

News from KS1

Friday 17th June.

ICE Zone...

The children have been printing! The cloth on the printing table is a work of art in itself! We have looked at the work of Andy Warhol and talked about repeated images and use of colour.

The children have used thin polystyrene tiles to press a seaside related design into by stroking a sharp pencil over the surface of the tile until it creases. They have then used rollers to apply printing ink and carefully printed a repeated design onto coloured paper. It is a process requiring dexterity and patience.

The tiles can split and the ink is very sticky. The second part of the process is to cut out the design and over-print in a second colour. The results are striking and satisfying.

Willow Wonders!

"Peace at Last!", the children have loved learning this book and been writing their own versions, including Mrs Barnes trying to find some peace!

In Maths we have continued with Problem solving, the children are learning to look at problems as steps and know which step needs to go first.

They have even looked at problems where they have to find, for example, as many different ways that they can mismatch the socks.



Although it has been getting warm the children continue to work hard and are especially enjoying the outside ICE zone and the gardening.

This last week, as many of you know, we had the Phonic Screening test. I will take this opportunity to say how proud I am of all the children.

Cherry Champions!

Our lighthouse has led us to thinking about Grace Darling this week and we have been discussing her story and writing our own information piece about her. The children have been exploring the ideas of telling the truth in a report but being able to add details and adjectives about the storm and the sea to make their account more appealing to the reader.

Some children had remembered facts about Grace Darling from their reading of Horrible Histories books. It is always a bonus when their recreational reading and out of school experiences feed into the work in the classroom. The children are reading widely now and it is wonderful to see this once laborious skill blossom into fluency. The sticker chart for '5 reads and a Book Talk at home' is looking very full. Once again we thank you for your invaluable support in this. Reading is the key to so much enjoyment and learning.

In our Numeracy we have been applying skills to problem solving situations. This week we have been solving multiplication number problems. If there are 10 biscuits in a packet, how many are there in 6 packets?

Looking ahead to next year the children have had some morning playtimes in the KS2 playground. They are allowed to run!

Some of them were completely exhausted due to the novelty of this rule! Please talk to your children and feedback any areas where we can support them further in moving to Year 3 and do ask any questions you may have yourselves.

It is a familiar process to us, but we realise it is the first time for many of you and all of these children!

Reminders!

Sun hats and rain coats in school every day please – this is British summertime!