



Whitstable Junior School

Learning today for life tomorrow

Week ending 9th September 2022



A message from the headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

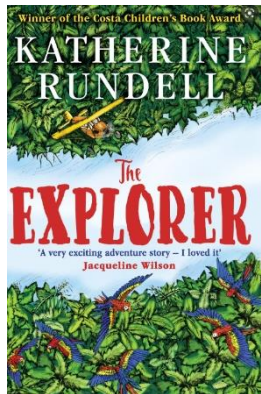
Our first full week back with the children has flown by and suddenly it's turned into Autumn.

This week the children have been discussing the importance of caring for each other. We will be continuing this theme throughout the term and hope you will join us in caring for those with disabilities next week when we raise awareness of '**Jeans for Genes Week**'. The children will be allowed to wear non-uniform (ideally jeans in some form) and asked to bring in a donation so that we can raise money for such a worthwhile cause. So that children who have PE on Friday are not disappointed we are saying that they can bring their PE kit to change into on that day rather than wear their PE kits to school. We will

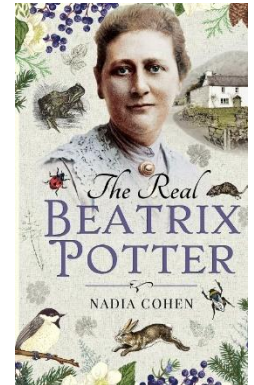
have a collection pot at the gate to collect the donations. Year 3 children will also be bringing home the WJS Royal Native Citizenship booklet for Caring and a letter should be in your inbox explaining all about the award.

On Friday 16th September we will be celebrating the life and times of the incredible author, **Beatrix Potter**. Mrs Tucker has organised a range of fabulous activities for the children to get involved in.

However, more about this week. In year 6 the children have been delving into the

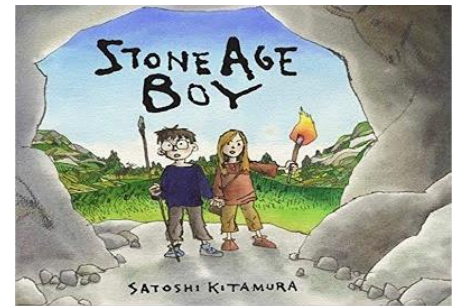


Amazon Rainforest with their book *The Explorers*. They have been discovering where in the world the Amazon and other rainforests are located. In maths, they have been solving puzzles with place value up to 10,000,000. During Science sessions, they have started to find out all about classification and the work of Taxonomists across the world.



Year 3 have wowed their teachers with their amazing attitude to learning in their first full week at WJS. In literacy, they have loved reading more of their text 'Stone Age Boy' and used some wow vocabulary in their inspired writing. In science, they

tested the durability of rocks using real rocks. They have done all of this and more with such an excited attitude about school and we could not be prouder of them all.



Year 4 children have been reading the wonderful *River Story* and using interesting and exciting adverbs and adjectives to describe the river's journey. In maths they have been working hard looking at representations of numbers to 1,000 and 10,000. In topic and science they have started looking at how rivers are formed and making their own water-cycle in a bag!

The children in Year 5 have been learning about fronted adverbials (I know!!) and how they can use them to improve their writing. They have begun their new art topic about Pointillism, looking specifically at George Seurat; and are looking forward to trying out this new painting technique to produce their own pieces of art. They had great fun separating different materials using sieves in their science lessons. As you can see, the children have done so much this week and had great fun too.



The week has ended with some sadness though as we all heard about the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We held an assembly this morning to remember all the wonderful things she did for our country and finished the assembly by watching her take tea with Paddington Bear. We felt it was right to remember that when people die, whilst it is sad, we can also remember the fun times we had with them.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warmest regards,

Annie Knoupe

Attendance...

Attendance
this week was
97%

If your child is too unwell to attend school then please phone the school office by 8:50am. We have a new phone system where you can choose option 1 and leave a message. If we don't hear from you, we will have to ring you otherwise this becomes an unauthorised absence.



Online Safety Tips...

5 INTERNET
SAFETY
TIPS FOR KIDS

Here is a short video giving tips for staying safe on the internet.

In school we always teach about staying safe online but it is always good to refresh your child's memory as often as possible.

[5 Online Safety Tips For Children Link to YouTube](#)

Headteacher Ambassadors...

Introducing our new Headteacher's Ambassadors

Head Ambassadors

- Phoebe (6H)
- William (6M)

Deputy Ambassadors

- Brooklyn (6H)
- Maisy (6T)

Eco Ambassadors

- Amelia (6T)
- Zach (6M)



Community...

THE
LINDLEY PLAYERS

Playhouse Open Day

Saturday 17th September 2022

1030 - 1330

104 Whitstable High Street

A few other reminders....



**THINK
BEFORE YOU
PARK!**

CHILD SAFETY COMES FIRST

Parking

Please park safely and sensibly when dropping your children off or picking them up. We absolutely understand the challenges of drop off and pick up times, but none of them are worth endangering a child's life. The zig zag yellow lines and double yellow lines are there for a reason. Parking on these endangers life.

Letters

[Click here for the website where you will find all letters.](#)

Term Dates...

Term 1

September

Friday 16th – Beatrice Potter Day and wearing jeans to support Jeans for Genes Day-
Deadline for deposit for Year 6 Residential to Gillwell

Tuesday 20th – Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 21st -Year 3 and 4 Road safety talks

October

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th – Celebrating World Space Week

Monday 10th – Friday 14th – Celebrating Black History

Monday 10th October – Wear something Yellow for World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 18th – Parents Eve (early)-info to follow

Thursday 20th – Parents Eve (late)-info to follow

Friday 21st 2022 - Term 1 Ends

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 24th October 2022 to Tuesday 1st November 2022

Term 2 Starts

Wednesday 2nd November