

Shillington Lower Bulletin

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Our value of the month: Forgiveness

FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2019

The Reading Challenge!

We have introduced the children to a new whole school reading challenge starting this half term. All children are being encouraged to read at home with an adult every night. Every day, adults in class check who has done this. On a Friday, we average the scores to find the class with the highest amount of reading at home.

In assembly this morning there was great excitement as the class received points. The class with the most reading was awarded 5 points, then 4,3,2,1... The points were converted to moves along the reading challenge board where the classes are heading towards Hogwarts! The class furthest along/the first to reach the end each half term will be awarded a non uniform day treat.

We will keep you up to date with the progress of the classes. This week, year 1 and Year 3 shared the top spot and were awarded 5 points each, Rainbows and Year 2 were in joint 3rd place and were awarded 3 points and Year 4 were last with 1 point awarded.

Adults please help us to keep check by signing the diaries to say that children have read. Keep reading at home everyone!



Shillington Superstars

Rainbows

Matilda

Cameron

Unicorns

Jack O

Tate

Dragons

Teddy

Ben S

Centaurs

Drew

Charlie

Phoenix

Lily

William

Exciting Writing

Rainbows

Iona

Ethan W

Unicorns

Alfie

Joshua

Dragons

Limani

Adora

Centaurs

Lily

Ayden

Phoenix

Penny

Pixie News

Pixie class had a spooky week last week, our story of the week was 'Room on the Broom'. The children made chocolate covered witches hats, carved pumpkins, played with slimy jelly and practised our scissor skills by making funny pumpkins. This week we have made some fantastic firework pictures and 3D rockets. The children have been mark making and writing their name in sparkly firework tuff trays.



Unicorns News

We have been busy this week reading our new book 'Send for a Superhero'. The children have created some fab wanted poster around the baddies and writing letters to superheroes asking for help. The children have been really enthusiastic about this and enjoyed sharing their knowledge of superheroes. In Maths we have been focusing on adding, using different methods to help us including the number line and part part whole. We have also been enjoying Dance on a Thursday afternoon with Jenny, learning our pirate dance! See if the children can show you their new moves.

Centaurs News

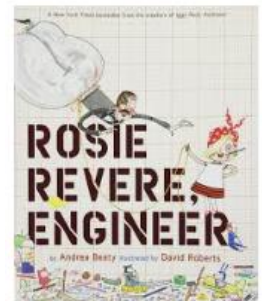
We have been working hard on adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers; we have been able to draw, write in words, write a number sentence and explain a given number sentence. In pairs we have written a recount of our chosen text 'first drawings' showing great cooperation skills, we then swapped with another pair to read and edit their work. During PE we have been lucky enough to have a coach teach us a Bollywood routine and everyone has had so much fun!

Rainbows News

Over the last couple of weeks we have been reading the book 'I am Henry Finch'. We have really enjoyed learning about our feelings and how we can listen to our thoughts. We created our own little "Finch" and did some amazing writing to go with it! We have also been enjoying Dance on a Thursday morning with Jenny, learning our superhero dance! In Maths, we have been using the Numicon to help us understand numbers more and their value.

Dragons News

We've been busy writing instructions for what to do if there is a fire alarm in school. We learnt about imperative verbs and adverbs and used these in our writing. Next week we'll be looking at a new book called Rosie Revere, Engineer, which links well to Growth Mindset.



In science we've been looking at different materials and how we can make them change.

PS the Half Term homework was fabulous!

Phoenix News

This week we have enjoyed inventing our own flying machines and writing detailed instructions on how to use them—I am very impressed with the creativity and description included! In Design Technology we have explored electrical circuits ready to invent our own games. This links perfectly to our topic of electricity in Science. Our new book we have started to read in English is 'Gulliver'. We have found out about exciting fictional characters and have been discussing our thoughts and using our inference skills to answer questions. What a great week Phoenix Class!

Diary Dates

Term Dates 2019—2020

These are the dates agreed with our cluster of schools for 2019—2020

Autumn Term 2019

Wednesday 4th September 2019—Friday 20th December 2019

Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7th January 2020 - Friday 3rd April 2020

(Inset day: Monday 6th January)

(Half term: 17th-21st February)

May Day 2020—Please note change for VE Day Anniversary, May Day is now Friday 8th May 2020

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April 2020 - Friday 17th July 2020

(Half term: 25th-29th May)

Please note there is no Inset day on Monday 20th April 2020 as shown on CBC Website academic calendar

Parent diary dates Autumn term

Children in Need non uniform	15 th November
Read with your child session	18 th November 8.45-9.00
Flu vaccinations years R-4	20 th November
PTFA mufti for Christmas fayre	22 nd November
PTFA Santa shop	27 th and 29 th November 1.00-3.00
PTFA Christmas Fayre	6 th December 4-6
KS1 Carols in the Church (details to follow)	9 th December pm
Rainbows Nativity (details to follow)	10 th December 9.30am
	11 th December 2.30pm
Christmas crafts with parents	12 th December 9.15
Years R-4 to the Panto	16 th December
Whole school Xmas Dinner (details to follow)	18 th December
End of term	20 th December

Social and Emotional wellbeing

At Shillington Lower our Social and Emotional wellbeing TA is Helen Copeland. She provides support to many children for a variety of reasons. This support includes Sunshine Circle Groups and Drawing and Talking, both which support social and emotional wellbeing. She also works with children who may have friendship issues, worries at home or are dealing with bereavement in their families.

Support can also be accessed through CAMHS <https://camhs.elft.nhs.uk/>

Please talk to us at school if you have any concerns

Children in Need—Friday 15th November 2019

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 15th November to raise money for Children in Need. Suggested minimum donation is £1 however if your family already donates to this worthy cause please do not feel obliged also to donate to school.

School Council are also planning a 'decorate Pudsey' activity. Children will need to pay 50p to help decorate a giant Pudsey at lunchtime on that day.

