



19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Children First – Aspire – Challenge – Achieve

Dear parents and carers,

This term has absolutely flown by! The children have enjoyed so many WOW events this term. There have been visits to places and visits from people. There has been experiences with creatures both alive and some used in cookies!

The children have settled well into their new classes and it is lovely to walk around the school and see the children working so hard. The adults have been working hard to make school exciting and meaningful to the children, we are very lucky to have such wonderful children and adults in our school community.

Next term will be the lead up to Christmas and many more exciting events to be a part of. Make sure you check your MyEd accounts and the Diary Dates to see which events are coming up for your child.

As the mornings get colder and darker, please make sure your child has a labelled coat, this means if they are lost we can get them back to their owners as soon as possible.

We wish you peaceful half term break and welcome the children back on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Murphy, Headteacher

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Last day of term.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Staff Development Day

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Start of term 2 – Pupils back to school

- Please take note that New Horizons' new contact number is 0333 360 2115. Please delete the old number.
- You should have received your child's club notification through on MyEd by now, please take careful note of what time your child's club finishes and what day it is on.
- **Year 3** – Predator Workshop – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - £2.50 needs to be paid via ParentPay by Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Year 5** – To start their topic next term the children will be building Tudor Houses on the first day back (30<sup>th</sup> October 2018). If you have any spare cereal boxes at home year 5 would greatly appreciate them.
- The year 6 pupils who attended the Hockey tournament had a great time and out of 48 schools came 10<sup>th</sup>. Well Done! New Horizons were recognised for their great sportsmanship!

## Nursery

In Nursery we celebrated our topic by inviting parents to come and join in with cooking activities. We have also been exploring pumpkins and we have been using all of our senses to do this.



## Reception

To celebrate the end of our Topic in Reception we have been planning a 'Friends party' based on the book Mr Big. We have written invitations, created decorations and iced biscuits. The children received a letter from Mr Big about the party, there has been excitement all round.



## Year 1

In Maths we have been using new vocabulary to distinguish which number is greater. We then used our reasoning skills to investigate and prove our answers. We experimented to find out if there was a relationship between a higher number and if that number was heavier. We continued our Science investigation developing our sense of touch and sight.



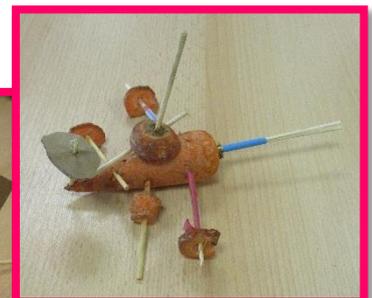
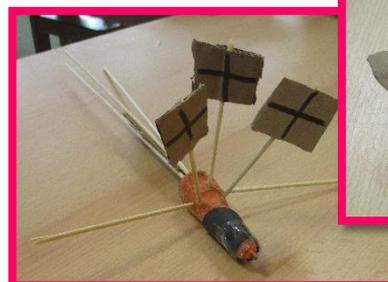
## Year 2

Year 2 have had a great last week of term which involved bugs and biscuits but thankfully not together this time! We had a great time with the man from Creepy Claws learning about the different mini beasts he had brought along with him teaching us a few things about others as well. We got to touch and hold them if we wanted to. Some of us were a lot braver than we thought. We ended our topic and week with biscuit baking and tasting. We looked at food hygiene and safety in the kitchen along with baking our own biscuits. Who knew we had so many budding bakers in year 2!



## Year 3

This week we have been thinking about teamwork in PSHE. We set the children the challenge of creating a car out of carrots. The children used their teamwork skills to organise the children in their group and assign roles to each member. The finished products look amazing!



## Year 4

In our English learning, we have been writing instructional texts on how to play our Roman games. In Maths, we have been focussing on solving word problems, especially those involving money. In Science, we set each other a quiz to test our sound knowledge.



## Year 5

In Year 5 we have had a very creative week - we have made rockets, linked to our Space topic and Poppies, ready for Remembrance Sunday. In English we created some great poetry and graffiti art to help us build on our figurative language. It was also great fun completing a Murder Mystery investigation in Maths, a whodunit at the cinema which linked nicely to our whole class treat of watching a film. We have had a busy but fulfilling week and are really looking forward to our next topic which is all about the Tudors. We would also like to thank all of those who attended parents evening, it was a pleasure to meet you all and discuss your children's achievements.

As you know, Miss Bennett has been teaching in Juniper Class since September and we confirm that she is now the substantive teacher for that class.

## Year 6

Year 6 have had an excellent 1st term! Learning about WW1, the heart, Black History and we finally cracked dreaded long division. Well done for all the excellent work you have done this term! This week, the children presented their project homework on Black History and we were blown away by the effort. The work some of the children put in was incredible and their work created a beautiful display. We would like to remind you that the children get homework on a Thursday and it must be brought in the following Wednesday. It is vital that every child keeps up to date with the homework so they do not fall behind. Half term homework has been emailed out to you all so we expect everybody to bring it back on the first day of term. We are really looking forward to seeing the WW2 projects. We would like to thank the parents and carers for the continued support this term and it was lovely to meet you all during parents evening. Have a great half term and we look forward to an even more successful Term 2!



### Thinking task of the week

Discuss this question:

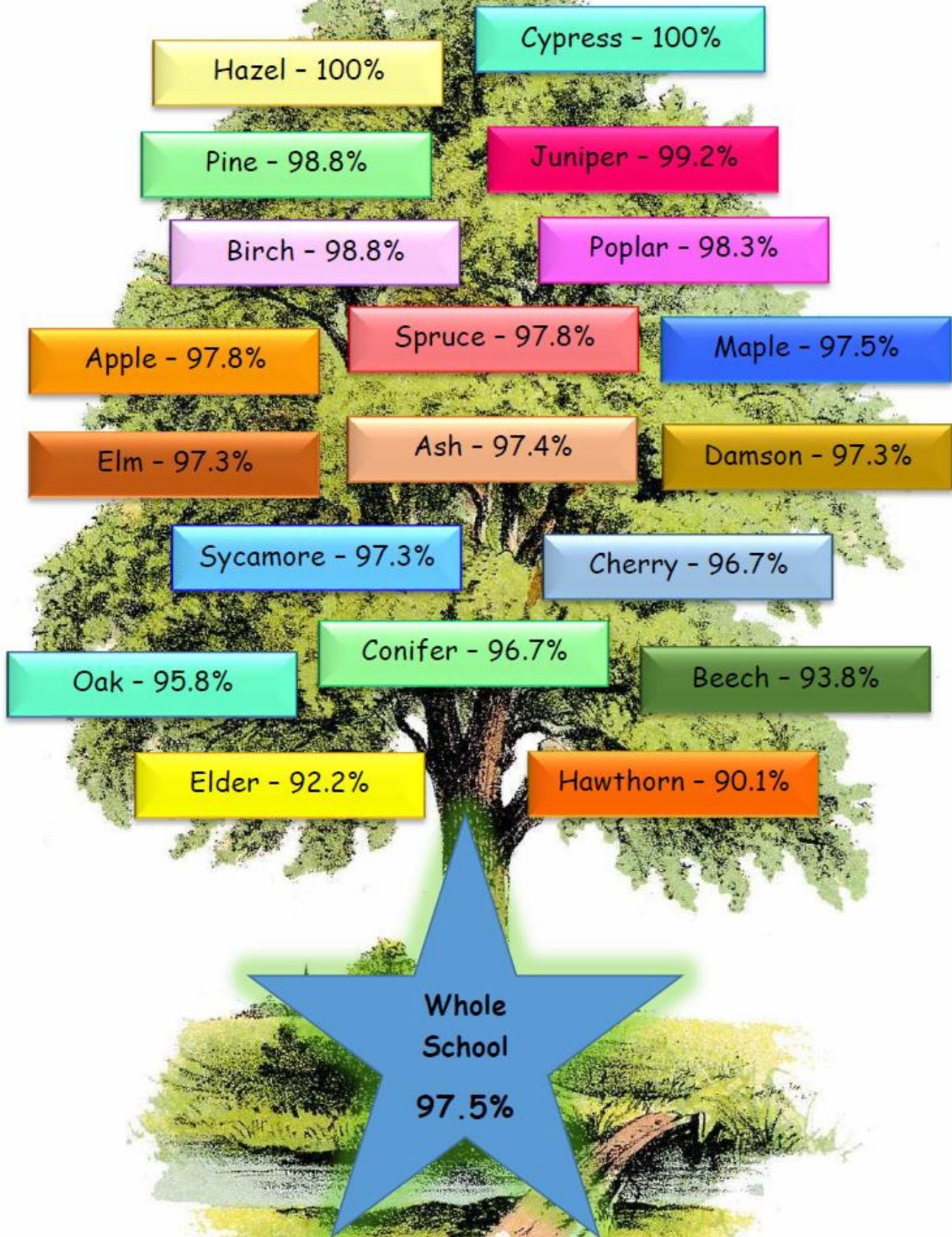
Use a bridge map to make comparisons?



### Next week's Think...

Can you point to where the sky starts?

# Attendance Matters!



## Buster's Book Club

This week our winning class with a huge 26 children meeting their target is Damson. Well done to everyone in Damson and to everyone else across the school who read on Wednesday. Keep it up next term!

With it being the final week of term, our final scores are in for the top three classes for the number of children reading at home every Wednesday.



1. Beech - 133 across the term

2. Damson - 120 across the term

3. Cherry - 109 across the term.



## Dates for your Diary - Term 2

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - Staff Development Day

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 - Start of term 2 - Pupils back to school

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Y3 - Predator Workshop in school

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November - 3:00-4:00 - PTFA Coffee Afternoon - Main Hall

Year 6 - Mini Youth Games - Basketball at Medway Park - team tbc

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - All year groups - Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - 6:30-7:30 - New to Year R Parents Evening

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Day - Whole School Poppy Event - poppies will be available for children to purchase in school

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Children In Need - Whole school - Spotty Tag Day

## TEAM POINTS

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

<b>Attendance Ace</b>	Ash, Beech, Damson, Hawthorn, Juniper, Maple and Oak with 0 lates!	
<b>Punctuality Penny</b>	Cypress and Hazel with 100% Well Done!	
<b>Golden Tie</b>	Congratulations to:	
	Beech - Kennedy	Damson - George
	Hazel - Grace	Conifer - Harley
	Maple - Zainab	Hawthorn - Jordyn
	Birch - Niko	Poplar - Daniel
	Pine - Harry H	Juniper - Lily
	Spruce - Noah	Sycamore - Tobi
	Apple - Abbey	Cypress - Emmanuel
	Cherry - MJ	Elder - Catherine
<b>Achievement Alley</b>	Beech - Harry	Conifer - Nathan
	Hazel - Harry	Hawthorn - Callum
	Maple - Haiden	Poplar - Brandon
	Birch - Max	Juniper - Charlie - Maddison
	Pine - Jeromy	Sycamore - Alise
	Spruce - Shyanna - Marie	Cypress - All of Year 6
	Apple - Layla	Elder - All of Year 6
	Cherry - Remy	
	Damson - Isabella	