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Dear Parents and Carers,

In our Collective Worship this week we introduced this term's **Lifesavers Big Question: How do we look after our money?** This is the final Big Question of the year and the children will be exploring how they make wise choices when spending, the different ways in which we can keep track of and save our money and when and how it is safe to borrow money. The children already have a good understanding of how to keep money safe and we will build on this through the Lifesavers sessions over the next two weeks.

We also took some time in our worship today to celebrate the life of **Sir David Attenborough**, 100 today, and the work that he has done to educate, inform and inspire us all to look after the world we live in. Children have made cards which will be delivered to him thanking him for his years of service.

Next week is Year Six SATs Week and the children will sit 6 tests over 4 days. The children have been working hard to prepare for these tests and they are ready. To support the children we ask for even smoother starts to the school day next week; we ask that all children are prompt to school and that we have a calm start to each day and for you to keep our children in your thoughts and prayers as they show off their learning!

Below is a summary of the learning that has taken place across the school this week.

Early Years

This week, we have continued learning about Minibeasts in Early Years, focusing on ladybirds through the story *What the Ladybird Heard*. The children enjoyed joining in with repeated phrases and sequencing the story, thinking carefully about what happens at the beginning, middle and end. In Nursery, the children have been consolidating subitising up to 5, while the Reception children have been securing subitising up to 10. They supported their learning by creating ladybirds using pebbles, linking this to their counting skills. In RE, we are focusing on special places to us. The children have been talking about and describing places that are special to them, supporting their communication and language development.

Year One

In Year One children have been studying the fairytale *Little Red Riding Hood*. So far children have sequenced the story and retold it in their own words! In maths they have been practicing counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children built arrays using unifix cubes.

Year Two

This week Year Two have been continuing their work on *Florence Nightingale* and exploring the art of monoprinting. The results have been very effective in portraying her outline and the children have been having a great time looking at what materials work better when printing; linking to their Science topic of materials! We have been writing instructions in English and the children have been watching the clock in maths with our topic of time! The children are definitely enjoying the warmer weather during PE as we take on some athletics.

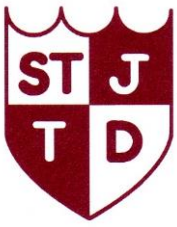
Year Three

Year Three has had a brilliant week. In Maths, we explored our new unit on money, where the children learned more about the UK's currency system. In Science, we learned about friction and experimented with different surfaces to explore resistance. We also used our research and comprehension skills to find facts about Ancient Greece in Connected Curriculum. In English, we learned how to plan a story and write effectively. Well done, Year Three, for your continued hard work!

Year Four-Five

This week in English, the Year Four and Five children have been developing their writing skills by using a range of organizational and presentational devices to structure their work clearly and effectively. They have begun making thoughtful choices about vocabulary and punctuation to create different effects for the reader. The children have also been proofreading their writing carefully to check spellings, grammar and punctuation errors. In addition, they have been using a range of conjunctions to develop and extend sentences, helping to make their writing more detailed and engaging.





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Year Six

This final week before SATs has been an excellent example of how Year Six can apply themselves as we have really maintained focus on fine-tuning, revising and improving reading, spelling, punctuation, grammar, arithmetic and reasoning skills. We have been looking at past papers to understand what the question is asking and what strategies are needed, we have reviewed key arithmetic skills and key terms and understanding for reading and grammar.

Head Teacher awards were presented to the following children in this week's celebration assembly.

EYFS	Lissabeth for initiating play with new children in class and making them feel welcome. Amarii for showing amazing counting skills, counting numbers up to 40 one by one.
Year One	Isaac-Prasie for showing the Value of Gentleness when sharing the playground equipment with his peers. Zahra for making links when using repeated addition and beginning to explore writing multiplication sentences.
Year Two	Jayden for writing a terrifying traditional tale full of detail top hook and engage the reader. Maliyah-Rose for using great imagery when writing her Traditional Tale
Year Three	Isaiah for his positive contributions in Science when learning about friction, and for showing enthusiasm and hard work across all subjects. Benjamin for being helpful and respectful in the classroom, staying focused, and encouraging others to make the right choices
Year Four & Year Five	Adama for demonstrating great support and gentleness towards his classmates each day. Your encouragement, patience and caring nature make a positive difference in the classroom. Melajah for consistently showing gentleness, kindness and care towards others in the classroom. Your supportive attitude and thoughtful actions help create a happy and welcoming environment for everyone around you.
Year Six	Amina for her focus, determination and efforts to succeed in lessons which was demonstrated in her excellent improvement in her recent arithmetic test. An improvement of more than 10 marks! Tianna for her excellent attitude to learning, she is trying her best in every single lesson and has shown good progress across all of her subjects and should rightly feel very proud.

The house point totals for this week are:

 GARRISON	37	 AUGUSTINE	29
 FRANKLIN	41	 DICKENS	36

On a final note, an email was sent recently regarding the purchasing of your child's photograph taken earlier this term. The deadline for making a purchase is Sunday 10th May, this must be done directly with Tempest not the school. If you have any questions please speak with Ms Farruggio in the front office.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland
Head Teacher

