

8th February 2019

Froebel: Our main focus this week has been on activities linked to the celebration of Chinese New Year, a festival full of music, colour and light. We made a huge cardboard dragon that we will use to perform our own dragon dance with in the garden on Friday and we've been busy exploring coloured rice, chopsticks, scented playdough and making lanterns. Our maths focus has been on the number 9, meeting Numberblock number 9 who is a square! Focusing on the square shape we've made square collages from offcuts of material and played noughts and crosses on our whiteboard. We had a special visit this week from Dogs for Good to kick-start our next topic 'People who Help Us'. The children listened very well to our speakers and asked questions politely, well done. If any parents work in the emergency services and are free to come and talk to us after half term about their jobs, please let us know!



Nightingale: Nightingale class have been exploring what materials toys are made of. We tapped to hear the sound, had a feel and looked at the toys before making judgements about which material group the object belonged to. We thought about how different our favourite cuddly toy feels to some of our other favourite toys that we play with. Our focus book was a non-fiction book and we talked about how it is different to a fiction book. The bikes and scooters have been a popular choice outside along with the crates obstacle course. Our Maths focus has been repeating patterns and we have done these with colours, shapes, body percussion, Numicon and paints. We even lined up for lunch making a 'boy, boy, girl' repeating pattern. Maybe you could try using Lego or cutlery to make a repeating pattern at home!

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to join Froebel class and meet their visitors (2 legged and 4 legged!) from Dogs For Good. Dogs are clever animals and so helpful to their owners. Continuing our science theme of floating and sinking, the children have been making predictions about what might happen when we place various fruit and vegetables into the water. We are looking forward to sharing this with all of you at next week's Science Fayre!

Request for next week - please could you send in any small (500ml or less) empty plastic bottles with lids at the beginning of the week. Thank you.



Johnson: This week we have been thinking about people who help us and how important they are to us. On Wednesday we had a visitor, his name was George and he is a Dentist. He brought along his assistant Sophie, and together they explained the importance of keeping our teeth clean and healthy. Then George set us a task, he wanted us to go home that night and ask our adults to time us for two minutes cleaning our teeth. Some of us sent our photos to Mrs Smith. Today we had another visitor, PCSO Rob Bliss and his partner came to talk to us about their jobs working with the Police. We go to see a marked car, flashed the lights and heard the siren – which was VERY loud!



In maths, we have moved on to subtraction and have been showing our methods by crossing out and drawing a circle around the enclosed amount left. An example will be in the homework this week.

Science Fair: On **Friday 15th February** parents and carers are invited to the first ever Longford Park Science Fair. The children have been working hard on their STEAM projects, planning and carrying out investigations and experiments. All the work completed will be on show and the children are really looking forward to showing you around and talking to you about their work.

Parents are invited from 2.30pm

Wild Tribe – Group 2, Week 5: Despite it being bitterly cold today and a bit on the blustery side, we enjoyed a really wild time ‘all about animals’. Wild Tribe started the session taking shelter from the wind, learning about native woodland and grassland animals before deciding on our own ‘spirit animals’. Wild Tribe showed great resilience when using the palm drills today to craft their own spirit animal medallions before finishing the session with a quick game of Animal Tag and the necessary hot chocolate to close.



Please note, next week is our last Wild Tribe session for Johnson Class for the timing being. Please make sure your child has the correct kit, including as many layers as possible so they don't miss out. The weather is very unpredictable at the moment – the more layers, the better! Thank you 😊

Y1 Phonics National Test Parent Meeting: On Wednesday 13th February we will be holding a Y1 Phonics National Test Parents meeting straight after school. There will be a crèche available.

Class Dojo/App Parent Workshop: Mrs Williams will be hosting a workshop for parents after school on Tuesday 12th February. If you are having challenges with the app or with using class dojo, please come along and Mrs Williams will hopefully be able to get you up and running!

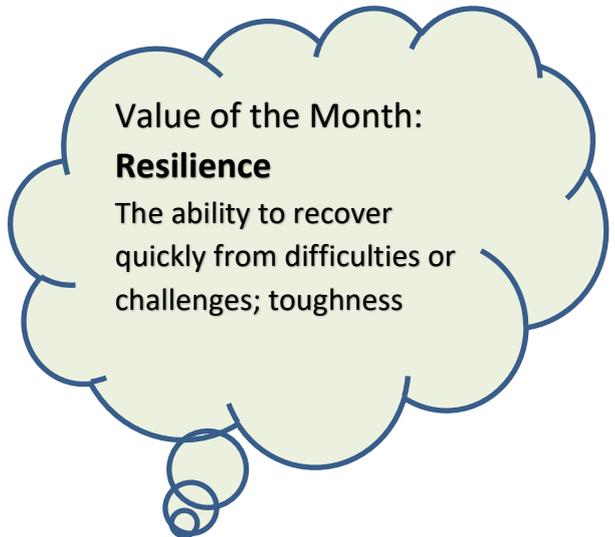
Key Dates for your Diary:

- Tuesday 12th February, 3:20pm – Class Dojo/App Workshop
- Wednesday 13th February, 3:20pm – Y1 Phonics National Test Parent Meeting (Crèche provided)
- Friday 15th February, Science Fair
- Monday 25th February, first day Spring Term 2
- Thursday, 7th March, World Book Day – SAVE THE DATE!

Have a lovely weekend!

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Julie Hiddleston and the school team





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Monday	Tuesday
<p>Sway Dance Club (£3) (all years) led by Ms Bladon 3:15-4:15pm lou Ms Bladon will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p>CLICK HERE TO BOOK</p>	<p>Stagecoach - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm Starts on Tuesday 18th September</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p> <p>Kidslingo Spanish Classes - £5 per class 3:15-4:00pm Starts on Tuesday 30th October We are delighted to announce that Kidslingo is launching a Tuesday After-school Spanish club from 30th of October for ages 4-7.</p> <p>To enrol your child, please follow the link below. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Click here to book</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p>Phil Lines Football – Ages 5-6 Price £3 per session Led by Phil Lines (Banbury United)</p> <p>We will be offering a free taster session soon, watch this space!</p>	<p>RugbyTots – Ages 3.5+ - £4 per session 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds</p> <p>CLICK HERE TO BOOK</p>

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?**

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