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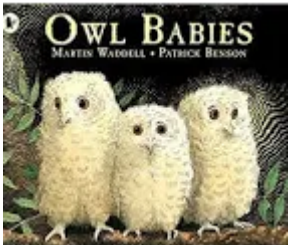
Dear Eastway families,

The children have all been very busy and worked incredibly hard again! I hope you enjoy reading about what all our classes have been learning this week.
With the weather becoming a lot cooler can you please ensure your child brings a coat to school so they can enjoy learning and playing outside in comfort.
Finally, a big thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning yesterday or bought a cake after school; we raised £200 for Macmillan Cancer support, which we will donate in the next few days.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Benson
Headteacher

Explorers  	Our Explorers have been enjoying the wonderful changes that autumn brings! We have been out and about collecting autumn treasures such as colourful leaves, sticks and other natural materials. The children have loved exploring the different colours, shapes and textures of their finds, using their senses to investigate and discover. We have also been getting creative and making our very own hedgehogs using autumn materials.
Nursery 	This week is 'Colour Monster' week. We are really concentrating on feelings and being able to recognise and talk about them. Ask your child which colour is sadness, fear, happiness, calmness and anger....

Lunar 	This week in Lunar we have read the story 'Pete the Cat'. The children have really enjoyed the repetition of language and the exploration of colours.
Reception 	This week, we have enjoyed the story 'Owl Babies', sequencing the events and retelling the story in Literacy. We also created our own owls using pinecones collected from Forest School. We learned about nocturnal animals and talked about the changes we can see during Autumn. In maths, we have been building and recognising numbers 1, 2 and 3. What a wonderful week of learning!
Apollo 	Apollo loved reading the story <i>Where the Wild Things Are</i>. We have been using Colourful Semantics to help us create and build our own sentences. In Maths, we have been learning about the composition of numbers to 4. We have been exploring different ways that numbers can be made and developing our understanding through practical activities. In Phonics, we have learned the sounds s and d. We have been practising how to recognise these sounds and how to form the letters correctly. In our cooking session this week we enjoyed planning and making our own sandwiches. We thought carefully about the ingredients we wanted to use and enjoyed making and tasting our creations.
Year One	Year 1 has had a fabulous week filled with lots of exciting learning! One of the highlights was our science lesson, where we explored our five senses. The children became fantastic little scientists as they used their senses to investigate a variety of mystery objects and tried to guess what each one was. It was wonderful to see everyone being so curious, enthusiastic and involved in their learning. Well done, Year 1! We are very proud of all your hard work ★
Year Two	Year 2 enjoyed finding out about how to keep safe from germs in science. They did an exciting experiment using glitter to represent the germs. Ask them what they found out! They have come up with some wonderful ideas ready to write their stories next week in English. We can't wait to read them!
Year Three	We have had another lovely and busy week in Year 3, with lots of exciting learning taking place! In Maths, we have finished our place value topic and have begun exploring addition and subtraction, looking closely at numbers and spotting connections between them. In English, we have started planning and forming the opening of our 'Approaching Threat' narratives, focusing on how to build tension and suspense for the reader. We have also enjoyed reading a wonderful poetry book, exploring a different theme each day and sharing our thoughts and ideas about the poems. In History, we have been learning how archaeologists use evidence to help us understand the early settlement of Britain by Homo sapiens. We have continued to

	develop our times-table fluency, keeping track of our scores and celebrating the progress we are making each day. It has been wonderful to see everyone challenging themselves and becoming more confident in their learning. We are so proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity and effort the children have shown throughout the week. Well done, Year 3, on another fantastic week of learning! Make sure you keep up all the fantastic home reading!
Year Four 	Another fantastic week for Year 4! We have had so much fun and hard-work in our classroom and are really settling in nicely to Year 4. We have loved learning about Anglo-Saxons and have been super history detectives trying to figure out if they were seafarers or settlers. In maths, we have been loving our Roman numerals and are so excited to sing our new roman numerals song - they may even do extra practice this weekend as they love it that much! In English, we have written some beautiful setting descriptions this week and are so eager to learn even more next week! We have been so amazing with our PE lessons that we can now move onto some exciting ball skills next week also!
Discovery	Discovery has had another busy week of learning! In English, we have been making predictions about <i>The Girl at the Front of the Class</i>, while in Maths we have been exploring fewer than and less than. In Science, we continued learning about our senses, focusing on hearing, and in Art we enjoyed using charcoal to create different marks. We have particularly enjoyed learning about our brains and their amazing ability to change and grow through neuroplasticity!
Year Five	Year 5 have worked exceptionally hard once again this week! In English, we have started writing our Space Journey narratives, incorporating fronted adverbials, metaphors, expanded noun phrases and dashes for parenthesis. The children have produced some wonderful work so far, and I can't wait to read all of their finished pieces! In Maths, we have continued our work on place value, developing our reasoning and problem-solving skills. We even challenged ourselves with some SATs questions! In Science, we recapped our learning about thermal insulators and wrote up our investigation from last week. It has been fantastic to see the children applying their scientific knowledge and explaining their findings. I am so proud of everyone - keep up the amazing work Year 5!
Year Six	Year 6 have been very busy creating their diary entries based on the text 'One Day'. We have just finished them and are about to start editing and publishing our work. In maths, we're busy enhancing our knowledge of addition and subtraction strategies. In Science, we've conducted an investigation to see if changing the amount of voltage in a circuit affects the brightness of a bulb.
Enterprise	This week, the children have enjoyed their work in English, writing a narrative piece related to their text <i>Leon and the Place Between</i>. In maths, the class have made good progress with rounding

	numbers and have moved onto negative numbers. In history, we studied and compared examples of primary and secondary sources related to the Ancient Greeks, and further refined skills with skipping in PE.
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Every day matters at Eastway!

As you all are aware, attending school every day has a massive impact on children's attainment in school and we are aiming for 96% attendance or above across the school.

Well done to **Discovery** who have had **98%** attendance this week. Well done on making sure you're in every day; enjoy your extra playtime!

If you are planning to take a holiday during term time, please speak to the office about completing a holiday form. This means that school won't attempt to contact you whilst you are away because staff know where the children are. Informing the class teacher only will not necessarily mean the holiday has been approved.



Water bottles



Please make sure you send your child into school with a water bottle every day. It is very important for them to stay hydrated throughout the day.



Reading Challenge



We kindly remind all pupils and parents about our daily home reading expectations. Please make sure your child reads for 10-15 minutes each day at home. This simple routine helps build strong reading habits and improves comprehension skills. To encourage participation, we are holding a weekly raffle where pupils who complete their daily reading have a chance to win a reading voucher to the value of £10! This is our only regular home learning activity, so your support in making it a regular part of your child's routine is greatly appreciated.



Reading volunteers appeal!

We all know the benefits of reading regularly. We would really like to have more volunteer readers in school to support children who would really benefit from some extra practice. If you could offer a morning or afternoon to become a volunteer reader, please let the school office know and we will get in touch with more details.

