

# INKPEN WEEKLY NEWS

## Message from Miss Buck

SATs week is dreaded by teachers and headteachers all across the country but this week, was the most positive SATs experience I have ever encountered. The children remained positive throughout the week and demonstrated excellent support and camaraderie for one another. Their resilience shone through and their smiles never faded. We are all so incredibly proud of them. Thank you to Mr Higgins, and all the staff for developing the children's confidence and resilience in preparation for this week. I would also like to thank the PSA for funding a delicious breakfast for the children every morning. Not only did this allow them to be fully fueled for the day ahead but provided some well needed socialisation before their tests.

The School Council met this afternoon and spent some time researching a range of different maths games to purchase for our new Maths Game library. They are really enjoying having this extra responsibility and being a "voice" for their peers.



## Key dates coming up

- WB 20.05.24** Auditions for KS2 Play
- 24.05.24** Last day of term (3:15 finish)
- 03.06.24** Start of term
- WB 03.06.24** Year 4 MTC
- 06.06.24** Poetry Challenge 09:00
- 10.06.24** Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- 14.06.24** Art Gallery 14:45

## Reading Champions

**26.04.24**

**Red Kite:** Ruby

**Pheasant:** Bertie

**Crocus/Silver Birch:** Jack



Crocus Class had the best time carrying out their field work for Geography this week. They followed an ordinance Survey map to locate different points around the village. At these points, they stopped to record different wildlife and recorded these in simple tables.



## News from the classes

### Red Kite

It has obviously been a very important week for our Year 6 children who have impressed us with their resilience and positivity during their SATs this week. Well done Year 6! All Red Kites have continued to work on their Greek inspired pottery and have been busy adding finer details to their Greek pots. In science this week they have continued their learning about our Solar System and explored the position of the sun by creating a human sundial in the playground!

### Pheasant

The children in Year 3 and 4 have continued their learning about Rainforests but this week they have begun some narrative writing in English and are planning their own story based in the Rainforest using all of their knowledge about the plants and animals that live there. Continuing the plant theme, in art they used magnifying glasses to make careful observations of different flowers before sketching these using all of the knowledge and skills they have learnt in art lessons throughout the term.

### Crocus and Silver Birch

The children in Crocus and Silver Birch have had a very busy week indeed! On Tuesday we were joined by Jan, a very special visitor from Newbury Agricultural Society, who brought along some of her friends from the farm. We learnt all about pigs, goats and cows with help from Rasher, Clover and Buttercup. They also explored their local surroundings as part of their field work for Geography this term. We were so impressed with how hard they worked as well as their excellent teamwork and behaviour!



Red Kite thoroughly enjoyed their "Tropical Water Party" on Friday. Thank you for all of your food donations and for the kind lending of a slip and slide and paddling pool which helped make the event incredibly memorable for the children.

