

29nd November 2019



Froebel: This week Froebel class have been looking at nocturnal animals as part of our topic work; thank you for the Show and Tell items from home linked to this theme! We have innovated our story 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' to focus on a bat instead, and we thought about who he might meet on his adventures. Learning these story telling skills now will help the children when they begin to write stories of their own. We have explored colours too, mixing coloured water in the water tray and making collages of materials based on our favourite colours. In maths we are looking at the number 4, and in shape, the square, with its four corners and four sides of equal length. In phonics we continue to look at rhyme – please ask your child to sing you their favourite nursery rhyme and to hear the rhyming words if they can! We are also learning new songs for our Nativity performance on 12 December.



Nightingale & Franklin: This week in Nightingale and Franklin we have been learning about nocturnal animals. We looked at the stories "Owl babies", "The owl who was afraid of the dark" and "It was a cold dark night". These stories are all about nocturnal animals. We discussed what nocturnal means and discussed the characters and settings in the books. We had a go at writing about nocturnal animals as well as creating a hedgehog home. We also talked about the pantomime trip and worked on writing a sentence about our favourite parts of the show. We have looked at rhyme and continued our read write inc phonics scheme looking at the sound nk as well as recapping all the sounds we have learned so far. We have been practising our Fred talk and using this to make words. In mathematics we have been looking at the number 9, finding different ways to make 9 and one more/one less than 9. We have also looked at part and whole. We talked about the whole of something meaning that we have all of that thing and part of something means we don't have all of that thing. For our nativity the children will not have parts but will sing and say everything together. The children don't need a costume but if they would like to, they are able to wear a Christmas jumper for the nativity performance.

Johnson: This week, Johnson Class have had a visitor from Banbury Museum who spoke to them about the history of Banbury with a focus on Banbury Castle and the canal. The children enjoyed getting into role and dressing up from the different periods. In English, the children wrote their own stories for their golden write books. In maths, the children have been comparing 2-D and 3-D shapes and looking at the different ways you can sort them.



Kahlo: Kahlo class have had an exciting week taking part in rehearsals for their KS1 nativity. Acting, singing and dancing - we have a very talented class. Thank you to those parents that have already provided costumes. **Please could you ensure that your child has a costume by no later than Monday 2nd December, as we intend to start dress rehearsals next week.** In maths this week we have been looking at addition and subtraction and learning how to partition numbers into tens and units to make simple sums easier. In English we have been learning all about Samuel Pepys and exploring the features of a diary, the children have shown great empathy describing how they may have reacted to the great fire of London. We have also been exploring how we can create more complex sentences using conjunctions.

ParentPay News: Thank you for your continued support during the transition from School Money to ParentPay we are aware it hasn't been as straightforward as we initially hoped it would be, apologies for any confusion this may have caused but thank you for your patience. We still need to look over and add any previously outstanding fees which will take us some time so please bear with us. But the good news is we have been informed that set up is now complete and you should now be able to pre book your child's lunch choices.



Nativity: Wednesday 11th December KSI Nativity – 1.30pm and 5.00pm
Thursday 12th December EYFS Nativity 1.30pm – **Everyone is welcome, something for the whole family to enjoy, we have had a sneak peek at rehearsals and the plays are not to be missed!** As the school expands, we will have to limit amount the of audience members per child, so please be aware this maybe the last year we are able to open the event for all and not have to restrict the number of adults per child, so please make the most of the open invitation.



Christmas Sparkle Day: Friday 13th December is Christmas Jumper Day and we invite pupils and staff (if they would like to participate) to wear something festive alongside school uniform for a £1 donation which will go to Save the Children – this is could be a Christmas Jumper, t-shirt or a festive christmas headband! It can be something simple or full on Christmas Bling!!



Final Countdown to Book Parent Christmas Lunch Tickets: Parents are invited to come and eat Christmas dinner with their children. Please note that due to seating capacity we can only admit one parent per child, payment is set up on ParentPay so if you would like to come please book ASAP. Children's meals are free as usual (if your child is Reception to Year2), if you don't want them to have a Christmas Dinner as their hot meal please provide a packed lunch. **Payment option for parents will close 6/12/2019 and we are unable to take bookings after this date.**

End of Term Reminder: Thursday 19th December school closes at 1.00 pm

Key Dates for your Diary:

- **Monday 2nd December** – (EYFS and Year One Parents) Phonics Meetings 2.30 pm
- **Friday 6th December** – FoLP Festive 3:15pm-5:30pm
- **Wednesday 11th December** KSI Nativity – 1.30pm and 5.00pm
- **Thursday 12th December** EYFS Nativity – 1.30pm
- **Friday 13th December** Christmas Sparkle Day (Christmas Jumper Day) – For Save the Children £1 Donation
- **Tuesday 17th December** Christmas Lunch Reception and Nursery 11.45 am £3.00 for Parents can book via ParentPay
- **Wednesday 18th December** Christmas Lunch 12.15 pm Y1 and Y2 Parents can book via ParentPay
- **Thursday 19th December** End of Term 13.00pm Finish.

Enjoy the weekend!

Hiddleston

Julie Hiddleston and the school team

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Kahlo: Mia

Johnson: Theo P

Nightingale: Nathan

Franklin: Maisie R

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READERS OF THE WEEK

Kahlo

Nilia

Johnson

Joseph T

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WRITERS OF THE WEEK

Kahlo

Teddy

Johnson

Aimee-Jayne W

Times Table Rock Stars

LEADERBOARD

1st Helena

2nd Aurora

3rd Seb B

**Friends of Longford Park Events:
FoLP Festive Fri 6th December**

***We are in need of donations for the raffle
any contribution will be greatly received,
please leave with the school office.***

Unfortunately, Santa is unable to attend the Christmas Lunch this year however the PTFA are creating a Grotto so that the children will still get to see him during school with their class.

£3.00 includes a gift (book) and a personalised handprint or fingerprint bauble of your child's choice to come home.

Please complete the booking form below:

<https://forms.gle/Bam1zZTC7TxQkL9r8>

**This booking form is also available on the School App
(Piota Deeper Engagement)**

**Places are not secured unless payment is made but the
form must be completed.**

Refunds will be given for any child that is unable to attend due to illness.

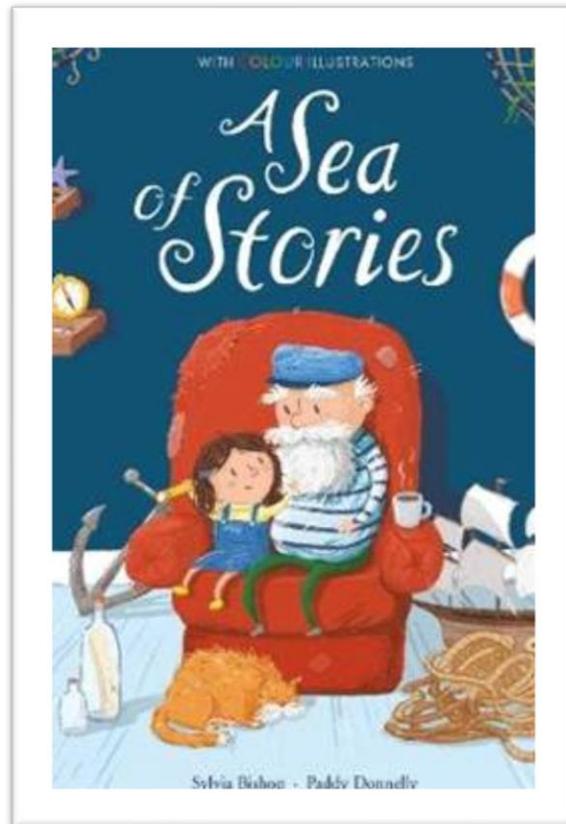
Siblings of children in the school will get the guaranteed experience for only £3 if booked before the 30th of November.

Booking form will close Saturday 30th

Any problems please see a member of the PTFA



Mrs Martin's Book Recommendations



Author: Sylvia Bishop

Illustrator: Paddy Donnelly

Publisher: Stripes

Review

Roo loves staying with her grandfather in his cottage by the sea and enjoys listening to his wonderful stories, which are prompted by various objects from his Bits-and-Pieces collection. A shiny gold coin reminds him of finding hidden treasure, an impressive brass telescope leads to a tale about a daring clifftop rescue, and a stinky old fishing net holds the best memory of all.

As Grandpa reminisces, Roo sees the world through his eyes and understands why these objects are so important to him. She also realises how sad he must feel that he cannot visit the cove, which is integral to many of his tales. The path is too uneven and overgrown for him to walk down it safely, so she devises a plan to help him enjoy his special place once again.

This poignant tale about a girl's touching relationship with her grandfather is ideal for children who are moving on from picture books. Perfect to explore the concept of the past, it beautifully celebrates the value of sharing stories and memories. The vibrant, full-page illustrations have a dynamic, painterly quality and successfully evoke the wildness and beauty of the coast, bringing the text to life.



CLUBS

at Longford Park
Primary School

Tuesday	Wednesdays
Techno Ninjas Computer Club – Year 1 and 2 only - £5 per session 3:15-4:15pm Now taking sign-ups for January-April Led by Mrs Williams CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP	Yoga Club – Year 1 and 2 only Led by Mrs Pounds 3:15-4:15pm This club is now full
Construction Club Free 3:15-4:15pm Led by Mrs Brent This club is now full	Football Club – Reception Y1 and Y2 Brackley Town Football Club 3.15-4.15pm See information below

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 MJmusicervices@aol.com



After School Club

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/component/rsform/form/101-btfc-football-in-the-community-after-school-clubs>

We look forward to seeing your child at the after-school clubs.

Kindest regards

Andy Thompson Brackley Town FC