

06 March 2020

The school has been planning and preparing for the possibility of a school closure, it is better to be over prepared than under prepared! The school will follow advice from the Department for Education, Public Health England and GLF Central Team before any decision was made. Should the school have to close, teachers are preparing electronic packs of work which would be delivered using Class Dojo or Tapestry daily. Please ensure that you have all downloaded and are familiar with the following: Tapestry (nursery and reception parents), Class Dojo (Year 1 - Year 6), School App (see advice sheet below), Email and Website access. If you have any problems accessing any of these, please speak to someone in the office.

We ask that you do not discuss the possibility of school closing with your children, this is for your information only. It could cause them to become unnecessarily alarmed. We are teaching children to be hygienic and to understand that this is a problem for grown-ups, so they don't need to worry.

Special News: This week Mr Tim Rogers the Lead for Early Years at GLF visited LPPS. I am delighted to say he spoke highly of our early years setting saying "Focused teaching in maths and phonics was observed as deepening children's language and understanding" "Quality provision and experiences for the children are evident through aspects of the STEAM curriculum with quality work on aboriginal art evident" I am highly proud of the Early Years team and I'm sure you will join me in congratulating them and continuing to support them in their hard work to support our youngest children learn at LPPS. Well Done! Mrs Sarah Obinna and Mrs Claire Martin

Froebel: This week in Froebel we have been celebrating World Book Day by submerging ourselves in to the book 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We have transformed our home corner in to a Tea Party Cafe and hosted our own Afternoon Tea with cakes and juice at snack time. We have been achieving our Expressive Art and Design targets by creating some spotty artwork related to our STEAM topic. We have enjoyed bubble painting and circle printing to create some beautiful art work that will be shown at our STEAM exhibition later in the term. We are launching our STEAM topic by having a spotty themed day on Wednesday 11th March, so please send your child in to Nursery wearing something spotty. We are also supporting Sports relief on Friday 13th March by wearing something sporty to school and hosting some exciting active games throughout the day. Another great week ahead for Nursery.



Nightingale & Franklin: This we have been working on our STEAM art focus. The children have read the story 'The Dot' by Peter Reynolds, about a girl who discovers her artistic talent. They have experimented with colour mixing, focusing on combining two primary colours to create a secondary colour. In maths we have been learning to use the vocabulary 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'the same as' and the children have used these terms to make comparisons, for example, between the number of dots on different dominoes. On Thursday it was World Book Day and we celebrated by talking about our favourite stories and participating in activities based on 'Elmer' and 'Meg and Mog'. Thank you for all your



support in donating and purchasing books in the bring and buy book sale, as you know, all the money raised will be used to resource our Early Years garden. From next week Show and Tell will run every

Tuesday, when any child is welcome to bring along an interesting item from home to discuss with their class. Next week, Franklin and Nightingale classes will be making didgeridoos to link with our focus on aboriginal art. If you have any empty kitchen roll tubes, then please could you send them into school. Many thanks.

Johnson: In Johnson this week we have continued with learning about time in Maths, specifically the months of the year and o'clock. In English, we have developed a character ready for story writing next week, using adjectives and verbs to help us. We have also continued with our STEAM project, focusing on plants.

Kahlo: Kahlo have worked their socks off this week completing assessments and have done incredibly well. In addition to assessments the children have been continuing to increase their knowledge of multiplication and division facts in maths. In English they have used a range of sentence types to create an exciting dramatic paragraph for a narrative they are producing based on the picture book 'Journey'. On Thursday we celebrated world book day and completed tasks all related to the book 'Ada Twist Scientist'.



The children all had great fun creating posters and conducting experiments with skittles.



SPORT RELIEF: Next Friday 13th March is Sport Relief Day, to celebrate we are inviting all children to come in wearing Sports Wear or PE kits – please ensure they also have warm joggers/hoodies as we will be going outside. There will be a special Sports emphasis running throughout the day, please bring in £1 for the collection.

Update regarding class structures for next year: This year we have run two reception/nursery classes and we are very pleased to say that it has been a huge success. The children all benefit from being together as they work off the same curriculum. We will continue to run two reception/nursery classes next year. We are pleased to be able to confirm that we will be running straight classes in KS1 and KS2 next year. We will have:

x1 Year 1 class

x1 Year 2 class

x1 Year 3 class

Many thanks for your support

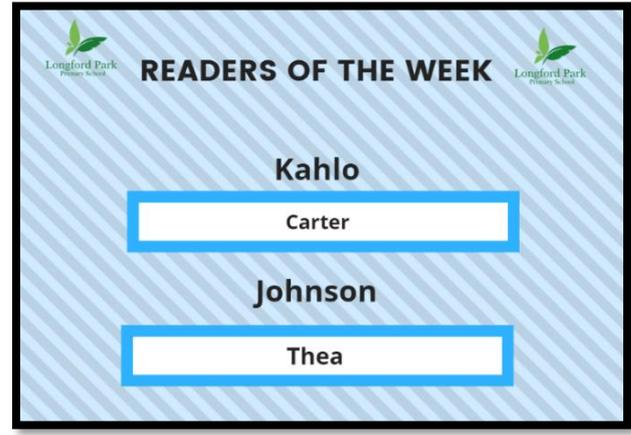
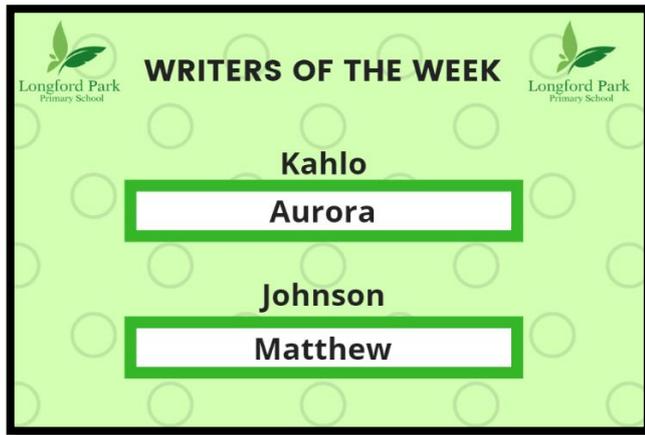
Claire Martin

Executive Deputy Headteacher

Cycling Proficiency: Our sister school William Morris is currently looking for some volunteers to help the with the Cycling Proficiency course that they are hoping to run. If that is something you would be interested in, then please come and speak to the office.

World Book Day: Every child will receive a £1 book token which can be used to get a book for free or £1 off this voucher can be used from the 27th February to 29th March.





Tips for discussing things you have read with your children: This is a simple sequence that can be used to support shared reading. When reading together, adults can pause and:

- P**rompt the child to say something about the book;
- E**valuate their response;
- E**xpand their response by rephrasing or adding information to it; and
- R**epeat the prompt to help them learn from the expansion.

For example, if an adult and child were looking at a page in a book about a zoo, the parent might point at a picture and say, 'What is that?' [prompt]. The child replies, 'zebra', and the adult responds, 'That's right [evaluation]—it's a black and white stripy zebra [the expansion]; can you say, "stripy zebra"?' [the repetition].

There are five main types of prompts that can be used as part of the PEER sequence. The prompts can be remembered using the acronym CROWD:

- C**ompletion—leave a blank at the end of a sentence for children to complete (this works particularly well with books with rhymes or repetitive phrases);
- R**ecall—ask children about something they have already read (these prompts support children to understand the story plot);
- O**pen-ended—often with a focus on pictures in books (this works well with illustrations and encourages children to express their ideas);
- W**h—prompts that begin with 'who', 'what', 'where', 'why', and 'when' ('what' questions can be used to develop vocabulary); and
- D**istancing—connects the book to children's own life experiences and provides an opportunity for high quality discussion.

Key Dates for 2020:

- **Monday 9th March** Parent Forum Meeting 2.30pm
- **Friday 13th March** Sport Relief – Sports Wear Day of Sport £1 donation
- **Wednesday 1st April** STEAM Showcase 2.30pm Nursery and Reception 2.45pm Year 1 and Year 2
- **Friday 3rd April** End of Term School Closes at 1pm FoLP Eggcellent Easter Hunt [SIGN UP BELOW](#)
- **Monday 20th April** Start of Term
- **Thursday 7th May** VE Day Celebration 1.00pm Parents and Families welcome.
- **Friday 8th May** Bank Holiday
- **Friday 22nd May** End of Term

Have a lovely weekend!

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STARS OF THE WEEK



Kahlo: Charlie A

Johnson: Eve

Nightingale: Marcos

Franklin: Joseph



LEADERBOARD

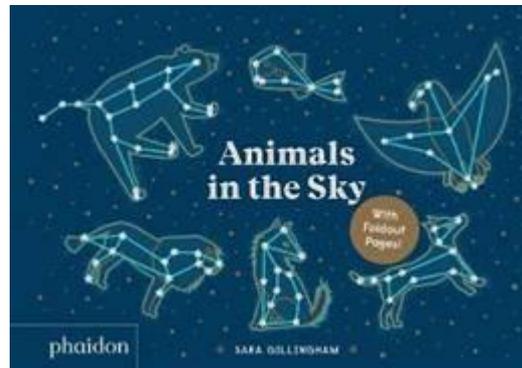
1st Abdullah

2nd Yusuf

3rd James



Mrs Martin's Book Recommendations



Author: Sara Gillingham

Publisher: Phaidon

Review

Every night when the sky is clear, it's filled with twinkling stars. Children might not know that those stars sometimes join up to make the shapes of animals - and sometimes those animals are known as constellations. For instance, the constellation in the shape of a bear, called The Great Bear, also known as the Big Dipper or the Plough, or a dog, known as Canis Majoris.

In this lovely board book with nice thick fold-out whole-page flaps, children are asked to guess the animal shape of a set of stars before turning the page to see if they were right, and to learn a basic fact about the constellation.

You might think that astronomy would be too advanced a subject for children of board book age, but in fact this is done so nicely that it's as much about guessing animal shapes as learning about the stars - and if children come away from looking at the book (ideally with an adult) knowing that stars form shapes in the sky, then the book has done its job. It's very well made and pretty to look at too.

FoLP Upcoming The link to sign your child up to the Eggcellent Easter Egg Hunt on Friday 3rd of April from 1pm-2pm is below. <https://forms.gle/nN96aNc3aFLGD8X57> The form will close on Friday 20th March and payment will need to be made by Friday 27th of March. Please give cash in a named envelope to member of PTA. Please remember that school finishes at 1.00pm

A colorful poster for an Easter egg hunt. At the top, it says 'Friends of Longford Park presents' in green. Below that, the title 'AN EGGCELLENT EGG HUNT' is written in large, bold letters, with 'AN EGGCELLENT' in pink and 'EGG HUNT' in yellow. The background features a cartoon rabbit holding a basket of eggs, rolling a large decorated egg down a green hill. There are also smaller decorated eggs and butterflies in the scene. The text 'JOIN US ON FRI 3RD APRIL' is written in black and pink. Below that, a cursive line says 'Solve the clues, find the eggs and remember the letters to create a word'. A green banner at the bottom contains the text '1PM-2PM- £5.00 per Child'. In the bottom left corner is the Longford Park Primary School logo, and in the bottom right corner are the terms: 'Price Includes Easter Egg to take home. 3's and under must be accompanied by an adult Please complete Google form to secure your childs place'.

Friends of Longford Park presents

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CLUBS

at Longford Park
Primary School

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Techno Ninjas Computer Club – Year 1 and 2 only - £5 per session 3:15-4:15pm This club is now full	Lunch time Wildlife Detectives https://forms.gle/saEpesenaKXQnLsUA Looking at bird populations and habitats. Free to attend	Lunch time Year 2 Book Club with Mrs Martin https://forms.gle/tJsc6oH2vboLgsc89 Free to attend
	Football Club – Reception Y1 and Y2 Brackley Town Football Club 3.15-4.15pm See information below	Games Club with Mrs Newton for Years 1 & 2 https://forms.gle/wwFgoJixoWWkbrGy5 Free to attend 3.15-4.15pm



Free Trial Piano

Tuition

Studies show that time spent at the keyboard improves mental health: people who make music experience less anxiety, loneliness, and depression. Playing piano has also been shown to be a great source of stress relief and provides ample opportunity to bolster self-esteem. It is also a widely used form of therapy for Attention Deficit Disorder. **Not sure if your child will take to it? Why not try a month's tuition FREE of charge?**



All tuition books and diaries are also supplied free of charge by the service. To obtain an application form, please email MJmusicservices@aol.com

After School Club - Football

Brackley Town Football Club will be running an after-school club from Wednesday 13th November. The aim of the sessions is to give your children an introduction to football in a fun safe environment. The sessions will incorporate fun activities based around fundamental movements leading into small sided games. The session will run: Reception and Key Stage 1 – Wednesdays 3.15 – 4.15pm Costs for each session will be £3.00 per child.

You can book weekly by completing our online booking form <https://www.brackleytownfc.com/community-football/after-school-clubs-feb-to-april-2020-term>

We look forward to seeing your child at the after-school club. Kindest regards,
Andy Thompson Brackley Town FC

PARENT INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE



Longford Park Primary School App

We work with a developer called Piota who have devised an app that is perfect for school-home communication. Through the app, we are able to:

- Send messages – much like text, but with more information and links
- Provide information – such as news items, school dinner information etc
- Contact information at the tip of your fingers
- Events and alerts for our events

Downloading the app

You can download the app from the Playstore (using Android devices) and the App Store if you have an iOS device.

iOS: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/piota/id1297224201?mt=8>

Playstore: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.piota.app&hl=en_GB

Or search for **Piota – deeper engagement**. The icon is grey and looks like this:



Once you have downloaded it to your device, search for our school and connect.

Using the app

Once downloaded and after your child is enrolled with us and has started, you will be able to register your device with the app, by clicking on the padlock icon:

This will enable us to tailor information to you as a parent. We can send messages to class groups and even individually, so it's really important that you register your device as soon as you are able.

Please ensure you allow the app to send notifications as this will alert you to any information that we are sending you.



If you have any questions regarding the app, please speak to Mrs Williams in the office and she should be able to help you.