

Hartsbourne Newsletter - Autumn Edition 6 - 12.11.21

We kicked off the second half of our Autumn term with Fairies and Myths week. The children learnt about different myths and legends and wrote some beautiful poetry. The week was made more exciting by a visit from Nite Owls and we hope that you like the photos that have been sent home with your children. We also decorated fairy doors and now have 200 of them to varnish and place in our nature reserve for the children to spot during their forest school sessions, Mr Bidewell will be very busy!

A lot of parents have been asking about our plans for Christmas and we know that the children have missed out on some much loved traditions over the past year. We have tentatively made some plans but all of these are subject to change depending on local and national guidelines and the rates of Covid in Bushey Heath. Reception and Key Stage 1 will be putting on a performance but we will be limiting the audience to 60 per performance. Each class will have an allocated day and there will be 2 tickets available per child. More details will follow nearer the time. Key Stage 2 will be putting on an outdoor Christmas concert (weather depending) which we hope will be a really festive event. Both events will also be filmed and made available virtually.

Next Friday is Children in Need. We hope you will join us in teaching the children about the importance of charity and raising money for this important cause. We will be inviting all children to come into school in their pyjamas and are aiming to create a giant Pudsey face out of coins. You can donate to our school fundraising effort via Parent Pay using the following link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=5129> Don't forget to send your children in with any loose change that you have lying around the house!

A big thank you to those parents who came in to talk to the children about Diwali, we are looking forward to seeing more of you as Hanukkah approaches. If you would like to speak to your child's class about any festivals from your religion or culture, please do contact us as the children really love having visitors in.

Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday.
Mrs Harte and all the staff at Hartsbourne

Upcoming Dates

W/C Monday 15th November - Anti Bullying Week
Thursday 18th November - Yr 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
Friday 19th November - Children in Need
Thursday 2nd November - Flu Spray Mop Up Session
Friday 3rd December - School closed - Occasional Day
W/C Monday 6th December - Friends Festive Fun Week
Tuesday 14th December - Reception Nativity Performance
Wednesday 15th December - Year 1 Nativity Performance
Wednesday 15th December - EY & KS1 Christmas Story Night
Thursday 15th December - Year 2 Nativity Performance
Friday 16th December - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Monday 19th December - KS2 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 20th December - End of term 2:00pm finish

Don't forget to follow us on social media.

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Learning Gems & Housepoints

Topaz: Brave enough to have a go even if they might be wrong, kind and supportive when others make mistakes.

Year 1 – Well done to Malachy for giving things a go this week and Ruby for being supportive and a good friend..

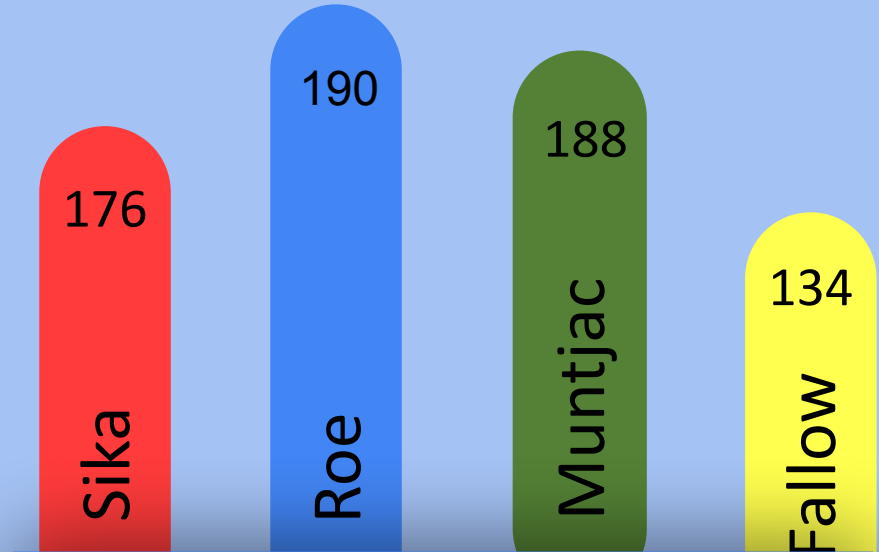
Year 2 - Madeleine for always being supportive and kind to her peers and to Blake who always tries his best and always has a go at all challenges.

Year 3 – Shiri has been giving questions a go all week in class discussions and Ollie is always a kind and supportive learning partner.

Year 4 – Felix demonstrated confidence when tackling challenging maths problems and Nilaya is consistently kind and supportive to others when they make mistakes.

Year 5 – Both Isaac and Talya have been our ‘have a go heroes’ this week, trying new things and not being afraid to try new challenges.

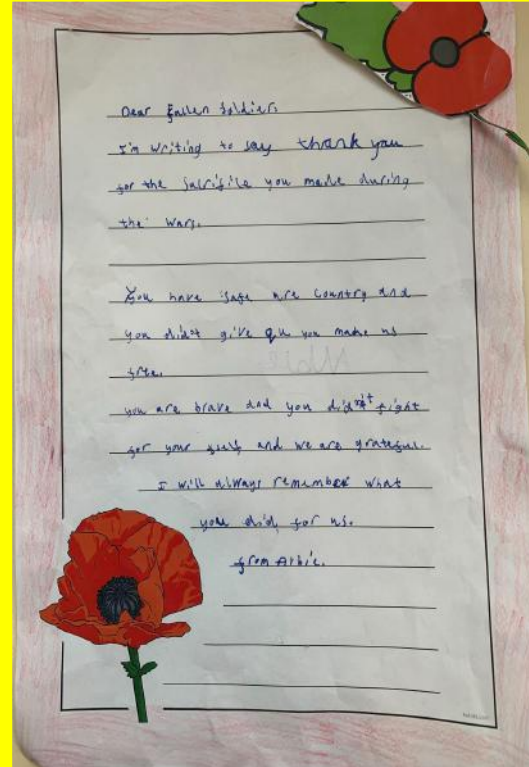
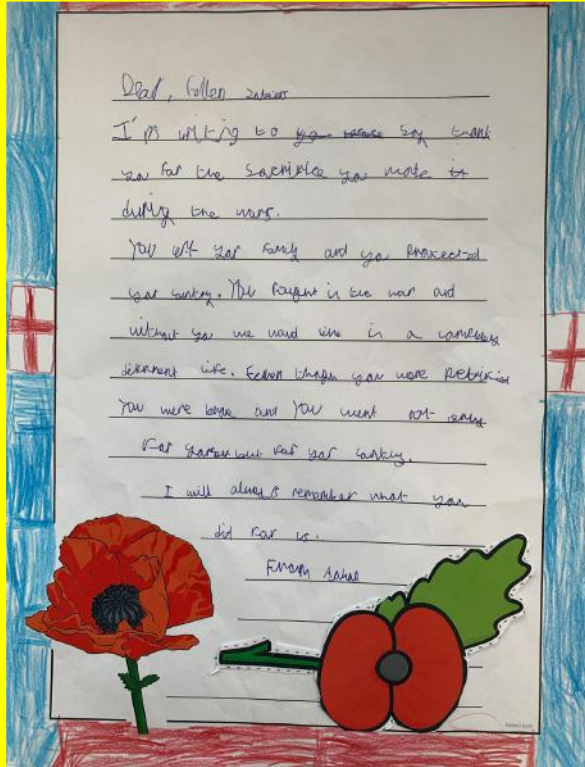
Year 6 –Amelie has bravely demonstrated her willingness to attempt a variety of different challenges and Khaden supports people around him when they need help..



Fallow wins

Remembrance Day

This week the children have been learning about the importance of Remembrance day. Each class created something to share at our assembly. You will be able to see the children singing their Remembrance song on your Google Classroom.



Update on Improvements

Over half term we have had more improvements made to our school. Year 3 & 4 have had a purple makeover! We have also added alcoves into our nature reserve to create more teaching spaces and new decking has been laid around the pond. The pond will be dredged and cleared in the spring time and this will be a lovely place to pond dip. Our fantastic landscapers also made us some complimentary benches to sit on as they were so excited about the project of developing the nature reserve. Finally we have a new ship in the KS1 Playground and a buddy castle in the Year 1 outside area. We also have some new outdoor play equipment coming to the Year 1 outdoor classroom thanks to a successful grant application from Edufund UK, always lots going on at Hartsbourne!



Hartsbourne Reading Journey

At Hartsbourne Primary school we value reading as one of the most important skills that your child can learn. Reading opens up the doors to all of the other subjects and it is proven that children who enjoy reading achieve well throughout the whole of their education. With this in mind we are launching a new whole school reading initiative to promote reading for pleasure to your children.

Designed by our fabulous in house artist, Miss Fitzgerald, every child will be given a reading treasure map to help them on their reading journey. Each map will be tailored to your child's year group and will contain 15 recommended books for your child to read over the course of the year. The books have been carefully selected to provide children with a range of texts from non-fiction to poetry. There are some classic books as well as more contemporary choices and we have tried to choose a diverse range of authors.

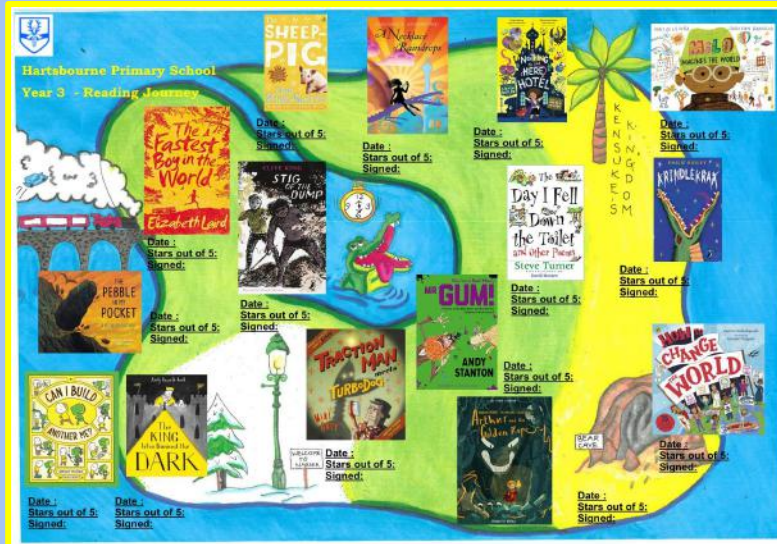
All children are at a different level in their reading no matter which year group they are in and this challenge can be completed whether they read it themselves or with someone else.

Once they have completed a book, a parent or carer needs to sign the box and the child brings the map back to school where it will be stamped with a special reading journey stamp. Each year as your child completes their map, they will be given an achievement badge in assembly and if they are with us from Reception to Year 6, they will be able to collect them all and will have read 105 high quality texts!

We will be promoting this to the children next week, just in time for Christmas present lists! We hope you will support our new initiative to help all of our children at Hartsbourne enjoy reading.

We are aiming to get multiple copies of these books in our library so that all children can access them. If you would like to donate a book from the list then we have made an Amazon wish list.

<https://amzn.eu/5H4N7jQ> Let us know if you have sent one as we would love to write who had donated it inside the front cover of the book.





Forest School

A message from Mrs Gunatissa.



It has been a pleasure to meet all the children and get to know them and I look forward to our forthcoming sessions.

The children will be going into the nature reserve in all weather conditions and below you can find recommended items of clothing for Forest School sessions.

And as winter approaches, the weather is progressively getting colder and wetter, so it is important that your child has appropriate clothing for their Forest School session to stay warm and comfortable.

- Wellies or old shoes
- A top with long sleeves to prevent scratches/stings - School jumpers are fine, however they may get muddy.
- Trousers/joggers/leggings - If they are wearing shorts or a skirt. School trousers can be worn, again, they may get wet/muddy.
- A waterproof jacket
- The general rule in winter is to wear layers which keep in the heat and can be removed if needed. Children may also need: warm hat, gloves, warm socks.

Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. It is a long-term program that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting.

Friends Rainbow Christmas Hamper Challenge



Christmas is coming and it's time for some festive fun! Friends of Hartsbourne are running a rainbow hamper class competition. During the week of Monday 6th December to Friday 10th December, we are asking parents to bring in a donation to their class hamper in their class colour. We will then hold a vote on the best class hamper and win a prize for the class! The hampers will be used as prizes for a Christmas raffle to raise funds for the PTA. With school budgets tightening all of the time, the PTA provides the school with much needed funding to offer the children experiences that enhance their curriculum. Please add an item to your weekly shop and support us in raising funds for your children and creating some beautiful Christmas hampers!

Class Colours

Reception - Red

Year 1 - Yellow

Year 2 - Orange

Year 3 - Green

Year 4 - Blue

Year 5 - Silver/Grey

Year 6 - Purple

Covid - A Message from Hertfordshire

Common Symptoms

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if you or your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) as soon as possible: [Get a PCR test to check for COVID-19 on GOV.UK](#)
2. Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get a negative test result – they can only leave home to have the test. Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate. [Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate](#)

Contact Tracing

If a child tests positive for COVID-19, NHS Test and Trace will now contact close contacts directly, replacing communications from the school. Please engage with NHS Test and Trace if they contact you about your child, you will not be contacted or advised by the school about what steps you need to take.

Local Outbreak

If a school or setting has an outbreak there may be further local measures, such as asking siblings of a positive case to isolate and daily testing for secondary school students, that your child may be asked to take. Your child's nursery, school or college will contact you directly in these instances. These additional measures will be required until the end of term and will be regularly reviewed every two weeks. If there is a reduction in case rates of COVID-19, these recommendations may be lifted.