

Weekly Updates 8th February 2019

EYFS Weekly update

We have loved this windy weather - it has been great for running with ribbons, making and flying kites and just for the feel as you are running in the wind. Friday, when it was drizzling, we got out umbrellas which we used to dance with, spin around and to find out what happened when the wind caught them.

We would appreciate any donations of tights with an age range from 2 to 6 years. If you have any school ones at home we would be grateful if these could be returned as soon as possible.

We would like to remind you that if your child has been unwell, we would ask for 48 hours clear prior to returning to school.

Nursery

This week we have enjoyed celebrating The Chinese New Year with Oliver and Alice. We have tasted Chinese food, created our own dragon dance and playing in our Chinese restaurant. A big thank you to Alice's Mum for coming into Nursery, teaching us songs and reading stories and to Oliver's Mum for giving us some lucky red envelopes with a chocolate coin inside! We have put lots of pictures on Tapestry.

Next week our sound of the week is C. Please only send items into Nursery for our sound table and not other toys and books from home; it is causing a great deal of upset in Nursery when the children can't find them.

Reception

Due to the weather Sunshine Class didn't go to the woods this week; we will begin again after half term. We have enjoyed finding out about how The Chinese celebrate the New Year and designing and making our own lucky red envelopes. We have had some of the large apparatus and an assault course in PE and children who go to Gymnastics have been showing us how to land safely when jumping off the benches.

We hope you have had a lovely weekend from all the EYFS Team.

Year 1

This week in literacy we have continued our work on traditional tales with the Story of Little Red Riding Hood. The children have been thinking of adjectives they can use to make their writing more interesting and we have had some fabulous descriptions. Next week our final traditional tale will be The Three Little Pigs. In maths we have begun our work on

measuring, this week thinking about length and measuring using standard and non standard measures. Next week we will be thinking about how we measure the weight of something.

In the second half of the Spring term we will be studying Neil Armstrong as this year celebrates the 50th anniversary of Neil Armstrong landing on the moon.

During the Half term week The Apex is hosting a Museum of the MOON. This is a free exhibition running from Tuesday 19th February and may be something of interest to visit with your child.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year One Team

Year 2

Thank you to all parents who have attended the Parents' Evenings so far – it is lovely to hear that so many children are enjoying learning at school.

This week the children have been demonstrating their knowledge of Greenland by comparing it with Bury St Edmunds. They have looked at physical and human features, as well as how daily life differs. They also had an exciting science lesson on Wednesday, where they tested which materials were best for cleaning up dirty coins!

In Maths this week Mr Winch's group will be looking at representing data through tally charts, pictograms and bar charts. Mrs Alexander and Mrs Gilbert's group will be learning about 2d and 3d shapes.

Next half-term Year 2 will be getting a visit from some small zoo creatures! This will be part of our forthcoming topic and will be used as a stimulus for much of our learning.

Please see the letter in your child's book bag for further details and a request for a voluntary donation of £3.80 towards the visit. This should be an exciting and rewarding experience for the children and wouldn't be possible without such contributions. Thank you for your support!

Have a great weekend

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

It was lovely to see some of you at Parents Evening on Thursday and we look forward to seeing more of you on Monday. We hope you enjoyed looking at all the super work the children have been producing.

We have been very lucky with the weather so far, and hope to complete our unit on rounders with more mini games on Tuesday. On Wednesday, we will be discussing healthy eating and how important it is to have a balanced diet. Our Music lessons on Samba will be coming to a close; culminating in a multi-rhythm instrumental composition. French will be revising vocabulary from the last few weeks and in Humanities we will be looking at South America in preparation for our Rainforest topic.

Please remember to hear your child read and sign their reading log at least 3 times a week. We will check those that are handed in before assembly on Monday and issue merits accordingly.

Have a great weekend,

Year 3 Team

Year 4

We've had another busy week in Year 4. The children have enjoyed writing their stories set in the South Pole and they have impressed us with their descriptive language and imaginative ideas.

In Maths Miss Lee's group have been calculating the area of shapes and Mrs Howell and Mrs Hickey's group have been working on division, multiplication and money.

In Geography the children have learnt about different biomes around the world such as: the savannah, taiga, tundra, coral reefs, fresh water and deserts. They learnt about the climate, plant life and animals that live there. In Science the children learnt about the difference between a biome and a habitat. In PE the children continued their rugby lessons.

Please note that all five pieces of homework need to be completed and in school by Friday next week.

Thank you for those of you who attended Parents Evening - we look forward to seeing the rest of you on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

Next week in Science, we are starting a new topic 'Changes in Materials.' The children will conduct an investigation separating various mixtures. In Art, the children will draw a face in the Cubist style.

PE continues outside on Monday and inside on Thursdays. In RE, the children will look at the life of Jesus. In Geography, the children will complete their travel brochure about Spain and continue to write an advert, recording it on a green screen.

We hope you found the Thursday parent consultations informative. We look forward to seeing more of you on Monday.

A reminder that you are invited to come into the Year 5 and 6 classrooms on Friday 15th February between 3.30-4.15pm for an informal look at your child's books. This is an opportunity to look through the children's learning so far this academic year.

Have a good weekend

The Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6

What a busy week the children have had! In English, they finished writing their first draft of their Global Warming leaflet; they have worked really hard and engaged well with this current issue. We hope to find time after half-term to write this in a leaflet format. To add to their leaflet, the children have also worked on plotting data in graph format as well as doing this for their WW2 History research.

We are extremely excited about our WW2 week starting on Monday, particularly looking forward to seeing the children in their costumes! We have a range of exciting and engaging activities planned for throughout the week, all around the WW2 topic.

A final reminder that all children should bring in their materials that they have been

collecting for the past few weeks for their Anderson shelter, on Monday. If you have any additional materials that your child will not be using, we will appreciate if they can be sent in also, for spare.

In order to undertake our planned 'Mend and Make-Do' task, we ask if each child could bring in a pair of socks on Monday – these can be old or new, but they will be cut up – thank you.

Furthermore, some of the activities will take place outside. We therefore would like each child brings a spare pair of shoes that you wouldn't mind them getting muddy, a pair of gloves and also a warm change of clothing (these do not have to be period costume!). Please could these be bought into school for Monday and kept in school throughout the week as different children will need these at different points.

Thursday's outdoor P.E session will continue as usual, with a WW2 theme. Children will need their P.E kit in school as usual for this.

To finish our WW2 week, we have a VE Day celebration planned for the children. If children wish to dress up in a WW2 period-style party outfit, they may do so.

Finally, as we will not have many opportunities to mark and go through homework next week, we have only set pages 12-21 from the Maths Arithmetic book; this is due Tuesday 12th February. We also encourage that children continue to practise the spellings from the complete Year 5/6 word list, ready to be tested on 1st March.

Enjoy the weekend!

The Year 6 Teaching Team