

THE PREP WEEKLY

31st January 2025



Message from Mr Lovett

Where are these weeks going! Friday seems to roll around so quickly as we move into February and the last two weeks before half term. Our assemblies this week focussed on two major events in the global calendar. Monday saw us mark 80 years since the liberation of Nazi Germany concentration camps. The children were so reflective and thoughtful regarding this event and asked some pertinent questions leading to mature discussion and dialogue. We then celebrated Chinese New Year on Wednesday and I was blown away by the knowledge our pupils demonstrated all the way from Reception up to Prep 6. To mark the occasion our amazing catering team put on a Chinese banquet at lunch complimented with fortune cookies which brought much fun to the refectory tables! As you will have seen from Class Dojo, Mr Partridge will be enhancing our Holiday Club provision with the offer of a Sports camp on selected dates during the Easter holidays. The dates available are Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th April and then the first four days of the week commencing Monday 14th April. In order for this to be viable we will need a minimum number of children to attend each day. Please complete the following form to register your interest by Friday 7th February.

<https://forms.office.com/e/9mmTkebTZ3>

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

The Week Ahead

Monday 3rd February

No Events

Tuesday 4th February

No Events

Wednesday 5th February

U11 Netball v Taunton (H)
U11 SW ISA Football @ St Joseph's

Thursday 6th February

U9 Netball Festival (H)
U11 Football v St Catherine's (H)

Friday 31st January

Year 6 Football & Netball v Stover (A)



Work of the Week

Friday 31st January

George Valentine
 George Sheppard
 India Bunney
 Alastair Barr
 Mason Lee
 Mena Rowlands
 Eliyah Mallada
 Roman Foxworthy
 Eli Lewis
 Hannah Till
 Ryan Lee
 Hugo Magill
 Grace Till
 Levi Rule

Birthday's Coming Up!

Shaun
Hauxwell



U9 Netball



Well done to our U9 girls who played in a mini tournament against Stover and Mount Kelly on Thursday. For some it was their first ever Netball game and for others it was their first time playing 'high five' where they learn about positions. They all played showing positivity and enjoyment and now know what to expect from a game. We look forward to practising their skills and playing in another tournament next Thursday against Maynards and Plymouth College!



TRINITY

Around the classes



The Lodge By Mrs Bryant

This week, we have been celebrating Chinese New Year, The Year of The Snake. We began setting up a lovely Chinese restaurant in our play area, where we enjoyed creating pretend dishes using colourful pasta to delicious noodle bowls, and served them up to our friends. To help our fine motor skills, we practised using chopsticks, which was fun and a challenge as we tried to pick up soft, squiggly noodles from the tuff tray. We listened to our book of the week, "Peppa's Chinese New Year," which introduced us to cultural elements such as dragon dances and the significance of the holiday. We also enjoyed watching "My First Chinese New Year" on CBeebies, which provided an engaging visual experience and enriched our understanding of the celebration. We also made colourful Chinese lanterns and decorated biscuits in red and gold; red being the lucky colour in China. Overall, our week was filled with lots of fun.



The Stables By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week we have been celebrating and learning about Chinese New Year through books and CBeebies Let's celebrate short clips. The children have been cooking in the Chinese restaurant role play area, enjoying a lovely Chinese feast at lunchtime with a fortune cookie each and panning for gold coins in the lucky red rice tray. They have also been practising skills such as moulding, rolling, painting and cutting to make clay snakes and paper plate snakes.



Reception By Mrs Ganner

Reception have enjoyed many Chinese New Year activities this week! After learning about The Great Race that started the Chinese Zodiac, we sequenced the story and made lanterns and snakes and had a go at writing some Chinese numerals. The children were really lucky to prepare, cook and taste their own stir fry and we also enjoyed creating our own dragon dance to Chinese music too. What a busy week! 🐉

Around the classes



Prep 1 By Mrs May

In Numeracy, we were exploring 10 and found lots of different ways to make it using three numbers. The magnetic coloured counters and tens frames really helped with this and the children recorded all the different ways they found, eg. $5+3+2=10$. Great work, Prep One!



Prep 2 By Mrs Miller

Prep 2 have been enjoying the classic story of Dogger by Shirley Hughes this week. They charted the feelings of Dave the boy who lost his beloved cuddly toy and used an online thesaurus to generate lists of synonyms for happy and sad. Also this week, they have used their wonderful bear sketches to write descriptions. Using a range of noun phrases and similes, they carefully followed the outline and were proud of their efforts 😊



Prep 3 By Mrs Young

This week in English, Prep 3 have been working hard learning about Roman Myths. On Wednesday the children learnt about the Roman Gods, and in groups were given a scenario card. The children chose which god would be the best suited to help with the situation, and then acted out the scenario to the rest of the class. The children then created story maps from their scenarios, and have started to write their own stories. Well done Prep 3!

Around the classes



Prep 4 By Mrs Hughes

This week in Science Prep 4 have enjoyed looking at how features in our local environment can have a positive or negative influence on our habitat. We have surveyed the school finding new things like the stream, offices, plants and construction areas. The class have discussed in detail how they are beneficial to our school and if they are a good influence on our natural environment too.



Prep 5 By Mrs Sutton

This week, Prep 5 have been mastering long multiplication. The progress they made in a few days was phenomenal and they rightly felt very proud of themselves. In Science, they have been learning about the seasons and hours of sunlight in each. On Friday, we took advantage of the sunshine to work on maintenance of the wildflower meadow we planted last year. Hopefully, it will look just as spectacular when summer eventually gets here this year!

Monthly payslip

in the boxes below on Billy's payslip:

Date	National Insurance Number
01/12/2018	LT 892155 2 1

Rate (£)	Amount (£)
2500	2,500
10 per hour (4)	100
	2,600

Contributions (8) 500
Deductions (9) 60
Total (2,040)

Billy's monthly budget

Fixed household costs: Things we "need" that cost the same amount

Essential living costs: Things we "need" but the costs vary from month to month or you may only have to pay for them a few times a year.

Non-essential living costs: Things we "want" but don't necessarily "need"

Monthly income

Fixed household costs

Sub total

Essential living costs

Sub total

Non-essential living costs

Sub total

Total monthly costs

Difference

Prep 6 By Mr Partridge

In PSHME this term, Prep 6 are learning all about the world of work... from qualifications and careers pathways to cv writing, interview skills and perhaps most excitingly - income!

This week we looked at an example payslip to understand the difference between gross pay and take home pay, as well as considering the importance of budgeting and planning what to do with disposable income. Some interesting questions and a lot of surprises especially about the concept of tax!



Prep Life Gallery

