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This term children have really been thinking about ways in which they can be, and are, aspirational. I was really impressed with the amount of children who brought me additional information after our assembly about Prof. Stephen Hawking who had died earlier that week. The children were fascinated by his life story and understood how he embodied the meanings of both aspiration and resilience.

We believe that children learn best when they feel safe and happy in their environment and we have been especially impressed with all the learning and hard work we have seen from Year 6 children in particular as they prepare for their upcoming SATs. Holiday work has been sent home for them as well as for Year 2 who will also be completing their KS1 SATs next term. We would be very grateful for your continued support by helping them to go through work they have been given and really discussing with them any areas they are unsure of. We have really seen the difference the support you have been giving them in reading has made, so please do continue to help your child wherever you can. Building up this resilience and aspiration, in partnership with you as parents and carers, along with creating a safe and happy environment, will really help in our mission to create well rounded, life-long learners.

In this newsletter you will read about many of the exciting activities your children have taken part in over the course of the last few weeks. Don't forget also to look at our Facebook page which we try to update with as many photos as possible.

This term, as you know, we say goodbye to Mrs Cox who is leaving to explore other exciting ventures. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her much success in her future.

As I write, children are enjoying their Easter Egg hunt around the school which has been organised by a few members of our PTA. There is a list on the wall in the office for potential stalls for our Summer Fair and we really need as many of you as possible to sign up to help create another fantastic event in the school. Please come in and give us your much appreciated support.

I do hope you all have a super Easter and enjoy some rest and relaxation with your families. Term starts again on 16th April and Golden Eagle enrichment begins on 17th April.

With all good wishes for you and your families this Easter.

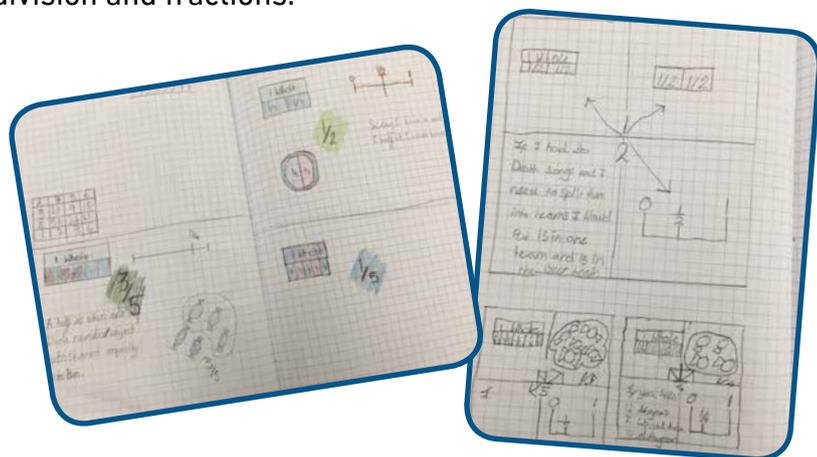
Helen Donnelly
Headteacher





Kingfishers Class

In Kingfishers we have enjoyed learning through our topic of 'Commotion in the ocean'. We have used the story of Kasper by Michael Morpurgo to inspire our writing in English, learning lots about the Titanic through this story. From this we have created our own newspaper reports about the Titanic and its maiden voyage. We have been working really hard in maths in groups and in partners, using lots of equipment to help us understand division and fractions.



Welcoming Spring Lambs!

Barn Owls have enjoyed a visit to a local farm to enjoy the lambing season. It was an amazing experience! We saw lambs being born, held the lambs and got a chance to bottle feed some too. We travelled there on the minibus (thank you Mick, Clare and Mrs Donnelly for driving) and enjoyed getting our wellies muddy going into the lambing shed.

Back at school we made our own fluffy sheep and did some writing about our visit. Come and see our beautiful display in the classroom.



Year 3 Hawks News

This term Hawks have achieved so much in their learning. In English the children have been writing non-chronological reports in the form of newspapers and information leaflets related to our term topic of Commotion in the Ocean. They have also written their own amazing adventure stories about the sea.

In maths the children have continued to work on column addition and subtraction as well as measurement of lengths and perimeter preparing them to move onto fractions in the new term.

Hawks pupils have also created some amazing landscape art using pencil and watercolours.

Although I will not be teaching Hawks next term, Mr Sleightholm will have the pleasure of continuing on with Hawks progress in all topics and relating this to our new theme of Mission to Mars! Thank you for all of your support and I wish Hawks all the best for the new term!

Mrs Cox





Year 1

This term, Year 1 have enjoyed learning about Oceans. They have written their own version of The Rainbow Fish and designed a fact book about ocean habitats.

The children have been working very hard in the run up to Easter. We have been continuing our work with number and also been looking at measuring height and length. The children have been thinking about the correct vocabulary such as longer, taller,



shorter and equal. They have also been introduced to measuring using centimeters (cm).

In English the children have been improving their story writing with some fantastic stories of The Rainbow Fish. They started this by putting actions to the original story. At the moment they are writing their own stories. Maybe they can write a story for you over Easter?

We hope you have a fantastic Easter break,
Mrs Ridley Anderson and Mrs Pooley



Year 2

Children in Robins Class have had a busy term. We have been baking with Keith and doing lots of preparation for SATS. Please do lots of reading over the holidays as it is very important!



Maths Day 2018

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 joined together to participate in exciting maths activities on Tuesday 13th March. The children had a fantastic day solving problems, creating shapes, and estimating. Some pupils used their measuring skills to bake bread rolls with Keith and others used money to buy goods in a busy market in Harriers! Marshmallows were used to create 3D shapes, there were Times Tables Rockstars battles and lots of maths investigations and quizzes. All the pupils were able to apply their mathematical knowledge to different situations. Some pupils designed their own maths story for their competition entry. It was a difficult decision but the winners were Paige Robinson in Harriers, and Ellie-May Sarjant in Ospreys. Congratulations! Throughout the week, lots of parents and pupils created Sierpinski Tetrahedrons which Y6 have used to create one giant Sierpinski Tetrahedron! Well done!



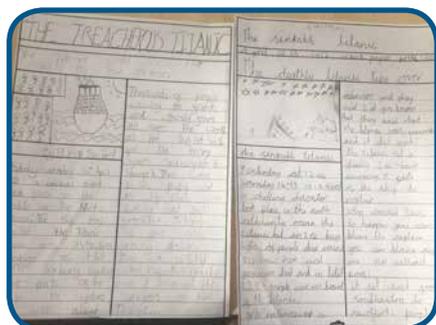
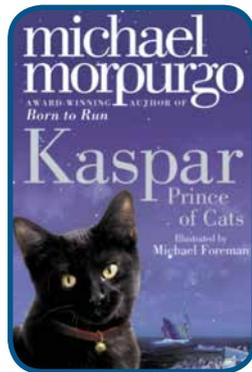


Year 6

Year 6 have been working really hard this term with preparation for their SATs, both at school and at home. Thank you parents for your continued support. A highlight for many has been the hot chocolate and biscuits treat from Mrs Donnelly for those pupils completing their revision books, well done! Our theme of Commotion in the Ocean has covered all areas of the curriculum; we have read extracts from *Treasure Island* and used different TV and film versions to support our learning. There has been excellent progress in writing with improved vocabulary and punctuation. Mrs Carr has also been impressed with the increase in reading, evident from the amount of Falcons rapidly moving up the reading tree branches. Year 6 have enjoyed learning about the creatures of the deep ocean, creating non-fiction texts and working with Year 1 to make felt toys. In PE, Year 6 combined all their hockey skills to play a 5v5 tournament and the winners were: Dylan, Eppy, Connor, Millie and Violet. To finish the term, they will be using their knowledge to create a series of activities to teach hockey skills to Year 5! Next term, we will be on a Mission to Mars and our text will be *Phoenix* by SF Said.

Ospreys

The children in year 4 have been studying 'Kaspar, Prince of Cats' by Michael Murpurgo. It is a fascinating story of how a poor, bell boy from the Savoy hotel in London, manages to find his way on to the Titanic's maiden voyage. We really loved reading the book as a class and every time we finished a chapter, we couldn't wait to read the next. As a result, the children produced some fantastic newspaper writing all about the Titanic. The children learnt many facts by completing their own research and studying artefacts found from the ocean! The Osprey's children even wrote their own script to perform for their Titanic themed class



assembly earlier on in the term. Well done everyone – we have had a wonderful term!

Spring Term in Harriers Class

This term, Harriers Class have been reading 'The Boy who Sailed an Ocean in an Armchair' by Lara Williamson. The story has had us gripped, taking us on a rollercoaster of emotions, and it definitely didn't match our predictions from the front cover and title! We have written some fantastic story writing, focusing on the use of dialogue between characters and weaving it within our descriptive writing. We have also carried out a lot of work on our reading comprehension skills- particularly looking at the questions which require us to 'P.E.E. on our work!'

In our Geography learning, we have been studying natural resources, with a focus on renewable energy. We have been passionate about discussing the impact of clean energy sources and the children have also written a piece of writing with suggestions for the reader to follow to reduce their carbon footprint.

Gymnastics this term has allowed the children to work creatively with one another, creating sequences individually and in small groups. We have focused on leaps, jumps and rolls, adding height by using a springboard and a range of equipment to perform these movements on.

The children have worked hard this term and we have had lots of fun along the way!



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On 28th March Falcons planned & delivered hockey skill drills to Harriers class.



Notices

We are changing our online payment system from ParentPay to Tucasi Scopay at the end of term. You will be receiving new login letters shortly.

School Online Payment



Year 6 have been busy reviewing books



Interested in working for us?

Why not visit the Wellington Academy Website or the Wellington Primary and check out our recruitment pages <https://www.wcat.org.uk/Pages/Vacancies.asp>.

Dates for the diary

April	16th	Start of Term 5
	17th	Golden Eagle enrichment begins
	28th	Class photographs
May	7th	Closed – Bank Holiday
	8th	Team Building Day with visiting Year 6 pupils from Wellington Tianjin
	14th–17th	Year 6 SATs
	18th	Year 6 trip to New Art Centre Sculpture Park
	18th	Kestrels Class Assembly
	28th May–1st June	Half Term
June	14th	Barn Owls Class Assembly
	21st	Snowy Owls Class Assembly
	22nd	Kingfishers Class Assembly
	28th	Kites Class Assembly
July	4th/5th	Year 6 Transition Day
	5th	Robins Owls Class Assembly
	6th	Year 6 Parents Evening
	10th/11th	Year 5 Transition Day
	13th	Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day
	19th	Key Stage 2 Production
	21st	Summer Festival Community Event
26th	Start of School Summer Holidays	

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