

Dates for the diary

May

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday Monday – school closed

Wednesday 8th May

Tag Rugby competition - 12:30-3pm

Thursday 9th May

School nurse drop in session

Monday 13th May

KS1 Quad Kids 10.30am-3pm

Thursday 16th May

Year R Trip to Weald Country Park (Kingfisher)

Friday 17th May

Year R Trip to Weald Country Park (Woodpecker and Owl)

Monday 20th May

Rev Goodliff Assembly - 2.30pm
Wednesday 22nd May

Race for Life event

Thursday 23rd May

Reception measurements

Friday 24th May

Reception measurements
Year R Trip to Weald Country Park (Swan and Peacock)
Break up for half term

June

Monday 3rd June

Return to school

Monday 17th June

Reception artist visit

Friday 14th June

INSET Day - school closed

Outdoor Learning

Tuesday 7th May

Peacock and Swan

Wednesday 8th May

Owl

Thursday 9th May

Kingfisher

Friday 10th May

Woodpecker

The children were all very smiley on Wednesday for the class photographs. Proofs will be sent home once we receive them.

Hamstel is a large school site which gets very busy with children and families in the mornings and after school. Please could we remind everyone of the need to be respectful of others, including our neighbours, to ensure that everyone feels safe. This includes:

- Not allowing your children to ride bikes or scooters on the school grounds and ensuring that your child is scooting or riding safely on the way to school and on the way home;
- Not parking on the zig-zag lines or double yellow lines in Poynings Avenue or parking across our neighbours' driveways;
- Not smoking or using bad language on site nor at the gates when children are around;
- Not bringing dogs on to our site, either on a lead or being carried. Please do not leave dogs tethered outside unattended as they can become rather excitable or distressed with large numbers of adults and children walking past;
- Being mindful of parents and carers with walking aids or those who are visually impaired.

Thank you for your co-operation. Enjoy the long weekend!

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

This week we have been focussing on the story; 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children have enjoyed listening to a variety of versions of this story. They have had the opportunity to paint a picture of the Wolf from the story and enjoyed playing 'What's the Time Mr Wolf'.

In Maths we have been focussing on comparing quantities of small animals, counting actions such as clapping and finding the total amount of two groups of objects.

We have been speaking to the children about 'Stranger Danger' and discussed what a stranger is and what we should do if we get lost.

Sounds we have learnt as a group this week : 's', 'd' and 't'.

Year R - Reception

This week we have been reading the book The Gingerbread Man. We have been learning to retell the story and act it out as well! In Literacy we have been learning to write a short version of The Gingerbread Man. We are now encouraging the children to think of their own sentences and write them independently. In Art and DT we have been designing our own gingerbread men, making our own tasty gingerbread men and then evaluating them. In Maths we have been learning about time and repeated patterns. We have been learning to tell the time to the nearest hour as well as make times on our own special clocks.

How to help at home:

Encourage your child to look at clocks around the home. Can they tell you the time when it is on the hour?

Encourage your child to think of their own sentence and write it down. Please bring in examples to share in class or add them to tapestry

Red words of the week: oh, could, looked

Hamstel Nursery

We are open for applications for children to join our Nursery in September 2019. If your child is due to turn 3 before 1st September please contact the school office to collect an application pack.

Sainsbury Active Kids Club

During the summer holiday, Hamstel Infant School will be hosting Sainsbury's Active Kids Club. The holiday clubs are designed to help kids to be more active and lead healthier lives in the summer holidays. There are all sorts of activities including sports such as tennis, gymnastics and dodgeball, alongside arts & crafts, circus skills and the opportunity to try a para-sport! Kids will be grouped by age, helping to build their confidence with new people and new activities. All of this is only £7.50 per child per day, which includes a healthy lunch and snacks. The club will run Monday to Friday from 25th July until 30th August (excluding the August Bank Holiday - 26th August), from 9am-4pm and are delivered by Premier Education trained and accredited coaches.

If you would like more information or to book a place for your child, please visit

<https://activekids.sainsburys.co.uk/>

School Nurse Drop In

The School Nurse will be in school on Thursday 9th May between 9 and 10am. She is available to see parents and carers on a drop-in basis to discuss any health concerns you may have about your child and to offer advice. Please contact the office to book.

Weekly Attendance Award

Reception: Peacock – 98% **5th win in a row**

Year 1: Newt – 97% **2nd win in a row**

Year 2: Hedgehog – 99.4%
2nd win in a row



Year 1

This week we have enjoyed exploring different plants and flowers in the Wildlife Area. We identified different common plants and flowers in a plant hunt, labelled them from pictures and did some observational drawing, focusing on the shape and detail of the plant. In Science, we have been learning all about Hedgehogs, thinking about where they live, what they eat and how they stay safe. We wrote our own reports on Hedgehogs in English. In Maths, we have been looking at telling the time to the hour and half past and drawing hands on the clock. Why don't you test us at home?

REMINDER: Please ensure that all children have their PE kits and Swimming kits in school.

Next week Duck class PE will be on Tuesday and Newt class PE will be on Friday.

Year 2

In Literacy this week we have enjoyed spending our time researching about Meerkats and then writing our own reports about them. In Maths we been thinking about addition and subtraction and practising the methods we have learnt during Year 2, as well as doing some addition and subtraction problem solving. We're getting pretty good at this now! In Art we have been exploring using paint to create 'hot colours' to represent an African Sunset. We then added some silhouettes of animals to create an African Savannah sunset.

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Next week Squirrel will have PE on Friday.

Dinner menu

Tuesday

R - Slow cooked shredded British pork taco with coriander brown rice & apple coleslaw

G - Balsamic Caramelised Red onion & cheddar cheese quiche with new potatoes

P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise

Peas & cauliflower florets

Orange & Courgette sponge with custard

Wednesday

R - Farm assured British roast beef, Yorkshire pudding & traditional gravy with rosemary roast potatoes

G - Chickpea & sweet potato falafel wrap with minted yoghurt slaw

P - Wholemeal pasta with tomato & basil sauce

Roasted seasonal root vegetables & broccoli

Fruit flapjack

Thursday

R - Creamy British chicken & tarragon pie with mashed potato & gravy

G - Spinach, mushroom & mozzarella lasagne with a garlic bread shard

P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise

Carrots & Green beans

Traditional chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce

Friday

R - Fish fingers & chips with tartar sauce

G - Creamy tagliatelle with Creme Fraiche & nut free pesto

P - Pasta with tomato & basil sauce

Baked beans & garden peas

Raspberry ripple ice cream