



Dear Parents/Carers

It's been a positive week at Paxcroft, with some great learning conversations happening in the classrooms across the school. Plenty of evidence of our Paxcroft Learners' Values of Positivity, Independence and Resilience. Well done everyone!

Many thanks to the parents that attended our Year 1/2 SoundsWrite phonics workshop on Wednesday evening - we hope that you found it a useful and informative experience.

Looking ahead to next week, on Thursday we have an Open Morning for parents of children due to start school in September 2023. If you know anyone with a child who might be interested in joining us in Paxcroft Reception next year, we have a number of information sessions. Please ask them to contact the school office for details.

Lou Rhodes
Headteacher

Parents' Evenings ...

Bookings for Parents Evenings on 11th and 13th October will go live at 3.30pm today. You will be able to complete your booking, make changes etc for a two week period, when bookings will then close. A guide was sent out through ParentMail earlier in the week. The process is very simple, however if you are unable to access the online booking system or require help, you can contact us in the school office and we will be happy to help you.



Bikeability Year 6 ...

We are delighted to be able to offer Bikeability courses to children in Y6 again this year. There will be two courses, each with 12 spaces available (24 spaces in total). If your child would like to take part, please complete the form sent out on ParentMail or alternatively paper copies are available in the foyer.



Steam Museum Trip ...

Y5/6 will be going to the Steam Museum on Tuesday 4th October. The deadline for permission slips and payment is **Friday 30th October**.

Our learning this week...

Wren & Robin

This week has been another week of firsts for Robin and Wren and we are very impressed with how the children are embracing the new challenges. We had our first session of PE and we were very impressed with the way the children got changed. The children had great fun in the hall moving around in different ways and learning what finding a space means. We started our Sounds write sessions on Tuesday and the children have been learning letter sounds and how

to blend these sounds to read words. They have also been sharing picture books and have brought these home to enjoy with you. These are picture books for the children (and parents) to use their imagination and tell their own stories and develop their vocabulary. We hope you enjoy sharing these together. Finally we have learnt a new word in Maths; Subitise. This is where we are learning to recognise small amounts without needing to count them. What a busy week we have had!

Woodpecker, Kingfisher & Nightingale

This week in Nightingale, Kingfisher and Woodpecker, we have continued to learn about the continents and have found out more about South America, Asia and Europe. In our English lessons, we have investigated ways of making stories more interesting by using story language and adjectives and we have used these ideas to start planning an innovation for 'The Storm Whale' text. For Maths, the Year 1 objectives have been to count and represent objects to 10 and the Year 2 objectives have been identifying tens and ones and using a Place Value chart. We have continued with our Sounds-Write lessons and the children are excited to bring home a book to read over the next week.



Skylark, Housemartin, Swift

This week the children have continued to develop their understanding of Place Value, so they should be able to tell you the value of the digit 4 in the number 247 (let us know if they can't!) We have been developing our story writer's toolbox this week, by focussing on developing vivid settings for our stories and interesting characters to include when we write the completed story next week. Science this term is all about the body, so you could well have heard the names of lots of different bones being used. Ask them how their skeleton moves – they should be able to tell you that muscles contract and relax to move our bodies around. We've also been learning about our digestive systems. Apologies if they choose to tell you all about this at the dinner table!

Osprey, Falcon & Kestrel

This has been a very significant week in our country's history and we have spent time reflecting on the contribution the late Queen has made to the Country through her long reign. We have also been reflecting on how much our country has changed in so many ways through her lifetime. The children have impressed us with their reflection and general knowledge.

In our topic lessons this week we have been learning about the Blitz and what life on the Home Front looked like. We have been examining original sources, including contemporary recordings by British and then, neutral reporters about the Blitz and watched a short film about how 'London could take it'. We have been investigating rationing, using the Internet to research wartime recipes and subsequently planned meals for a family. We also have looked at how civilians took on extra roles during this difficult time and how the roles of women changed.

In Guided Reading, we have been reading a biography of Nelson Mandela, to vary our reading diet. In English, we have been analysing the structural and linguistic features of discussion texts. In Maths we are extending our knowledge of numbers and the number system to 10 000 000 (y6), partitioning numbers and stating the values of each digit.

Celebrations



Class	Citizen Values	Learners' Values
Woodpecker		Kaia B- Positivity and Independence Lincoln C- Positivity and Independence
Kingfisher	Kieran B- Kindness and Respect	Eryk O- Independence
Nightingale		Poppy TG- Independence Rex M-Positivity and Independence.
Skylark		Faith P- Positivity Billy N - Independence
Housemartin	Faye W - Respect	Jacob K - Positivity
Swift		Ruby L - Positivity Holly C - Positivity
Osprey	Anjika S - Respect	Euan L - Positivity
Falcon		Harry T - Positivity Nikola B - Resilience
Kestrel		Isla H – Respect Aliyssia T - Respect

Citizen Cup



Keaton B – All Values

Brooke B – All Values



Diary dates for Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 29th September	9.30–11am – Reception Open Day (For children starting school September 2023)
Tuesday 4th October	Year 5/6 trip to the Steam Museum – letter sent
Tuesday 11th October	Parents evening – more information to follow
Thursday 13th October	Parents evening – more information to follow
Saturday 15th October	10–12pm - Open Day (September 2023 entry)
Tuesday 18th October	All years - Flu vaccinations – more information to follow
Wednesday 19th October	Teacher Development Day 3 – School closed to pupils (subject leader training)
Thursday 20th October – Friday 28th October	October Half term
Monday 31st October	First day of Term 2

Letters & Communications issued this week

<i>Item</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>For</i>
Bikeability	Y6	Information and Action
Parents Evening	Whole School	Information
Foundation Stage Workshops	Reception	Information and Action
Reception Curriculum 2022	Reception	Information
Parent Governor Elections	Whole School	Information
Lunch Menu Correction	Whole School	Information
October Dinner Menu	Whole School	Information