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From the Head Teacher

E-Safety

As part of our IT Enrichment Week, it is worth stressing the importance of monitoring the settings and content on all devices that children are using at home. Our E-Safety Policy is on the school website and details how we keep children safe when using the internet and mobile technology and considers their safety during times of learning from home. As a school we want to emphasise the importance of a safe online environment and encourage parents and carers to set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites.

Please be aware, that social media sites including Facebook, TikTok, Instagram and Snapchat are not appropriate for primary aged pupils. Most have an age restriction of **13** due to content which can be inappropriate for younger children. For more information, please visit: Thinkuknow which provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online.

Digital Safety Workshop

Kidscape offering a **FREE** Digital Safety workshop for parents and carers from schools in Oxfordshire on **Tuesday 14th March 2023 - 8.00 pm - 9.30 pm**

The training is designed to equip parents and carers with the knowledge to understand the potential risks associated with keeping children and young people safe online while also covering the many positives of the digital world. The session covers harmful content online, privacy and security, cyberbullying, gaming, live-streaming, grooming, self-image and identity, popular apps and social media, health, well-being and how to make things safer within the home.

Learning outcomes

- Recognise and respond to risks posed by online activity
- Confidently navigate discussions with young people about the online world
- Introduce boundary settings and other approaches to support young people online
- Share own experiences and hear from others in similar situations
- Signpost where to get additional help and support.

If you would like to find out more, please email programmes@kidscape.org.uk

Key Areas of Information about Aston Rowant School: How does the school teach online safety?

As part of mandatory PSHE (Physical, Social, Health and Economics) Education in primary and secondary schools, pupils are taught about online safety in an age-appropriate way. This includes:

- what positive, healthy and respectful online relationships look like
- the effects of their online actions on others
- how to recognise and display respectful behaviour online
- how to use technology safely, responsibly, respectfully and securely
- where to go for help and support when they have concerns

We also support this in our ICT lessons looking at:

- online behaviour, including people acting strangely pretending to be someone they are not
- the rules and principles for keeping safe online: how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them
- how to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information
- how information and data is shared and used online

Kind regards
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Teaching and Learning in the Classrooms this week:



Hedgehog Class:

What a super fun week! We've really enjoyed a fun packed week starting with timetables rock stars, then we learnt about internet safety with Percy the Penguin. On Wednesday we spent the day with robots. We were learning how to debug when something goes wrong and how to program simple toys to follow instructions. We even turned Mrs Hall into a robot and had her make a jam sandwich. She got very messy! On Thursday we had an amazing time sharing a meal at Harvest Moon in Thame. The children were immaculately behaved and polite and they made us very proud with their table manners. They even tried lots of new foods. On Friday we enjoyed talking about the everyday uses of technology and shared our favourite technological toys. We made a film on the iPad of 'The Great Race' from last week's play scripts.



Squirrel Class:

A great final week before the half term holiday. A super NSPCC Number Day on Monday with a class full of rock stars. Well done for your fabulous efforts! We also marked Safer Internet Day this week and discussed ways in which we can keep safe whilst having fun online. The children also really enjoyed meeting some robots during ICT lessons with Mr Manning and will be coding algorithms for them in the coming weeks. Our stories in English have been amazing with lots of innovation and interesting takes on the classic tale of the 3 Little Pigs. In maths we have been estimating on number lines and comparing numbers with Y1 and Y2 have been having lots of practical activities for making and adding equal groups. In our Art lesson we explored shade and tone, experimenting how to create light and dark shades of one colour. Lastly, in Science we looked at body parts and which parts of our body are linked to our senses. The children were also very excited to spot some cheeky squirrels eating the donated bird feed outside our classroom window! 😊



Fox Class:

Where has this half term gone! The NSPCC Number Day was an opportunity to realise that maths can be found in many places; from measuring their bodies, to creating patterns from a range of 2D shapes to building 3D shapes and even building paper launchers and earing the distance. In English, the class took their dragon reports and read them to Squirrel Class giving them purpose to their writing which was to inform people. We also wrote instructions on how to feed or exercise a dragon and finished the week writing Kennings which stem right back to Viking times as they loved riddles. In Science, we had been tasked by Rishi Sunak to carry out a secret mission involving investigating what magnet was the strongest. The class were able to thin about how they went about the investigation and how it should be conducted. In History, the class wrote a mini report about the end of the Viking/Anglo Saxon era bringing an end to our learning this half term. In Art, the class were so excited to make their dragon eyes out of clay. I was so impressed in the way they thought about their design, carried it out and tidied the classroom afterwards too! We also met the robots and enjoyed getting to know them! Finally at the end of the week we were able to spend time spotting birds encouraged by the food donated to the school – thank you. Have a lovely half term and look forward to our next adventure in our learning next half term.



Owl Class:

It's been the swiftest of weeks here in Owl Class, as our NSPCC Numbers Day on Monday kicked off this final week of half term. Stretching their maths minds, the Numbers Day allowed the children to experiment with a range of maths-based challenges: accurately measuring their own body and producing a scale drawing to an exact scale, designing blueprints of a robot in exact technical drawing style using first, and third angle orthographic skills! In Science, the Owls were able to search for patterns in our own data rich environment: the school! Is there a correlation between height and foot size? How can they explore this in a maths sense? How can we represent this data best? this lesson gave them autonomy in how they gathered this data, and the rose to the challenge! In English, they crafted a formal letter of complaint from the main character of the excellent Letters From the Lighthouse, to Winston Churchill, about how the evacuee programme has left her family scattered, left her and her brother and lodged with unfriendly characters. The children really got into the character of Olive and seem like natural complainers! As the week winds down, they were able to enjoy Forest Friday with Miss Williams, and a fantastic and peaceful bird spotting session with Mr & Mrs Turton. All that is left for me to mention is that I wish you and the children a relaxing half term, and to enjoy this well-earned break. I will see you all again next term for our exciting new topics!

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Photo Diary of the Week



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Whole School Topic: Spring Term: Once Upon a Time

Values: Trust

Our theme this week in Collective Worship was knowing that our friends will support us. There are some wise words in the Book of Ecclesiastes that say: 'Two people are better than one...If one person falls, the others can reach out and help.' We have spent the week thinking about what it means to be somebody trustworthy, who can be relied upon to not let others down.

NSPCC Numbers Day and TTRS Relaunch

We had an amazing day on Monday and the children looked fabulous in their outfits. Thank you for all your kind donations, we raised **£52.50** for the NSPCC. The children had lots of fun taking part in the planned maths activities. We had ramp building in Hedgehog Class to see whose car could travel the furthest. In Squirrel Class the children completed an outdoor maths scavenger hunt with a focus on measuring, and Fox class attempted to create robots that could sling a projectile the furthest! Owls meanwhile, were busy cracking codes and learning about ciphers. All the children also took part in a 'NSPCC Rocks' challenge using either Times Tables Rock Stars or Numbots. They were challenged to be the class with the highest average number of correct answers. And the winner was.....Fox Class!

Climate Warriors Challenge

'One of the first conditions of happiness is that the link between Man and Nature shall not be broken' - Leo Tolstoy
Climate Change can feel huge. Start small. A simple green heart makes a big difference.

This half-term Young Climate Warriors are joining the #show the love campaign – creating 'green hearts' to share with others and their MP. People from all walks of life across the UK are coming together to #showthelove for the people, places and nature we want to protect from the worst impacts of the climate crisis. It's about repairing and restoring that link between Man and Nature. Share it, wear it, pin it or post it.

The Climate Coalition is the UK's largest group of people dedicated to action against climate change. Representing over 100 organisations, and over 22 million individuals, Young Climate Warriors is proud to be a member!

Book Review – When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle (Anderson Press) 10+ by Mrs Healy

Inspired by a true story. It's 1940, and Joseph has been packed off to stay with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no great fondness for children. To Joseph's amazement, she owns a rundown London zoo where Joseph meets Adonis, a huge silverback gorilla. Adonis is ferociously strong and dangerous, but Joseph finds he has an affinity with the lonely beast. But when the bombs begin to fall, it is up to Joseph to guard Adonis's cage should it be damaged by a blast. I really enjoyed this book but I have to admit, it's a bit of a tearjerker!!



Happiness Calendar: Friendly February

This month, we're encouraging you to try something new! You can find this month's happiness calendar [here](#).

Housepoints

<i>House</i>	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Total</i>
Bethlehem	51	171
Eden	53	178
Galilee	53	190
Jerusalem	42	166

Congratulations to **Galilee** who are the winners for this half term!

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Emails and Letters Sent this Week

Date	Email/Letter	For	From	Concerning
7 th Feb	Email	All Classes	PTA	PTA 100 Club
8 th Feb	Email	Hedgehog Class	The Office	Class trip
8 th Feb	Email	All Classes	The Office	Housepoint Winners
8 th Feb	Email	Reception and Year 6	School Health Nursing Team	Weighing and Measuring

Diary Dates Spring Term 2023 (New or revised dates in bold)

February	
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Half Term
Monday 20 th	INSET
March	
Wednesday 1 st	Weights and Measures Reception and Year 6
Wednesday 1 st	World Book Day – come dressed as a word! Bring a book to swap.
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th	Science Enrichment Week
Friday 17 th	Fox and Owl class trip to Science Oxford
Tues 20 th Wed 21 st	Parents' evenings
Friday 24 th	2:30 pm Children's work and books available for parents to look at with children. Please note that to accommodate PTA film night this has moved a week forward.
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	RE Enrichment Week
Friday 31 st	School Closes 1:30pm 1:30 PTA film night
April	
20 th April	Hedgehog class trip to Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital

Academic Year Calendar 2022-23

Autumn 22	
Tues 6 th Sept – Thurs 20 th Oct	Autumn Term (1)
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th October	HALF TERM
Mon 31 st Oct – Tue 20 th Dec	Autumn Term (2)
Spring 23	
Wed 4 th Jan – Fri 10 th Feb	Spring Term (1)
Monday 13 th – Fri 17 th February	HALF TERM
Tues 21 st Feb - Fri 31 st Mar	Spring Term (2)
Summer 23	
Mon 17 th April - Thu 25 th May	Summer Term (1)
Mon 29 th May – Fri 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Mon 5 th June - Fri 21 st July	Summer Term (2)