



# Ashton Hayes Primary School weekly newsletter

**Good afternoon – welcome to this week's newsletter. Another busy week at Ashton Hayes.**

## **Owls:**

This week in English, we have started our new book, *The Iron Man*. We've been using some fantastic adjectives and similes to describe the setting and our main character, which helped us create our amazing Kenning poems! In Maths, we have been working extremely hard to understand and confidently use the bus stop method. We are nearly ready for a review, so keep practising your times tables at home.

In Science, we are loving learning about forces and magnets. The children had lots of questions about magnets, which we will explore throughout the half term. We're excited to experiment with magnets in the coming weeks. In History, we have been learning about Iron Age inventions and how they helped people survive and develop, such as making fire, taming dogs, and farming. In Computing, we have started using Scratch, which is more challenging and complex than ScratchJr, and everyone has enjoyed the new challenge! In PE, we are enjoying practising our sport this half term – rounders – and making great progress.

Well done on another fantastic week of learning, Owls!

## **Peregrines:**

Peregrines have had a fantastic and very busy time in their learning this week! In English, the class has worked extremely hard to identify the structure and key features of texts, while also developing a strong understanding of the writer's knowledge and purpose. In Spelling, pupils have confidently explored adding the suffix –ous to different root words. History lessons have been full of interest as the children investigated the reasons why the Anglo-Saxons migrated to Britain, asking thoughtful questions and sharing great ideas. In PE, the class has shown excellent teamwork and determination while further developing their dodgeball skills. Well done, Peregrines – keep up the amazing effort!

## **Buzzards:**

Buzzards have had another brilliant week. We're feeling back in the swing of things and settling back into routine beautifully. Our Year 6 children have worked really hard this week and I'm super proud of them all. Alongside our usual writing, reading, maths and everything else, we're also beginning to build up a little more SATs practise. The children's attitudes have been wonderful and our first Booster session (with a side of biscuits) was fab! The afternoons have been slower and more relaxed. Our art project this half term is all about painting skills and using watercolours, which is exactly what we need to wind down after a long morning of hard work. In science, we've started our new topic, 'Animals and their



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habitats'. We've recapped some of the vertebrate and invertebrate groups that we already know as well as learning a few new ones (with rather unusual names!). Finally, we've started our history topic which is all about the Titanic. This will be great to compare and contrast with our work on Shackleton in English.

## **Sparrowhawks:**

Year One Sparrowhawks have enjoyed meeting the characters in their new book 'Hermelin' - they have learnt and used some lovely new ambitious language related to the story.

We have been finishing off our DT project- designing and making cookies- they are now looking forward to the final test... tasting!

We have started to explore features of our British woodlands including our very own forest.

In science, we have started our work on 'animals including humans'. There was some lovely teamwork as they created and labelled life sized bodies.

We are looking forward to learning more about Hermelin, Bog Baby and all of our topic work next week.

## **Kestrels:**

This week we have been learning about the Arctic and have talked about the differences between hot and cold countries. We have had a fabulous time with our messy play, creating shaving foam fun land for our mini penguins. We have also made the most beautiful scarves using fabric, tissue and water spray. Ask your child about our amazing blubber experiment!

## **Forest Tots:**





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## **Attendance:**

Class	This week's attendance	Cumulative attendance for the year
Kestrel	94.95%	96.87%
Sparrowhawk	98.57%	95.51%
Owl	93.87%	97.12%
Peregrine	94.84%	97.5%
Buzzard	91.79%	96.37%
Whole school	94.99%	96.66%

## **Celebration Assembly**

Kestrel – Sienna

Sparrowhawk – Kate

Owl – Aimee

Peregrine – Chloe & Richard

Buzzard – Lucy & Eve

## **Mr Bell**