



PRESTON BULLETIN



'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full ' John 10:10

Friday 30 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a busy week within the Federation. Our Reception children continue to settle well into school life. Baseline assessments are currently being completed in line with statutory guidance. We are also introducing the children in Reception and Key Stage One to Little Wandle Letters and Sounds, our new DFE validated Phonics scheme.

As you will see within the newsletter, a number of extra-curricular events are being planned in both schools over the term ahead. Please make a note of dates that are listed below in the newsletter, and look out for emails giving further information and updates.

In the next week or so, we will be sending out Information about parents evenings and how to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress. We are really looking forward to welcoming parents/carers into school for this occasion!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,
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PRESTON STARS OF THE TERM

- Ladybirds: **Lily** for excellent listening skills and following adult instructions.
- Bumblebees: **Neave and Alyssa** for their super role play and recall of facts about the Wright Brothers during our history lesson.
- Grasshoppers: **Ioná** for supporting her peers and acting as a good role model.
- Caterpillars: **Jimmy** for some brilliant poetry writing.
- Dragonflies: **Jay** for being a really positive learner.

LIVING THE MOTTO

'taking pride in the presentation of their work'

- Ladybirds: **Isaac**
- Bumblebees: **Zoe**
- Grasshoppers: **Damian**
- Caterpillars: **Harry**
- Dragonflies: **Lewis**



HARVEST COMPETITION

We would like to ask the children to take part in a photography competition on the theme of Autumn or Harvest. There is no need to use fancy equipment—just a standard phone or camera! This is entirely optional, but we will display the pictures in the hall, and prizes will be awarded for the winning entries!

If you would like to take part, please email your photograph, together with your child's name and class, to:
office@tasburgh.norfolk.sch.uk

Closing date: Monday 10th October.



PARENT FOCUS GROUP

The Chair of the Governing Board of Tas Valley Church Schools Federation is looking for expressions of interest from parents to sit on a parent focus group. This will be a series of informal meetings to be held on a regular basis and are a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement.

The aims of the Parent Forum will be to:

- work together to improve the education provided for our children
- share information, knowledge and skills
- meet in a mutually supportive environment
- further improve communications between parents/carers and staff/governors across the Federation of two schools.

If you are interested in joining our parent forum, please contact the school office to register your interest.

DIARY DATES

Monday 3 October	Coffee Morning for Parents/Carers of children with SEND
Tuesday 4 October	FOPPS AGM, 7pm
Monday 10 October	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 18 October	Harvest Service

W/C 17 October
shortly

Parents Evenings—details to follow

Monday 7 November

West End in Schools Workshop—
Poetry and Poppies (Years 3-6).
A copy of the letter is on the website—
we kindly request a voluntary
contribution of £5 per child.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who collected the EDP Sports Equipment for Schools Vouchers. Because we have collected over 1000 vouchers, we have won a prize of some sports equipment!

RAF STEM ACTIVITIES- DRAGONFLY CLASS



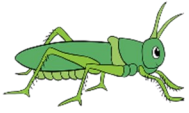
This week, Year 5 and 6 had the opportunity to work with members of the RAF Marham team on some STEM activities. During the day, they also designed their own robots and found out about how robots have developed over time.



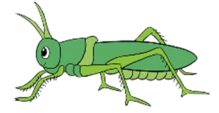
'The programming was really fun, sometimes we estimated and sometimes we used a ruler.'

'We put our robots together by following pictures on the iPad. Once we finished building it, we programmed it. We added more obstacles to make it more challenging.'





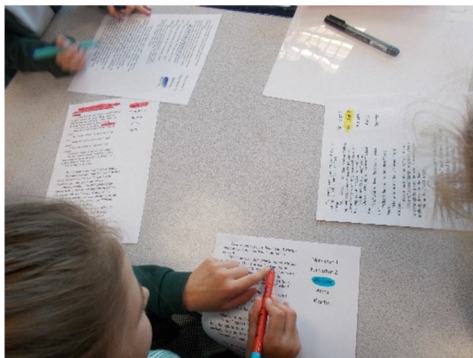
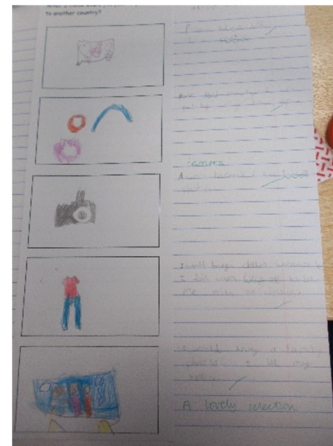
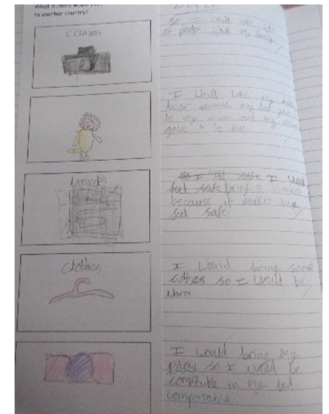
Grasshopper Class News



In Grasshopper class, the children have really enjoyed their learning which has been focused around 'Journeys'.

Our Power of Reading text 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' has linked in extremely well.

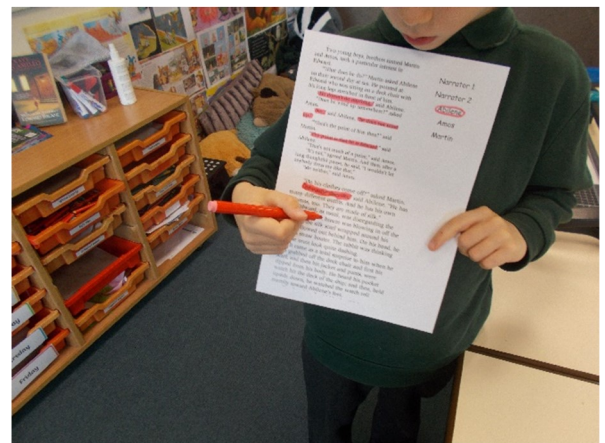
We have been able to explore our termly key concepts of fear, freedom and belief through this story.



The class discussed what items they would take with them if they moved to another country.

The main character, Edward, is about to embark on a big journey and we used drama to perform an event from the book.

We marked the text to distribute the lines within groups.





Harvest Festival

**Sunday 16th October
at 11:00 am**

Harvest Lunch

**Sunday 23rd October
12:30 for 1:00pm**

at

The Village Hall

Tickets: £7.50

Children under 12 £5:00

available from Pete Sluman

Tel: 471529

Mobile: 07970 003916





We are required to hold an AGM each year and would very much encourage parents to come along. This year's will be held on, Tuesday 4 October, 7pm in school, refreshments will be provided! This is an opportunity for you to find out more about what Friends is all about and to get involved.



Thanks from FoPPS

Thank you for supporting us at the Tasburgh Village Fete last weekend. We had some fantastic entries in the decorated cupcake competition. The winning entry was from Alfie and runner-up was by Immy. Our thanks to Mrs Cook (former school cook) for judging.

We raised over £200 through the competition, name the monkey and refreshments.

Thanks also for cake donations for Thursday's after school cake sale – we raised over £120.

FoPPS will be using this money to support the redevelopment of the school wildlife area.

Our next fundraising activity will be Christmas cards and tags designed by the children – more details to follow.