



THE HEAD'S PREAMBLE

I do hope you all managed to enjoy your half-term 'breaks'. We were all welcomed back by the steel structure of the Prep School rising from the ground, which is very exciting to see.

It is lovely to have the school busy again, full of stories, songs, dance, play and the laughter and joy that accompanies it.

It is likely that our time in this period of lockdown may feel very isolating, so please do reach out if there is anything we can do to support you or your family.

TALK FOR WRITING

This half-term, the children will be studying *Alfie Gets in First* by Shirley Hughes. The story follows Alfie and the people trying to help him. This links into Discover where the children will learn about how people can help us.



STAR BADGES

To recognise the pupils' success in Core, Broad and Character and as part of the promotion of positive behaviours, the children may well start to come home with a star badge. These are awarded on Fridays and are in recognition of reaching a star milestone. They should wear this as a part of their school uniform, but not their sports kit.



ADVANCE WARNING

Friday 18th December will mark the last day of the Autumn term. The school day will end at 3.15pm. On this day there will be no co-curricular clubs or extended day provision. Our thanks in advance for your cooperation.





HAPPINESS

and Aspiration

This week's main areas of learning that the children will be focusing on are identified below. Should you wish to know more, then please do contact your child's tutor.

Maths

We will be creating patterns that repeat and recapping the names and properties of 2D shapes.

Literacy

There will be a surprise for the children - some burglars have stolen the class pirate ship. We will be creating lost posters to see if we can find our pirate ship.

Phonics

We will be learning the sounds h, b, f, ff and blending words with these sounds in.

Discover

We will be learning about Remembrance Day and why we celebrate it. We will be learning about Diwali and how it is celebrated.

Each week the children discover a new poem, this week they studied 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'. This linked into their learning on 2D shapes and fireworks.

Twinkle twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are?
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are?





The Week Ahead

Week Commencing 9.11.20

2020 November Miss Horsfield's Class

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
09 Sports Kit Dance	10 School Uniform	11 School Uniform	12 School Uniform Trainers for Run & Relax	13 Sports Kit Games	14	15

2020 November Mrs Simpson's Class

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
09 Sports Kit Dance	10 Sports Kit Games	11 School Uniform	12 School Uniform Trainers for Get Up & Go	13 School Uniform	14	15

Houses

Each week we share with the children the latest house totals. They were super excited to hear how their house (family) was doing and how they can help them be successful. They learnt that the teamwork and creativity they showed in their Owl Coin Challenge also contributed to their house's total.

All stars awarded are collated by the form tutor, totalled up and then fed into the House totals.

Below you will find a list of the members of each House and the current standings.

