks and gingerbread houses in the construction area. Have a lovely weekend!

This week in Year 2, children read Alexis Deacon's story 'Beegu'. We explored the story's key events carefully and worked together to order them. We also discussed how Beegu might have felt at each stage. The children have also been introduced to contractions and have practised writing them correctly as well as making use of them in a sentence.
In maths, the children have continued to work on using subtraction skills when borrowing and exchanging. The children are now focusing on solving problems, recognising the key numbers, looking for clues which show they are subtracting and then using strategies to solve the problem.
The children have been enjoying their new dance unit, using streamers to create fireworks inspired dance moves. We are excited to see how they create a dance in the coming lessons.



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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

What a busy week in Year 3! Thank you to everyone who attended the Minstead residential parents' meeting on Tuesday – we hope you found it useful. For those who were unable to attend, a parentmail has been sent with the PowerPoint slides and kit list. Please do ensure you see your child's class teacher if you didn't attend as you will need to confirm the medical and dietary information that we have on record. Attached in Wednesday's parentmail was also information regarding the purchase of t-shirts or hoodies for Minstead, however these are optional and not essential. In school lessons, we have finished our maths learning on addition and subtraction and will be moving onto multiplication and division next week. We have been so impressed with the children's ability in learning the column method to support this. In dance, we used the ribbons to create different shapes to retell the story of our English stimulus 'Dream Giver'. The children were so imaginative in their creations. Have a lovely weekend!

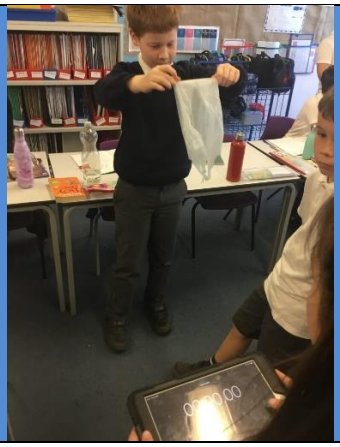
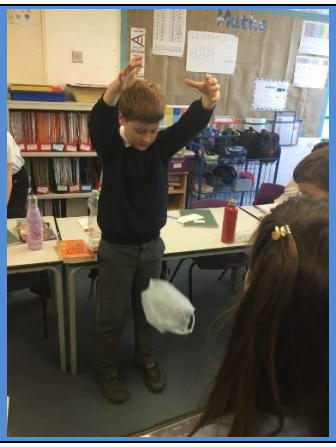
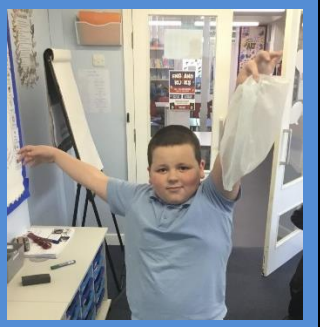
This week, Year 4 have been working hard during science. Our investigation was themed around the statement 'only liquids be poured' we discovered that this was not true because solids such as sand, sugar and salt could all be poured. In computing we have been learning to code using scratch and in PE we have been working on our dribbling, passing and communication skills. The children have all worked very hard.



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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

On Monday, Year 5, joined members of the armed forces and our local community remembering those who gave so much for us to have our today. The children represented the school fantastically and we were very proud to be able to take part in the Remembrance Service in Emsworth Park.

In English, the children have been showing off their impressive descriptive writing in the form of a diary entry, as Jim Jarvis. It has been amazing to see how they have retained skills from Year 4 and developed them in Year 5 to advance their writing. In science, the children were investigating how the surface area of a parachute determines how effective it is. It was really interesting to compare our data with different groups.

This week, the Year 6 children have been thinking about Remembrance Day. On Monday, the children joined the rest of the school in a 2-minute silence.
In English, we read and discussed the well-known poem 'In Flanders Fields' before the children practised reading the poem aloud. The children then recorded their performances and used these to create their own videos using Adobe Spark. We will upload a selection of these to Google Classroom shortly so that you can take a look. We will be continuing our poetry journey by creating two different types of poems over the next few days. These will then be displayed in school, along with the artwork the children have done. Keep an eye out for some photos of the finished display in next week's newsletter.
In maths, we have begun looking at fractions and will continue with this topic up until Christmas. We have been encouraging the children to keep practising their times tables and have been pleased to hear that some of them have also been working on this at home. Thank you to those of you who have been supporting your children with this- knowing their times tables will really help them with their work on fractions.

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Maths – TTRS Update

A huge well done to all the children who have taken part in the England Rocks and Battle of the Bands times tables competitions this week. Our activity on TT Rockstars rose by a whopping 4,847 minutes.
Emsworth Primary School placed 1,734th out of the 5,493 schools that took part across England - placing us in the top 35%.
Our Battle of the Bands competitions always prove to be popular and, whilst we haven't taught times tables yet in Year 1 and 2, we have been very impressed with their engagement. Year 2 were victorious in the Year 1 vs Year 2 battle, Year 4 won in the Year 3 vs Year 4 battle and Year 5 were triumphant in the Year 5 vs Year 6 battle.
The dead-heat final between Year 2, 4 and 5 will begin on Monday morning at 7am and will finish at 2pm on Friday 22nd November. The results will be kept hidden until the winning year group is announced in Celebration Assembly and the TT Rockstars trophy will be passed to the worthy champions.

Football Team Round-Up

Our school football teams played two exciting matches this week, showcasing great effort and teamwork despite tough results. Here's a look at how both the boys' and girls' teams fared:
The boys' football team had a thrilling game that ended in a 1-1 draw after full time. Both teams fought hard from the first whistle, with our boys showing fantastic energy and determination. We took the lead with a brilliant goal early in the second half, but the opposition came back strong, equalizing late in the game.
With the score locked at 1-1, the match was decided by penalties. Our boys gave it their all, but after some nerve-wracking kicks, the game ended in a heart-breaking 3-2 defeat on penalties. Despite the result, the team should be proud of their effort and sportsmanship throughout the match.
The girls' team played an equally exciting match, holding their own throughout a tough game. The girls went toe-to-toe with their opponents and managed to keep the score level at 1-1 for most of the match, showing resilience and great teamwork. Our girls defended strongly, and there were some brilliant passes and runs forward.
However, as the game wore on, the opposition managed to break through with two more goals, sealing the match at 3-1. While the result was disappointing, our girls should be proud of the way they played. They showed fantastic spirit and never gave up, even when the game was tough. Well done to every player for giving their best on the field!
Both teams displayed tremendous skill, sportsmanship, and determination. Although the results didn't go our way, every player contributed to making these matches exciting and memorable. We look forward to the next games and are sure that our teams will come back even stronger!





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