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Today, Father Lamey led our Harvest Festival assembly; we celebrated and gave thanks for successful harvests. We are very grateful to all of our families for your harvest gifts, which will be donated to the Wokingham Foodbank.

During our assemblies this month, we have focused on one of our core values, 'Being Resilient'; this is also a British value. In our assemblies, we asked the children to think of and share a situation recently where they had tried their best. This may have been in school or at home, and the children discussed something specific that they have found difficult. Our core value for November will be 'Being Democratic', to fit in with National Parliament week.

This month, the school has supported two charities, firstly, the Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning which raised nearly £800 and secondly, the NSPCC which the children are currently collecting sponsorship monies for. Thank you to everyone that has donated to these two worthwhile charities.

Last Friday, the children had a fantastic time at our school disco. It was a real delight to see so many happy faces at the year 3 and 4 disco, and I am told that years 5 and 6 also had a great time. My thanks go to Clare Doyle and the PTA for their hard work and dedication in organising this event.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a relaxing and happy half term.

My very best wishes,

Mr. Rob Fenton

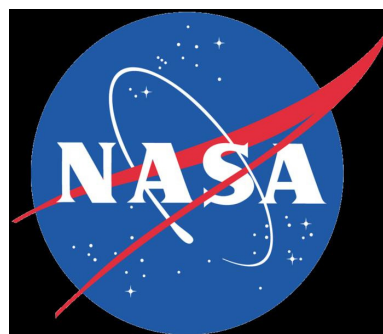
## CURRICULUM NEWS by Mr Theobald

Year 3 are continuing to learn as much as they can about the Stone Age so they can help M. They have been learning about rocks, fossils and soil and have become experts in their chosen type of rock. This will help M, as they can then choose which rock to use for each of the tasks that need to be done. Perhaps use flint to make a weapon and slate to make a roof? M will also learn from them why finding good soil will be important as they can start planting their crops. Their science topic after half term will be plants. The children have also been writing a diary entry and instructions as if they are children in the Stone Age. This should help M understand how to live there and about what can be done. In maths, year 3 have been consolidating their place value knowledge moving up to 4 digit numbers. They are also learning the best method to use for adding and subtracting, before moving on to multiplication and division facts next half term. In RE, they've been using Sikhism to understand the concept of belonging and are designing their own class badges this afternoon. The teachers hope that the children enjoy the grid homework tasks and have a lovely half term.



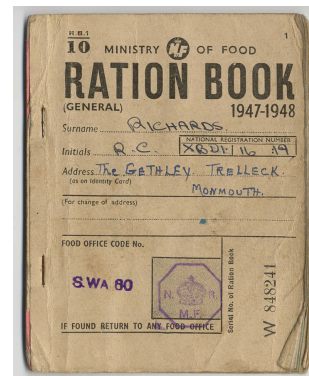
In year 4 the children have had a fabulous start to the year looking into their topic about the Romans and how and why they came to Britain. To support this work, the children had a marvellous dress up day, when an authentic real life Roman visitor arrived in school, bringing a wealth of artefacts and knowledge to inspire the young learners to even greater depth, which only experiences like this can bring. All this knowledge and excitement has supported the children in their written work and inspired them to write some fabulous recounts about their day. The children have also written a narrative based on a wonderful book, 'Escape from Pompeii'. This follows the life of two Roman children experiencing a natural disaster, therefore connecting to their geography curriculum in which the children have learnt all about volcanoes. They now understand how a volcano is caused, where they are in the world and the impact on the community surrounding them. They have linked this to ICT and have carried out some research on a volcano of their choice. The children are currently using their artistic skills to design and make colourful Roman mosaics using a variety of media.

Year 5 have been continuing their astronaut training regime. In maths, they have been learning how to solve multi-step problems (really, really difficult ones!) such as: A factory can produce 630,896 oxygen tanks in six hours. It takes exactly double that amount of tanks to fill three trucks. Truck A holds 196,299 tanks. Truck B holds 371,703 more tanks than truck A. How many oxygen tanks are in truck C? In English, year 5 have been using famous astronaut Chris Hadfield's story, 'The Darkest Dark', and analysing how to present characters and how to overcome fears (they even got to watch Miss Wickens Bungee Jump 143m as she overcame her fear of heights). They have now begun planning their own story, aimed at children, on being inspired and overcoming a childhood fear. The teachers have been very impressed by the stunning artwork around the moon that has been carefully produced by year 5 – well done! They are still working on their portfolios of science evidence which they hope NASA will be impressed by. The year 5 team hope that the children enjoy the grid homework tasks and have a lovely half term.



## CURRICULUM NEWS continued

Year 6 have continued to look at World War II through the lens of 'Letters from the Lighthouse'. The children have been using the book to really get into the mind and character of a child being evacuated from London and the emotions, thoughts and actions that children went through during this time to help them write their own evacuation stories. To help with this, the children enjoyed an amazing day at Didcot Rail Centre, where they got the chance to be evacuated and on a working steam train and also get to safety during a mock air raid in an authentic bomb shelter. The children also got the chance to look at genuine artefacts from this time and learn about how the signals and steam trains worked during this period of history. The children have been looking at rationing, making their own carrot jam and potato cakes, as well as starting to research what winter vegetables can be grown for a DT project after half term. In maths the children have been looking at the four methods of calculations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. As well as revising the formal methods for these calculations, the children have been looking at them in word problems and problem solving activities.



### CAUGHT DOING THE RIGHT THING by Mrs Freeman

Well done to all of the children who received a 'Caught Doing The Right Thing' voucher this month:

#### Hummingbirds:

Georgina Pickard, Nyreece Thompson-Hordle x3, James Clarke, Manuela Bernstein, Evie Dowse, Maisie Walker, Lauren Joseph x2, Megan Shields, Joey Ilaria, Adam Rustom x2, Lazure Francis, Will Tucker, Jazmine Crawford, Bonnie Robertson, Sophie Joseph, Eddie Austin.

#### Redstarts:

Vian Furtado, Amelia Williams, Patrick Healy x2, Amy Williams, Elena Di Costanzo, Harry McAllister x2, Ryan Doyle, Thomas Williams, Lachlan Gresty x2, George Graham x2, Freddie Smallman, Ethan Marihoho,

#### Golden Eagles:

Emmeline Reid, Rhys Gilbert x2 James Foote x3, Darcey Wallace, Oliver Waistell, Lewis Ross x2, Emily Bruwer x2, James Nash, Ben Waistell, Thomas Williams, Connor Reid

#### Kingfishers:

Philip Zimnowodzki x2, Louca Harrison, Cameron Maynard, Freddie Hunsdon x2, Phelix Manning, Emma Sullivan, Divyanshi Dahiya, Ethan Yates, Owen Seymour x3, Luke Seymour, Abigail Payne.

## SPORTS NEWS by Mr Fisher

As per the norm, Emmbrook Junior School's PE and Sports department has been busy! The children have been doing brilliantly during lessons, learning about tag rugby and football. The health cards are under way and the children have learnt how to find their heartbeat and what this means. When the children return after the half term they will start some fitness tracking with the use of bleep tests.

We took part in our first cross country run at Cantley Park this term. The children were a credit to the school and were fantastically behaved. Many of the children were running their first race and it was in fact their first ever cross country experience (including training/after school club). Our final positions were as follows:

**3/4 Girls—2nd out of 13**  
**3/4 Boys—8th out of 13**  
**5/6 Girls—3rd out of 13**  
**5/6 Boys—10th out of 13**

Overall we finished 7th out of the 13 schools that were running. Well done to all of the children. Our next race is at Ludgrove school on Friday 30th November.

The school football team played their first football match yesterday and came out on the wrong side of a 2—1 result. We played some lovely football however and used the space really well. Well done to all that played. I am looking forward to the next matches after half term.

I'd like to wish you all a fantastic half term. Be safe and active. The November and December schedule for sport is jam packed with the start of tag rugby competitions and girl's football matches.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES by Mrs Perkins

### CLASS ATTENDANCE 05.09.18 – 30.09.18

3 Ash	99.5%
3 Larch	98.2%
4 Cedar	98.1%
4 Elm	98.0%
5 Maple	97.6%
5 Pine	96.3%
6 Beech	95.6%
6 Fir	96.6%

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## REMINDERS

- 22nd to 26th Oct - Half Term
- 29th Oct - Inset Day
- 31st Oct - Flu Vaccinations (Years , 4 and 5)
- 14th Nov - Manor Presentation to Year 5 Parents (6.30pm)
- 15th Nov - Year 6 Height & Weight Checks
- 16th Nov - Children In Need
- 16th Nov - PTA Quiz Night
- 29th Nov - Open Morning for Year 2 Parents

## LETTERS SENT THIS MONTH

- 1st Oct - MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 1st Oct - Mrs Hatherley Absence
- 5th Oct - Harvest 2018
- 5th Oct - NSPCC
- 8th Oct - Design a Snap-Band Competition
- 11th Oct - Year 6 Manor Trip Interest Letter (Year 5 only)
- 11th Oct - Sea of Red Poppy Display
- 12th Oct - Year 6 Computer Coding Club
- 17th Oct - Year 6 Permission to walk home
- 18th Oct - Christmas Cards



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