

Happy Friday everyone!

This week, I've been spending time in classes talking to the children about their learning.

Each new topic or unit of work starts with a 'Big Question'. Children then go on to learn the 'Big Ideas' – the core knowledge and skills that they need to fully engage with the topic, progress in their learning and answer the Big Question.

When you are speaking to your children about their learning, see how many Big Questions they can remember, and talk about what they are learning to help them find out the answers!

Fledglings		
English	What do I need to retell a story?	Story structure, character, plot
PE	How do we use our bodies to move?	Changing direction, changing speed, moving safely.
Little Owls		
History	How have Toys changed over time? How can we find out about the past?	Examining evidence and artefacts, chronology, events within living memory.
Science	What is a habitat?	Classifying animals and plants, adaptation, life processes, living and non-living.
Geography	Where am I?	Countries of the UK, continents and oceans, maps, symbols, routes.
Music	How do we talk about music?	Vocabulary to respond to music – pitch, dynamics, tempo, structure.
Wise Owls		
Maths	How are multiplication and division connected?	Times tables, division facts, recall of facts, written methods. New vocabulary – factors, multiples.
English	What are aspirations?	Biography, telling our own stories, hopes and dreams. Using sentence structure and grammar: conjunctions, fronted adverbials, adventurous language.
RE	What makes some texts sacred?	Judaism, Christianity, holy texts and scripture, worship, sacred ideas and sacred objects.
History	Why did the Romans invade and settle in Britain?	Invasion, power, sources and evidence, cause and consequence, civilisation
Science	What are the properties of solids, liquids and gases?	Particles, changing states of matter, investigating difference substances.

Attendance

Class	Weekly %	Year so far %
Fledglings	91	96
Little Owls	98	94
Wise Owls	100	95

Well done Wise Owls – extra play for you this afternoon!



This week we are sending big congratulations to:

Anna in Wise Owls her fantastic maths work!

Ettie in Little Owls for being kind and helping others!

Scarlet in Fledglings for trying her best in English!



Date	Event
Tues 27 th Jan	Holocaust Memorial Day We will have a child-friendly assembly to mark this day
Thur 29 th Jan	Lunar New Year A chance to learn about and celebrate Chinese New Year. Children will be having an assembly, doing lovely activities, learning the story of the Chinese Zodiac and doing some food tasting!
Mon 2 nd Feb	National Storytelling Week This week we will read a selection of our favourite stories to the children and celebrate the wonderful traditions of oral storytelling.
Monday 9 th Feb	Safer Internet Day Trip A trip to Reed First School for Wise Owls! We will be taking part in workshops with Reed and Therfield to learn about staying safe online.
Fri 13 th Feb	End of half-term Dimsdale award and celebration assembly in school for pupils only.
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th Feb	Half Term Holiday