



Newsletter 6

24th November 2023

Class Reference Information:

Reception
Robin and Wren
(EYFS/Foundation Stage)

Key Stage 1 (KS1)
Year 1: Swift, Nightingale
Year 2: Woodpecker and Kingfisher

Lower Key Stage 2 (LKS2)
Year 3: Osprey, Falcon,
Year 4: Buzzard and Skylark

Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2)
Year 5: Kestrel, Red Kite
Year 6: Owl and Eagle

In the past few weeks, there has been lots of learning happening for children, and staff! This week the Maths Strategic Lead for the Cam-Academy Trust came in and spoke to teachers about how to develop children’s understanding of numbers using a number stick! Staff have also been spending lots of time learning about phonics this term. Our phonics scheme is called Little Wandle. To run it successfully takes lots of hard work and planning, preparation, and training. The children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are making great progress with their reading.

In our assemblies we have been thinking about having an attitude of gratitude and children have been challenged to ‘be grateful not greedy’ and to ‘be grateful not grumbling’. They have been adding ideas to the gratitude box which included the following: ‘Every breath I take; hospital and friends; Primark; macaroni cheese; Pizza; having help in class; football; family! There have been some beautiful sunrises and colourful Autumn days recently!’. Children have also been thinking about our school value: **GROW**. We considered how growing takes time and that it happens in small steps!

Can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner? We traditionally start our festive season with Decoration Day on the 1st December. Due to timetable clashes with activities such as swimming and Forest School, some classes are starting early and will be having Decoration Day on the 30th November. We love it if parents/carers can come in and join children but understand if you can’t due to other commitments.

Reminder: Sign up by Friday 8th December for the School Christmas dinner.

Antibullying week – by a Year 6 pupil!

Here at Gamlingay Village Primary, we have really enjoyed learning that everyone is different. This week the whole school has been finding out about bullying and what we can do to stop it. We know that everyone is special in their own way and we shouldn’t make people feel bad about it. We have agreed that we should be respectful of each other and help each other. We had great fun coming into school wearing odd socks to show that everyone is unique. When we asked others, they said that bullying can make people sad and insecure and can hurt their feelings. They also said that we should think before we speak and that it is OK to have disabilities, and we should respect people the way they are. We have taken away with us that bullying is not okay but we can all help to stop it.

Reading: *Owning your own books matters! A lot!*

When children have a home library, as few as 20 books of their own at home (think: one bookshelf full), they achieve three more years of schooling than children who don’t have any books at home. Why not add some to your Christmas list?

Suggestions for conversations at dinner:

What are your aspirations for friendships? How can you grow towards them?

Coming up

- 30th Nov: Decoration day: Yr 4&5
- 1st Dec: FGVP non-uniform day
Advent assembly (Rev Semerene)
Decoration day: EYFS, Yr 1,2,3&6
- 5th Dec: Skylark assembly
- 7th Dec: Buzzard assembly
- 12th Dec: GenR8 assembly
Year 1 Christmas production (pm)
- 13th Dec: Year 1 Christmas production (am)
- 15th Dec: Christmas jumper day
School Christmas dinner day
FGVP School disco
- 18th Dec: Woodpecker, Falcon & Kestrel
Christmas singing assembly
Class Christmas parties
- 19th Dec: Christmas carol services at the Baptist Church
- 20th Dec: Kingfisher, Osprey & Red Kite
Christmas singing assembly
End of term (no Roosters after school)