



Amazon Class Friday 6th October

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We had a fantastic adventure at 'The Living Rainforest' yesterday. The children were inquisitive explorers; they were in awe of the beauty and magnitude of the forest. The butterflies and birds fluttering by, and the swimming turtles were a hit with both children and adults alike. Thank you to the parents that came to support. If you do want to go back to the Living Rainforest with your children, it is a fantastic family day out and I highly recommend it.

In maths, we have continued with our theme 'I can count' by comparing numbers, ordering numbers and looking at decimals all relating to our place value chart. We have focused particularly on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, using number lines and place value charts to help us. The children have been using the 'eyeball' method to help them round. Please do practice this at home with your children and ask them to show you this method. Next week we will move on to multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 and then dividing by those numbers using our knowledge of the place value chart that we are experts at using.

On Monday we have our Harvest Celebration at St Matthew's - please bring non-perishable goods for the local Foodbank and please bring a small contribution for the Harvest Service collection which is going to help children in Mexico affected by the earthquake.

We put our work on 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea' to one side this week to focus on all things harvest. The children have been writing a harvest themed acrostic poem using the phrase 'Harvest time is time to share' in preparation for the harvest festival on Monday. We began by discussing what harvest means to them and what they associate with it, before tackling the task of writing our poem with the challenge of including similes, metaphors and powerful descriptive language. They worked extremely hard and I was very proud of all of them. We have taken a line from each of their individual poems to create a class poem which we look forward to sharing with you all.

Important Notices for all parents

Morning and afternoon drop-off/pick-up:

1. Please come into school in the mornings via the side gates (into the main playground or into the EYFS playground). These gates will be opened just before 8.40 a.m. so that children can go straight into classes.
2. Please avoid coming through reception unless you need to speak to our administrators - please ring for entry.
3. We provide breakfast club for children who regularly need to arrive before 8.40 a.m. (please speak to Steph Lowe to enrol). Parents should deliver children to breakfast club by using the after-school-club bell and entering via the hall doors.

4. For those who occasionally arrive early, children may wait in the hall (although parents should be aware that this is not supervised) from 8.30 a.m. until classes are open at 8.40 a.m. Please could parents ring at reception for children to come in (not the bell for breakfast club).

Afternoon pick-up:

1. The two side gates will be opened just before 3 p.m. Children in EYFS to Y3 will be handed back to parents. Please could children in the KS2 building meet parents in an agreed spot outside on the playground.
2. If you are late collecting, children should go to the blue chairs in reception to wait. When you arrive, please come to reception to sign them out.

If you have any concerns, queries or just want to say hello please pop in the mornings or after school. Alternatively, you can email me (ehan1296@st-ebbes.oxon.sch.uk).

Enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes,

Ella Handley

Dates for your diary

- 9th October - Harvest Festival
- 18th October - Autumn concert
- 20th October - Last day of term
- 30th October - INSET day
- 31st October - Back to school