



St Christopher's School

Weekly News

Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parents

What a busy and wonderful week! Mrs Degg, our Art Director has introduced us to this term's Artist; Georgia O'Keeffe best known for her paintings of enlarged flowers and New York skyscrapers. Every child in the school will benefit from Mrs Degg's expert tuition and the work that has begun this week in Year 2 was extraordinary with children being invited to look with a bee's eye view inside a flower or from an ant's perspective up at a tall building. All the children in Year 2 have been shining brightly in both their school work and with their personal skills as they have been taking part in 7+ entrance tests and interviews. I have already heard wonderful things about them and they continue to make us all very proud.

The whole school is deeply engrossed in discovering new facts about our exciting new topics. Nursery and Pre-Reception were cooking 'porridge biscuits' for Baby Bear this morning because rather disappointingly Goldilocks had eaten all the porridge! In Reception the theme is 'Under the Sea' and the new Yellow Submarine role play area in Mars Class has proved extremely popular. In Year 1 they have been 'Going Wild' with a study of animals and the art work using charcoal, chalk and pastels has been very effective. 'A Taste of the East' is the topic in Year 2 and the children cleverly used similes and metaphors to describe some stunning shots of India during one exciting Literacy lesson.

In the spring term Reception democratically elect members of each class to sit on the School Council. We say congratulations this week to Mia G in Mars and to Eloise B-S in Neptune who received their badges in Assembly from our excellent Chairs of the School Council Emily and Gabriel.

During our Thursday assembly the Librarians Samuel, Matilda, Charlie, Amelia and Dylan picked their winners for this week's Library Raffle and rewarded them with books with the common theme of Toys.

The first Lunchtime Superstar of the New Year is Zachary V in Nursery for leading the way by cleaning his plate beautifully when clearing away his setting. Well done Zachary!

Many congratulations to **Dahl** House for winning the first Housepoint challenge of the year. The total Housepoints this week are **319**.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

Philosophers of the Week

Joshua C, Matilda G, Amelia L and Charlie S

Thought for the Week

Is it good to rely on people?

This Week's Merit Awards

Rumi W, Felice F, Evelyn W, Thomas M, Dylan C, Joshua C, Arabella M, Sophie R,
Zayn P, Callan M, Yasmin M and Nyah K

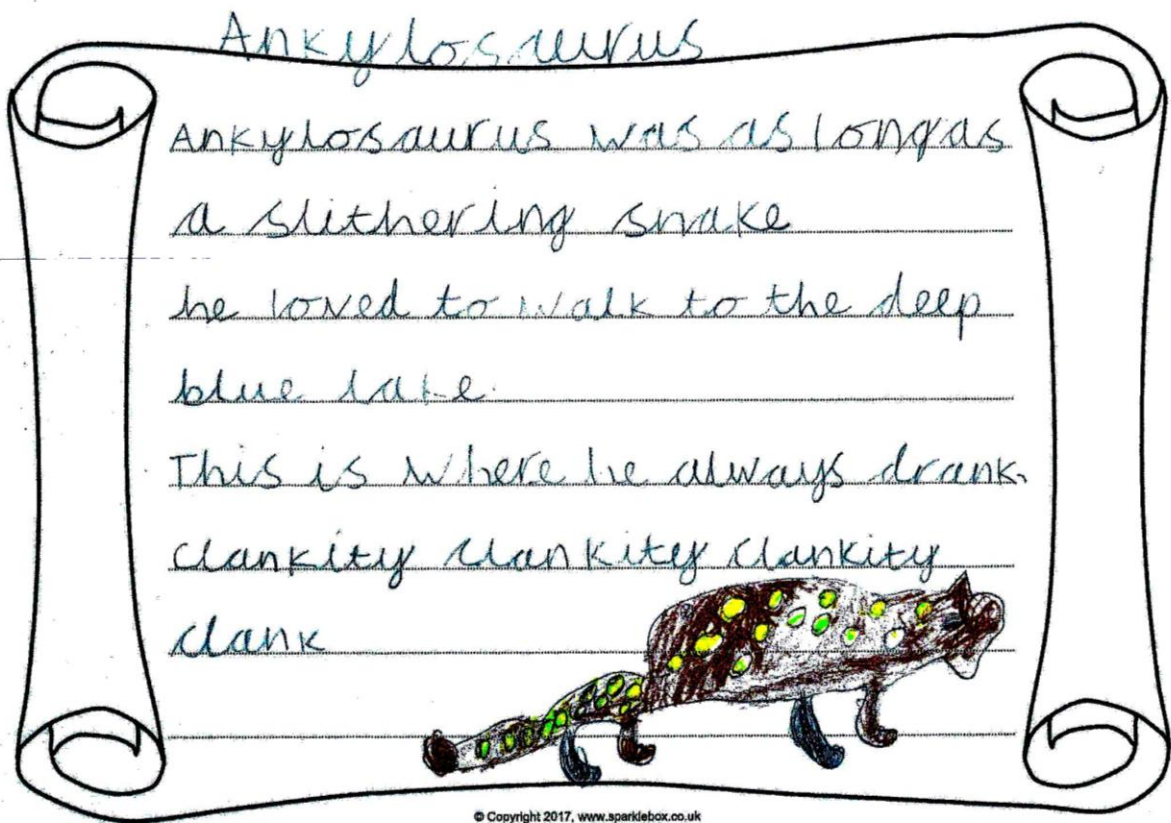
Work of the Week

This week's work of the week is from Gabriella L-T

Jupiter class have been looking in detail at patterns and rhyme in poetry.

We have studied the poem 'Anklyosaurus' by Jack Prelutsky.

The whole class then worked together to write a fantastic extra verse. Gabriella wrote this verse in beautiful cursive writing.



Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Wow! What a great start to a New Year. The children have settled back into the school routine very well. Our topic this term is 'Once upon a time', we will be diving into a range of traditional tales and some of our favourite stories. This week our focus story is 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. The children have been talking about how the different characters might be feeling in the story and if it is sensible or safe to go into somebody's house without being invited.



We all want to talk to Goldilocks to find out why she went to visit the three bears cottage; we have created some wanted posters describing what Goldilocks looks like. In the kitchen this week we have been making some porridge oat flapjacks; the children have been cutting and grating different fruits to add to their flapjacks and they enjoyed eating them at the snack table. We had our first phonics session this week; our focus sound is 'c'. The children have been saying and writing 'c' and have made cats to help them remember their new sound. In addition to phonics we have also had our first group reading sessions in Pre-Reception; the children have been looking at a book with their Key Group and creating a story together. What an action packed week.



Reception News

What an incredible week. The children have all really embraced their new topic, 'Under the Sea' and have thoroughly enjoyed all the exciting activities. The children have loved reading 'The Rainbow Fish' and we have had lots of discussions about the importance of friendships and sharing. The children then wrote sentences about times when they shared with friends and how this made them feel. In art we have been creating shiny scales for our writing template. We did this by using a printing technique using corks and different coloured paints. In maths we have been ordering numbers to 20 and created our very own number line! We have also been practically adding two groups to find a total amount. The children have been using their careful counting skills to count amounts of sea creatures and add them all together. They have also been practising writing our number sentences too. We have also been looking at the world map and focussing on the seas and oceans and have talked about different environments. We have enjoyed learning about lots of different sea creatures too. We had a very exciting and a very important vote for the role of School Council representatives this week. The children discussed who in their class would make a good school councillor and then voted fairly to select them.



The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 24th January 9am – MERCURY Class Assembly – *All Mercury parents welcome to attend refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am*

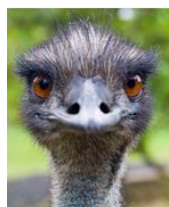
WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY – PTA SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALES

11.45AM – 12.15PM & 2.45 – 3.30PM IN THE MERCURY CLASSROOM

Wednesday 12th February Grandparents morning for Ahlberg & Dahl



Thursday 13th February Grandparents morning for Donaldson & Kemp



EMU AWARDS - Environment Matters to Us:

Harry S, Charlie S and Thomas S

MATHLETICS:

Congratulations to Amelie M and Thomas M for achieving their Silver Awards.



SPOTTY BOX AWARDS:



Alistair H for his certificate for White Grade Science of Defence
Eloise B-S for her 20 metres swimming certificate
Aaron S for his Learn to Swim level 2 certificate and badge.
Cillian R for his Rugby Certificate for Great Running
Sophia A for her Level 2 Swim Skills Award
Bethany C for her certificate for a Creativity Award
Juliet F for her 10 metres swimming certificate.
Harry L for his Rugby Certificate for Great Tagging
Harry S for his 20 metres swimming certificate
James C for his Player of the Week rugby certificate for good listening.
Felicity V for her 20 metres swimming certificate

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