

INKPEN WEEKLY NEWS



Next Friday is NSPCC Number Day and we will all be "Dressing up for Digits". Please see the letter that was sent home today or visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/charity-fundraising/schools-fundraising-ideas/number-day/> for more information

Key dates coming up

- 27.01.25 Living Eggs arrive (Muntjacs)
- 06.02.25 Speed stacking at Park House (Y5 and 6)
- 07.02.25 Living Eggs leave
- 07.02.25 NSPCC Number day
- 12.02.25 Cricket at The Willows (Y1 and 2)
- 14.02.25 Come and get active with us at 3:00!
- 14.02.25 Last day of term (3:15 finish)
- 24.02.25 Start of Spring term 2

Reading Champions

31.01.25

Red Kite: Erin

Pheasant: Paige

Muntjac: Scarlett



Chinese New Year

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year in assemblies and in Forest School. This year is the "Year of the Snake". We listened to the story of why each year is named after an animal and learnt about important traditions that are part of this celebration. In Forest school, the children looked at numbers and the alphabet and copied these onto small good fortune tokens.



News from the classes

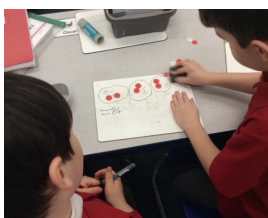
Red Kite

This week in English, Red Kites have been working on manipulating clauses within sentences and using different word classes to make their writing more interesting for the reader. Mr. Higgins was particularly impressed with how determined they were to apply all of this knowledge and create such well crafted pieces of writing. PE was really fun this week and the children loved improving their reaction speed with Mr. Mandry.



Pheasant

Our Non-Fiction writing has continued this week in Pheasants and we have begun creating Non-Chronological reports about the Amazon Rainforest. The children were much more confident when choosing their different subheadings and carefully selected their interesting facts and their pictures and captions. In Maths, we began multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number and explored this practically with place value counters.

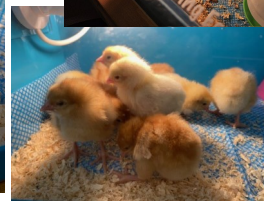
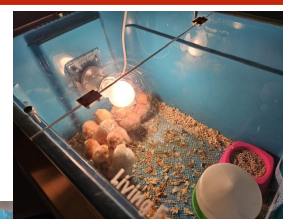


Muntjac

Obviously the highlight of our week in Muntjac class has been the arrival of our chicks! The children have loved watching them hatch and grow. We cannot believe they are so big already and cannot wait to begin holding them next week. In maths this week, the focus has been on addition for reception, year 1 and year 2. There has been lots of practical application of this in a range of contexts to ensure the children grasp this concept confidently.



How cute are our feathery visitors? The children have loved having the chicks in school and have been fascinated to watch how quickly they have grown and changed. Thank you so much to the PSA who funded this incredible learning experience for us. They are currently enjoying their weekend sleepover at Mr. Higgins' house!



It was an afternoon of investigating, testing, re-testing, evaluating and recording in science today with Red Kite and Pheasants. Mr. Higgins was incredibly impressed with the range of scientific skills the children demonstrated.

