



# Hartest Primary School

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***“Inspiring, Nurturing Caring”***

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Dear Families,

We have enjoyed the Spring sunshine this week, spending most play and lunchtimes on the field, much to the children’s delight!

It has been another busy week. Kestrels carried out a Science investigation measuring a shadow at various times throughout the day, Hedgehogs had an active morning at Forest School today and Squirrels have been identifying rocks and their properties as part of their Science. I had fun reading ‘Kipper’s Toybox’ to Hedgehog Class on Wednesday too. Of course, this is only a glimpse of what our pupils have been learning – hopefully they come home and tell you all about it!

This week we have welcomed a new pupil, Summer, into Kestrel Class. We are happy that you have joined us Summer. We welcomed Nicki Dixon too. Nicki will be visiting on alternate weeks to share a Bible story with each class. Yesterday, the children sat in the outdoor classroom and listened to the story of ‘The Creation.’

Each week we will be including our certificate winners in the newsletter so that all our children’s achievements are shared, as we are so proud of them. 😊

Have a lovely weekend,



*Mrs Gentry*  
*Head of School*

## Hedgehog Class



Hedgehogs have had a busy time in their math’s lessons this week. Year 1 children have been learning to count in twos, fives and tens and Reception children have been working on number bonds to 10.

The children were very excited to see the return of our Mystery Reader via Zoom. A big thank you to Tenyson’s Mummy for sharing the story *Moose* by Robert Munsch.

In English we have been using the book *Dear Greenpeace* by Simon James to study the criteria for writing an informal letter and the children have enjoyed posting letters to each other in the newly acquired class post box.

On Thursday we had another treat when Nicki Dixon came to share a bible story with us. It was extra special to be able to use the outside classroom to learn about the story of Creation.

*The Hedgehogs Teaching Team*

### Squirrels Class



This week the Squirrels have been working hard at mastering subtraction. We started by representing a two-digit number on a place value grid then subtracting another two-digit number from this. We have increased our understanding of exchanging 1 ten for 10 ones when we need to.

Then we progressed onto using the column method and used our subtraction skills to calculate the answer. We learnt a Stem sentence to help us remember: - "If the digit in the top row is smaller than the digit

below it, you need to borrow 10 from the column to the left."

In English, we have continued our Teaching Sequence for Writing based on recounts. We have identified features as well as compared a selection of recounts to see which had the most features.

Lastly, linked to the 'Pebble in my Pocket' book that we are reading as a class, we all contributed to creating a timeline of events going back about 480 million years ago!

Well done Squirrels! #greatlearning! 😊

*The Squirrels Teaching Team*

### Kestrels Class

Kestrels kicked off the week with planning and carrying out their own science experiment to prove that the universe is heliocentric. They studied shadows changing throughout the day, explaining the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.

The children have been working very hard on learning to add and subtract fractions with different denominators and are starting to develop the necessary skills to write their own newspaper article based on the moon landings.



We've also been lucky to be able to start Reading Gladiators again with Mrs Long.

There have also been many achievements in our assembly; Denholm has done a great job tackling fractions, Corey got 60/60 on TTRockstars, Sabella did a fantastically expressive reading. Lewis has achieved his 30 House points certificate. In our reading certificates, Denholm has read for 21 days and Alfie has managed 63 days! Our Pupil of the Week goes to...

...Ronnie for always trying her hardest in all things. And last but not least, we have a special out of school achievement for Sienna for coming 5<sup>th</sup> in her class in her Tetrathlon, which includes shooting, running and riding! Well done everyone.

***The Kestrels Teaching Team***

### **Sharing Assembly**

Every Friday we take part in a virtual school sharing assembly and this week we congratulate the following children:

**Pupil of the Week Certificates** – Luca (Hedgehogs), Alice (Squirrels for always having beautiful joined handwriting), and Ronnie (Kestrels for always trying her hardest in all things)

**Achievement Certificates** – Charlie, Rudy and Louie (Hedgehogs), Annabelle for an interesting story about her pebble, Tyler for being a subtraction superstar in maths (Squirrels), and Corey, Sabella and Denholm (Kestrels).

**Reading Challenge Certificates** – Luca (21 days), Daisy (42 days), Eva (21 days), Annabelle (112 days), Denholm (21 days), and Alfie (63 days).

**Out of School Achievement-** Sienna and Hero for coming 5<sup>th</sup> in her tetrathlon (wow!)

### **Bank Holiday Monday**

We are closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for the bank holiday- a long weekend in the sun!

### **Go Purple Day- 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Come to school on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May wearing something purple, and make a donation to Relay for Life Cancer Research UK!

### **Playing in the Sun**

As the weather warms up we will be asking the children to wear a sun hat while out on the field or playground. Please have a look at home for a suitable hat that can be kept at school (named of course!).

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