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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been in school! It has been full of learning, growth, and a focus on bravery. This week, we explored what it means to be brave—not just in grand gestures, but in everyday moments. Children have shared their own inspiring stories of bravery, whether in trying something new in their learning, joining a club, or stepping out of their comfort zones. It’s been heartwarming to see how they encourage and support each other along the way.

Thursday’s Census Day gave us an exciting opportunity to celebrate Chinese New Year. From delicious food to fascinating conversations about traditions and culture, the day was a vibrant and joyful experience for all. The positive feedback about the special menu was wonderful to hear—thank you for sharing your thoughts!

Finally, I’d like to extend a huge thank you to everyone in our school community for being so welcoming and supportive. Your kindness and collaboration make our school a truly special place to learn and grow together.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mr Waters

Event	Class/Year	Date
Big School Bird Watch	All	Tuesday 7th January—Friday 14th February
Dog Trust Visit	Y1– Y6	Friday 21st March



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## Robins



STAR of the WEEK



Grace

We've had a lovely, full week in Robins! This week, we began exploring our new topic, 'People Who Help Us.' The children brainstormed and shared lots of ideas about the people who help us in our daily lives. They particularly enjoyed engaging with the 'Dunsford Doctors Surgery' role-play area—it's been a big hit!

In our RWInc sessions, the children are excited to start bringing home a book bag book featuring CVC words. They're thrilled to share these phonics books with you, so do take the opportunity to enjoy reading together!

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# Kingfishers



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**SPORTS STARS:  
Jasper & Clara**

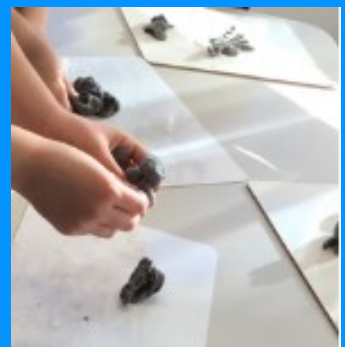
Kingfishers have had a busy week in maths, focusing on adding numbers together and using different resources to build confidence with trickier crossing-10 additions. We have been using dienes, number lines, and place value counters in ten frames.

In Science this week, we have been exploring different environments where creatures live and how we know something is living. It moves and respire, is sensitive, needs a nutritious diet, excretes, reproduces, and grows—MRS NERG!

In Art, we briefly paused our learning about Andy Goldsworthy’s land art so that Kingfishers could model their own sculptures with clay, creating our very own Dunsfordillos. Just like The Gruffalo, we can describe our Dunsfordillos using adjectives!

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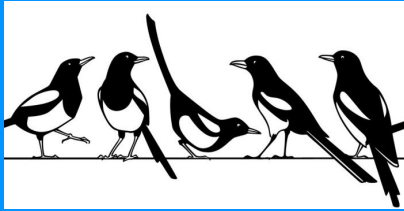




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## Magpies



**Harvey**

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SPORTS STARS:  
**Angus., Nuala, Quinn & Flora**

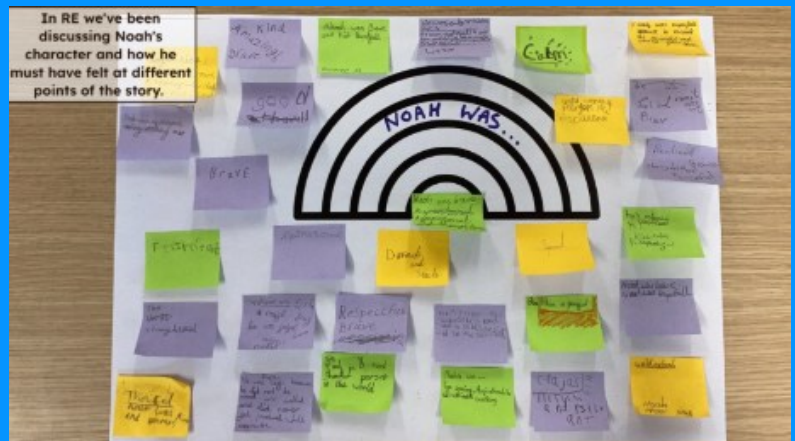
Another hard-working week in Magpies! We have been continuing our work on multiplication and have been exploring efficient strategies to multiply larger numbers – it has been quite tricky if we don't know our times tables facts speedily, so the more we can practise, the better!

In English, we have started writing a letter in role of Lydia Grace from the story “The Gardener” and have explored the use of metaphors, superlatives, and idioms in our writing – we have been very creative with our ideas.

In RE, we read and discussed the story of Noah’s Ark, thinking about how Noah felt at different points of the story and why.

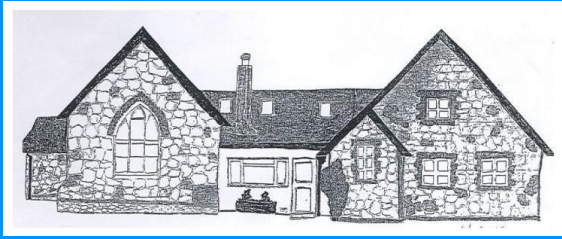
In Science, we planned and set up an experiment to explore the requirements of plant growth – we made predictions and are looking forward to seeing how each of them grows!

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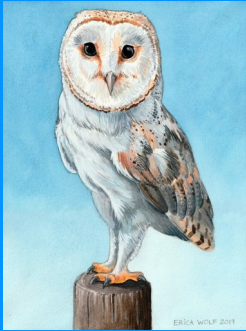




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## Barn Owls



**Tabitha**



**STAR of the WEEK**



**SPORTS STARS:  
Jacob, Tabby, Tabitha & Elliott**

What an amazing week we have had in Barn Owls! Mr Waters has commented about how well we line up and how we all uphold the school values (he has even given lots of dojos to the class for being amazing!).

In PE, we have begun our new unit on tennis. We learnt how to hold the tennis racket correctly and how to control the ball. Everyone shown great enthusiasm, and we look forward to continuing to improve their tennis techniques in the coming weeks.

In History, we have started an in-depth study of World War II. Students are learning about the causes, key events, and significant figures of the war. They're engaging in discussions, reading primary sources, and analysing the impact of World War II on the world today. It's been an eye-opening and informative topic for all!

In English, we have started our Sentence Stacking lessons, where students are learning to build complex and engaging sentences. As part of this, students are working on writing biographies about the incredible life of David Attenborough. They are exploring his early life, his contributions to nature documentaries, and his influence on conservation efforts. We're impressed with the creativity and detail that students are bringing to their writing!

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