



24 February 2023

Gillingham St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy



Message from our Executive Head It was good to be back to routines this week, we hope that you all had a restful half term. We have come back straight into a busy week with new clubs starting and parent's evening, many thanks for your support with these. **Mrs Brand**

SKYLARKS Welcome back to Skylarks! Spring 2 has lots of exciting learning in store, we have started a Dance topic in P.E. and have begun looking at the Easter story in R.E. In Science we have been continuing our longitudinal study and looking at changing seasons which has involved scavenger hunts and tree observations. We will be starting a D.T. topic this half term where we will get to prepare and design healthy snacks! In Music we are looking at Soul and to kick off our topic we listened to some Diana Ross and Whitney Huston. **Mrs Carroll**

MALLARDS We have had a fantastic beginning to the new half term. The children thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the castle on Monday. During the day we got to reenact what life would have been like in Ancient Egypt, look closely at real artefacts that were over 3000 years old, design some jewellery fit for a pharaoh and learn about the process of mummification. The staff were really impressed by the knowledge that the children already had. We look forward to cooking in DT later this term. In Science yesterday, we looked at the parts of a plant and their function. Our new guided reading books are The Firework Maker's Daughter (Year 4) and Mr Penguin (Year 3). **Mrs Munro**

SWANS It has been great to be back after the half term holiday. This week the children have started their new PE units on dance and basketball. This week they created a paired sequence using the dance by chance method. In basketball they learnt about travelling and were challenged to use both hands. They also met our new sports coach Mr King from Ipswich Town FC. Just a reminder that for this half term they need inside PE kit on a Tuesday and outside on a Thursday. I am looking forward to seeing what they all come dressed as on Thursday next week for world book day. This year our theme is All Creatures Great and Small. **Mrs Sherwood**



A BIG SHOUT OUT to our excellent ambassadors who represented our school at the Y5 and Y6 Maths Challenge days this week at Norwich School. They were all exceptional. Well done Chloe, Iris B, Joel, Nathaniel and Harry B!!



We are celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday 2 March** here at school. Everyone is invited to come to school dressed as their favourite animal/creature from the world of books.

We will also be raising money for new books here at school by having a book sale during lunch break and after school. There will be books for all ages so please send in some money if your child would like some new books to read!

All books 50p each 😊



Kingfisher Federation are celebrating World Book Day 2023 on Thursday 2nd March with the theme of

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

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Congratulations

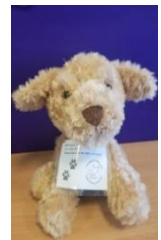
TO THIS WEEK'S WINNERS:

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS - SWANS
KINGFISHER WINGS READING – MALLARDS



ATTENDANCE Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure is **91.79%**.

With **Swans** winning our Attendance Teddy with their class attendance of **92.39%**.



LEARNING WITH LEGO EDUCATION

We have signed up to the Learning with Lego Education Campaign and would LOVE your help with collecting tokens!! Tokens are daily in the Eastern Daily Press, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Norwich Evening News, EADT, Lowestoft Journal, Ipswich Star and many more from this week.

Please spread the word to friends, family and Neighbours. We will have a collection box here at school very soon.

Thanks for all your help!




Dear God,

Thank you that you are a generous God and that you give us so many good things. Please help us to be kind, to do our very best and to be generous when we are helping others.

Amen

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

March

- 2:** World Book Day 'All Creatures Great & Small Theme' – non-school uniform (favourite animal/creature dress) & book sale.
- 17:** Comic Relief Red Nose Day – crazy hair, non-school uniform & bake sale.
- 30:** Y5/Y6 to SJHLS Music Concert.

All future dates can be viewed on our school calendar via our website: <http://www.gillingham.dneat.org/calendar/>