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NEWSLETTER: Friday 2nd May 2025



Welcome to this week's newsletter, what a lovely and hot week we have had!

This week we had the first of Otters' parents' evenings and it was a pleasure to be involved in these meetings, sharing the children's successes and next steps. Also this week, we have had the Year 1 beach trips and lots of outdoor learning. Please do remember to send in sun cream, hats and the usual water bottles for the summer term to help us keep all of the children safe.

Today, the children should have brought home with them their class photo proof, please be aware the deadline for any orders is the 23rd May 2025.

There is a lot happening this summer term and so, along with this newsletter, the list of dates for the summer term is being sent out. This list contains all the finalised dates we know so far. If you haven't already, remember you can download these dates onto your phone calendar for ease through our website using this link:

https://www.emsworthprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/

Simply click on subscribe at the bottom of the page.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, see you bright and early on Monday morning.

Rebecca Mitchell
Headteacher

Seatbelt Safety

Sadly, there seems to be an increase nationally in children not always being properly protected in cars. Did you know that your child MUST use a booster seat until they are 135cm tall or are 12 years old? It is law in the UK to wear a seatbelt, a seatbelt holds you in place if you are involved in a collision. If you do not wear a seatbelt you are putting other people in the vehicle at risk.

More information can be found on the following link: Seatbelt Safety

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Celebrating the Children

Our Stars of the Week this week are:

Class	Name	Reason
Badgers	Oliver Cockerill	Oliver, you have such a positive attitude to all the you do, you persevere and constantly try your best. You are amazing Oliver!
Hedgehogs	Willow Jones	Willow, it has been lovely to see your confidence and independence grow in everything that you do. Well done, we are very proud of you!
Squirrels	Vivienne Le Gris	Vivienne, you have shown great perseverance with your learning in class. As well as determination - with how you have powered on through with your fractured ankle. You are a joy to have in the class, thank you!
Rabbits	Freya Bromyard	Freya, you have had such a positive week and we are so proud of the effort you have put into your learning. Thank you for being mature and sensible and having your listening ears on! Keep it up superstar!
Puffins	Josh Sheehan	Josh, your bubbly enthusiasm and hard work in lesson is infectious. You consistently demonstrate all our school values, thank you!
Penguins	Emilie Knight	Emilie, you impressed us with your minibeast fact file this week. We were wowed by your use of description, well done!
Lions	Nancy Wood	Nancy, you display an excellent attitude towards your learning. You are always trying your best, which is why you have made great progress. Well done!
Tigers	Soraya-Ivy Greer	Soraya, you always work hard, and this week you have started to be more confident with sharing your ideas with others. You always try your best and persevere with your learning, and are a great role model for the class. Well done!
Kangaroos	Anouk Le Gris	Anouk, you have worked incredibly hard on producing a super piece of writing this week that has included some rich and varied vocabulary. Well done!
Koalas	Alex Murray	Alex, your incredible focus this week shows how you persevere to succeed and it's been a joy to see!
Owls	Zedh Wong	Zedh, your wonderful manners and integrity are second to none! You consistently demonstrate politeness, consideration for others and are a role model to your peers. Well done!
Otters	George Forster	George, you have shown resilience and positivity while adapting to recent changes. You have communicated challenges with openness and honesty. We are really proud of you!
Flamingos	Alex Botham	Alex, you always contribute to class discussions, volunteer answers and show great confidence when reading aloud. Well done!
Toucans	Isabella Hyde-May	Isabella, you consistently demonstrate a mature and sensible attitude. Thank you for listening carefully and always working hard.

Award	Child or Class Receiving the Award	Reason
Headteacher's Award	Absent	Unfortunately, the child receiving this week's head teacher award was absent today and so two will be announced next week instead.
Attendance Award	Penguins	100%
Winning House	Fowley	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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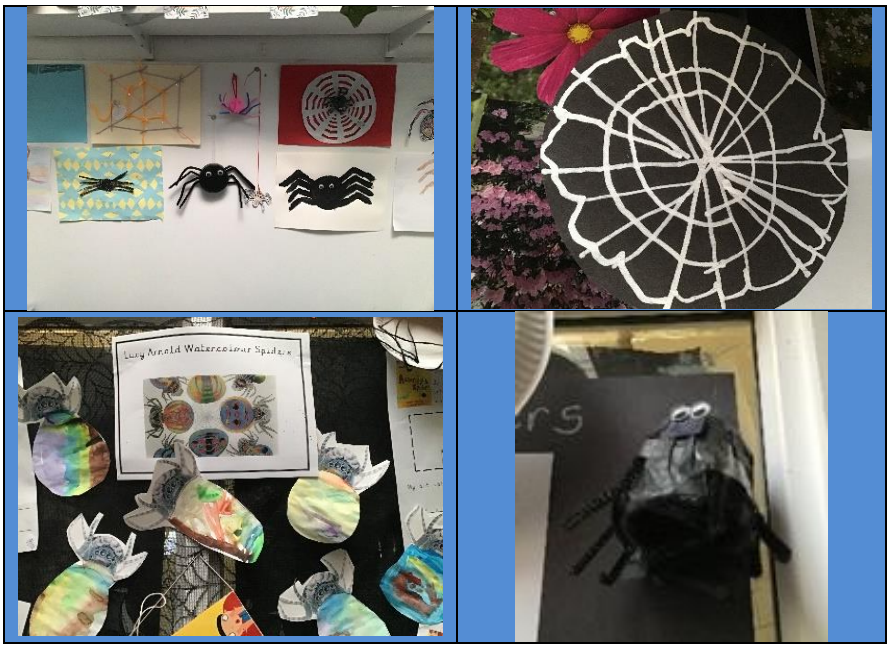
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Early Years (EYFS)

What a lovely sunny week and so we have enjoyed lots of learning outside. We have some budding builders, chefs (making spider soup) and web designers!
We have continued our bug theme and have found out lots of facts about spiders. **Did you know there are 25 tons of spiders living on Earth and that they like to dance!** We have even looked at some tarantula skins this week (well, some of us!) Below is our developing spider display; the children have made spiders and painted them using watercolours just like the artist Lucy Arnold.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend!



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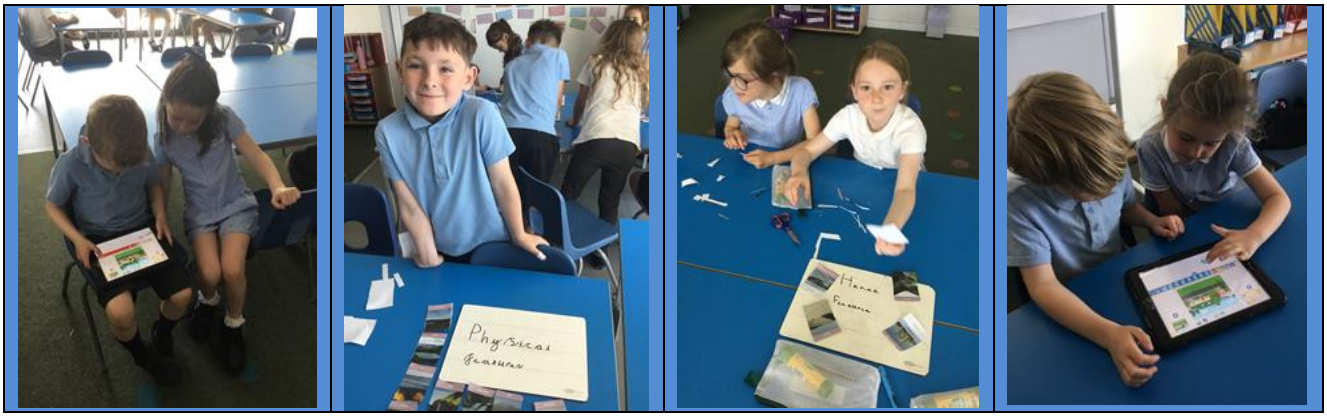
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Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage One)

Year 1 have had another fantastic week, making the most of the sunshine! In English, the children wrote persuasive letters from animals to the giants, using exclamation mark sentences and words with the 'un' prefix to encourage them to look after our planet. Their learning journey ended with a class debate on Friday, where everyone shared their brilliant sentences. Wednesday brought more adventure with another exciting beach trip with the children making their own boats. In maths, they have moved on to learning about multiplication and have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. In science, they have been sorting animals by classification and what they eat. The children should be taking home Bug Club Phonics books every Monday but we are finding we are not having many returned. We only give out new ones upon return so if you have any at home, please send them in next week. Thank you ☺

We have had a busy second week back in Year 2! In English, the children were introduced to the poem, 'I Love Bugs!' by Emma Dodd. We experimented with various methods of reading and performing the poem and discussed how this made it more interesting for the reader. You could challenge them to use these skills when they are next reading to you at home! In maths, we have been looking at fractions and been impressed with the children's use of key mathematical vocabulary. In computing, the children have been using 'Scratch Jr' to explore how the use of different commands can create different outcomes. We then explored how we could create different sequences that produced the same outcomes. (This is a free app online – you just need to register).



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Years 3 and 4 (Key Stage Two)

In Year 3 this week, we have enjoyed reading the beginning of the story 'Escape to Pompeii, and linking this to our History learning. In our English lessons, we started to think about different word classes to help us describe the setting of the story, using pictures from the book. In maths, we have continued learning about mass, in which both classes enjoyed comparing weights of different objects in the classroom, using balance scales.
In History, we have begun learning about the Romans and we have discussed the meaning of Roman legacy by looking at evidence in society today, like arches and columns. In My Happy Mind, we continued looking at the 'engage' module and we thought about goal setting. We have thought about what can help us achieve our goals for the future, and what characteristics will help us best. In our PSHE curriculum, we have further thought about 'Fake is a Mistake' and how some people choose not to show their true selves. We took part in class discussions about showing our true selves to our friends. In Spanish, we have begun learning about colours in Spanish and using these to describe shapes.

Year 4 have had a busy and exciting week of learning! In science, we took our lesson outside and created sound maps by carefully listening to the different sounds around us on the field. In geography, we revisited our knowledge of continents and oceans before exploring fascinating facts about Nepal, adding to our understanding of the wider world. In English, we've been stepping into the paws of *Varjak Paw* himself, writing thoughtful internal monologues to explore his feelings and experiences. During PE, the children impressed us with their graceful and powerful routines inspired by the movements of lions. And in our *My Happy Mind* session, we reflected on positive habits and shared which ones we'd like to use more often. We're also making the most of the sunshine by enjoying some fun team-building games outside where we can.



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Years 5 and 6 (Key Stage Two)

This week in Year 5, the children have been passionate advocates for the environment, drafting and publishing persuasive letters to our local MP about the growing issue of plastic pollution in our area. On Tuesday, we welcomed visitors from Chichester Harbour Conservancy, who led an engaging session on the effects of plastic pollution in our local environment. The children took part in a range of activities, including identifying different types of plastic, learning about the impact of microplastics, and discovering more about our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
We also welcomed two teachers from Warblington on Tuesday as part of our exciting masterclass programme. The Owls took part in a code-cracking Maths lesson, while the Otters enjoyed a dynamic English session. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed their second masterclass and impressed the visiting teachers with their enthusiasm and focus.
In Science, we've been exploring how different materials are suited to a variety of everyday objects, encouraging curiosity and thoughtful discussion. Meanwhile, in PE, the children had a fantastic time during their second session with Havant Hockey Club, building their skills and teamwork on the pitch.

This week in Year 6, the children have been very busy publishing some of their writing in their assessment books. It has been lovely to see them editing and improving their work so confidently and they have taken lots of care when creating their final written pieces. We will continue adding to these books throughout the summer term so that the children can share their beautiful writing with you when they leave in July.
In maths, we have been doing lots of revision of topics such as fractions, decimals and percentages. The children's confidence has continued to grow and it has been helpful for them to see where small errors have been made so that they can correct these for themselves. We will be sending home weekly arithmetic homework; however, the children can still access MyMaths if they would like to go over any other topics that we have covered this year.
Thank you to those of you who have been encouraging and supporting your children with their home learning. As you will know from the website, there has been a change to how we are doing homework this term. Instead of being given a range of tasks to complete over the course of the half term, the children now have set tasks to complete each week, which we are then marking in class the following week. This is for two reasons: firstly, this is closer to how the homework at secondary school will be set and secondly it means that we can go over their answers together and recap anything they found tricky.
We have been very impressed by the children's excellent attitude to this change and the effort they have shown in completing these tasks at home. We have asked them to bring their marked homework back home again so that you can see how they got on. Thank you all for your ongoing support with this.

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