



### Children First – Aspire – Challenge – Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has seen a change in the weather but this has most certainly not dampened the children's spirits. The children have continued to settle into their new classrooms and routines showing some excellent habits of effective learning.

Our new Reception and Nursery children have been fantastic, settling easily into school life; they are a real credit to parents/carers who have clearly worked hard on making sure the children were 'school ready' before they joined us.

Today we have seen the official opening of the 3G pitch, I'm sure the children have come home and shared with you stories of their lunch and PE lessons with our new sports coaches. It is incredible to see the children accessing the resource; enjoying playing structured sports and developing this aspect of their learning. Please ensure that your child does have their PE kit in school, as we wouldn't want them to miss out.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs J Murphy, Headteacher

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- We will be celebrating Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 21st September. Children are invited to wear jeans but are still required to wear their normal school shirt, tie, shoes and Jumper/Cardigan. We ask for a donation of £1.
- Year R children will be coming home with a letter on Monday regarding ParentPay so please look out for this. The letter will contain Log in details for you to set up your child's ParentPay account. All payments are to be made via this as we cannot accept cash.
  - **Year 2** - Creepy Claws Workshop in school on Tues 16th Oct. Payment of £2.50 to be made by 01/10
- **Year 3 Trip** - Caveman Experience at Weald Country Park on Tues 2nd October. Payment of £18 to be made by 10/09.
- **Year 5** - Astrodome Workshop in school on Thursday 4th Oct. Payment of £3.50 to be made by Friday 21st September
- **Year 6** - Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 10th October. Payment of £9.00 is to be made by Wednesday 3rd October. **All payments need to be paid via ParentPay.**
- Please note next week's menu for Monday and Tuesday have been swapped so Monday's menu will be on Tuesday and vice versa.
- We had some amazing scores last Year for our Pixl Mathematicians, with children answering hundreds of questions. Just a reminder that we are continuing to do this and the top three children each week will receive a certificate in Monday's assembly. Please support your child with this at home.



## Nursery and Reception

We have welcomed the Reception and Nursery children this week. There have been a few tears but the children have settled very quickly and have enjoyed making new friends. We have been learning the school rules and how to look after each other. There are so



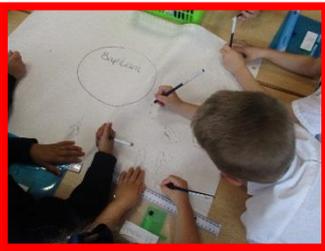
many things to learn, the children are doing amazingly well and have started their learning journey at New Horizons in a very positive manner.

Reception's topic this term is 'Do you want to be friends?' we will be learning about our emotions and what a good friend looks like.

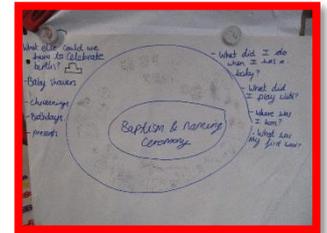
The topic in Nursery this term is 'Why do you love me so much?' we will be reading lots of stories about families and friends.



## Year 1



Year 1 have had a wonderful first full week. In RE we have been learning how we were welcomed into the world. In Science we have been investigating different properties of toys we play with. We followed the footprints

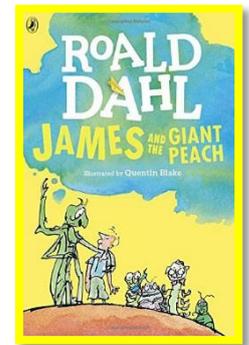


to find an elephant had been in our library and had a great time!

## Year 2



This has been a busy week in Year 2. In Maths we have been working on partitioning and using the  $<$  and  $>$  signs to compare numbers. In English we have been looking at the text 'A Bug's Life'. We have been thinking about the characters and discussing their actions. We wrote character descriptions about the main character 'Flik'. For Roald Dahl day we looked at the story of 'James and the Giant Peach'.



## Year 3

In Year 3, we have been exploring the Stone Age as an introduction to our topic this term. We used toilet paper to create a timeline that spread from 2018 on the right to the Stone Age on the left.

Each sheet represented 500 years and we realised just how long ago the Stone Age was! We then used this to create double bubble maps, thinking about the similarities and differences between the Stone Age and 2018.





## Year 4

This week Year 4 have been taking part in a daily times tables 'mash up' using dance moves created by Premier League mascots. The



children have loved learning the football inspired moves to help them remember their times tables. In English children have been using story boards to re-tell the story of Romulus and Remus. During science lessons, the children have been learning about how sounds are made and they have compared how different musical instruments make sounds. Children have used their knowledge, from their topic on the Romans, to create some interesting Roman vase designs.

## Year 5

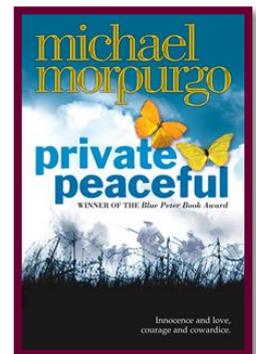


In Year 5 we have had an exciting start to the week as Stargazers, watching Neil Armstrong plant his flag on the moon and then recreating the experience in our classrooms through role play (we were also allowed to re-arrange the class to make it feel like we were floating). We have been learning about and using the 3G pitch, making sure we wear our trainers and not our school shoes. The pitch is amazing and the matches are so much fun.



## Year 6

Our topic this term is "World War One". In English we have been reading 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo, the children have really been enjoying reading about 'Tommo' and his life. This week, the children learnt all about propoganda and the impact it had on World War One, they then created some fantastic posters. In maths the children have been working on their times tables and arithmetic skills. We will also be deciding this week who will be House Captain and Vice House Captain for each team for the whole school. A great start to Year 6!



Let's keep it up!

### Thinking task of the week

Discuss this question:

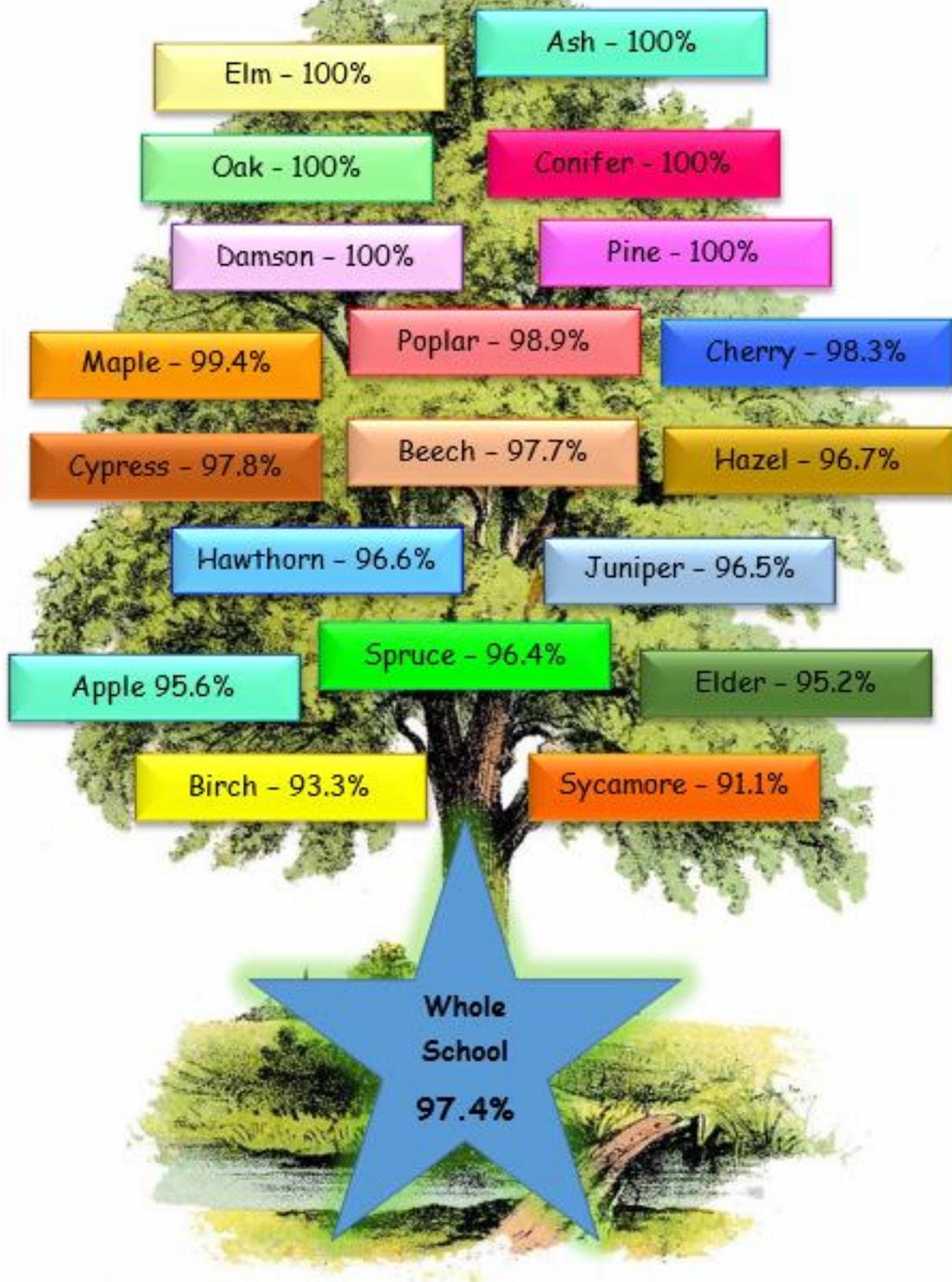
Find 5 different uses for a fork.



Next week's 'Think' is...

What is a community and what does it mean to belong?

# Attendance Matters!



Should your child be absent from school please contact the Attendance Officer, Miss Gooch on 01634 336532. If your child is absent from school we ask that you inform the school on each day of absence before 9:30am. Please ensure, when possible, children's appointments are made for out of school hours.



## Buster's Book Club

This week the winning class is Cherry class.

Well done to everybody in Cherry Class.

They each won a free ticket to Diggerland!!



### Dates for your Diary - Term 1

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Year 1 - Guildhall Workshop in School

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Jeans for Genes Day

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Year 3 - Trip to Weald

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5 - Astrodome Workshop in School

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Year 6 - Bikeability

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Bikeability

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Year 6 - Primary Proms - Royal Albert Hall

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Individual School Photos

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Year 2 - Creepy Claws Workshop in School

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - Whole School - 4:00-7:30

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - Year R, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 - 4:00-6:00

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - 4:00-6:00

### TEAM POINTS

This week the 'Holcombe Cup' has been awarded to River.

<b>Attendance Ace</b>	Conifer, Damson and Pine with 100%. Well Done!	
<b>Punctuality Penny</b>	Apple, Damson, Maple and Spruce with 0 lates!	
<b>Golden Tie</b>	Congratulations to:	
	Beech - Mason	Damson - Taylor
	Hazel - Neriah	Conifer - Jack
	Maple - Darcey-Anne	Hawthorn - Bethany
	Birch - Ethan	Poplar - Lillie
	Pine - Lydia	Juniper - Christiana
	Spruce - Henry	Sycamore - Abdul
	Apple - Henry	Cypress - Charlie
	Cherry - Charlie	Elder - Emma
<b>Achievement Alley</b>	Beech - Mihails	Conifer - Faisal
	Hazel - Leo	Hawthorn - Frank
	Maple - Diggory	Poplar - Alexandra
	Birch - Sydney	Juniper - Caden H
	Pine - Daniel	Sycamore - Isabella I
	Spruce - Millie	Cypress - Dennis
	Apple - Apple	Elder - Fareeda
	Cherry - Faiz	
	Damson - George	