

23rd February 2018

Badger Room: After reading our book-of-the-week 'Stone Age Boy', the Badgers were very excited to receive a letter inviting them to travel back in time to meet an early man called Kreg. The children discussed the idea of this journey with their friends. Did they want to go? What did they want to find out about him first? They then all wrote their own letters back to Kreg telling him about themselves and asking some questions of their own. In maths, we've been counting on and back to 20 and have been starting to look at subtraction in practical contexts, using Duplo, cherry models and counting toys. We then looked at what subtraction number sentences look like. The children were very excited to go on a virtual tour looking at the ancient cave art from the caves at Lascaux in France and enthusiastically spotted the different animals and scenes on the walls and ceiling. They have since all be working on creating their own 'cave wall' pictures using sand and natural objects they found outside.



Hedgehog Room: This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year, looking at the animals involved in the story of Chinese New Year and focusing particularly on dragons! We made our own dragon and danced to music in the garden with it, have been exploring noodles and chopsticks in our sensory trays and have made colourful puppets and collages based around red and gold colours.

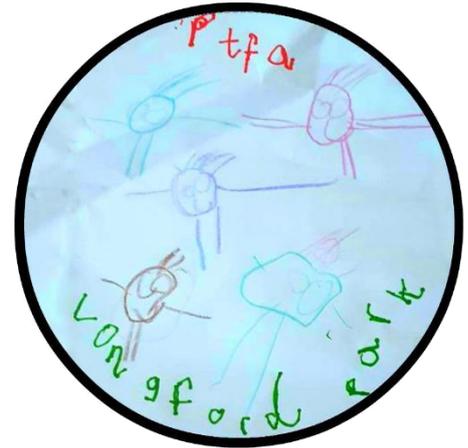
Next week following the children's interests we will be looking at letters, parcels and post, with post-office role play, sending letters to each other via our own little post box, wrapping parcels, and some sensory rich activities too - hiding postcards and stamps in sand! Our books of the week will centre on Postman Pat and the Jolly Postman. We will celebrate **World Book Day on Thursday 1 March** – please see the letter sent home in bags this week.





PTFA Logo Winner: Jacob Walker produced an amazing piece of artwork, which won him a £5 voucher for the Entertainer toy shop, as well as the honour of the PTFA using it as their logo. Well done Jacob!

The PTFA is having its next meeting on Thursday 1st March, in school at 3:15-4:15pm. All are welcome to join, please see minutes from the last meeting on the website.



World Book Day: Thursday 1st March! Get dressed up as your favourite characters for World Book Day! WBD is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and, most importantly, of reading. Each child will receive a book token they can then use to choose one of TEN (exclusive, new and completely free) books. Or, if they'd rather, they can use it to get £1 off any book or audio book costing over £2.99 at a participating bookshop or book club (terms and conditions apply).

Library: We have had a truly amazing response to our plea for more books for our library. We have taken every opportunity to get the children (where possible) to stamp them for us – which they think is great fun! However, there are lots more to do and we also need to start cataloguing them. With this in mind we are asking for a volunteer that could possibly give us a couple of hours every week to help us run our library. Training will be provided on our library software and it will mean helping the children when they borrow books further down the line.

Parent questionnaire: Thank you so much to all who have already responded to our satisfaction survey. It really is essential to get feedback from parents and carers and to ensure that any concerns are dealt with quickly. If you haven't already, please do complete the questionnaire by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Key Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day, come to school dressed as your favourite fictional character
Thursday 1st March – PTFA Meeting – 3:15-4:15pm at School
Friday 29th June – INSET day, no children in school

Have a fantastic half-term

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team





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at Longford Park
Primary School

Monday	Tuesday
<p>Sway Dance Club (£3) (all years) led by Ms Whitehead 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>Ms Whitehead will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p>SIGN UP FOR SWAY DANCE</p>	<p>Stagecoach - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm (optional 3:15-4:00pm crèche led by Stagecoach prior to the class starting - £3 per session)</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p>Kickboxing – Ages 3+ (£4) 3:15-4:15pm Led by Coach Cian, Temple Martial Arts Starts on Thursday 1st March</p> <p>A no-contact sport, which helps with coordination, confidence and discipline – as well as staying in tiptop shape! Join Coach Cian to learn all about it in a fun and safe environment.</p> <p>SIGN UP FOR KICK BOXING</p>	<p>RugbyTots – Ages 3.5+ - £4 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds Starts on Friday 23rd February</p> <p>RugbyTots is a specific play programme for young children. It uses the multiple skills of rugby to create a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing basic core motor skills. Each session aims to develop hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility as well as enhancing social and psychological attributes through a series of games and exercises.</p> <p>SIGN UP FOR RUGBY TOTS</p>

Free Trial Piano Tuition – Badgers only

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 [MJmusicervices@aol.com](mailto: MJmusicervices@aol.com)