

WEEKLY UPDATES 01 March 2019

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Maths Day by taking part in a variety of problem solving activities. Pupils will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with their peers and pupils in other year groups in order to solve mathematical challenges.

Please note that as World Maths Day unfortunately clashes with World Book Day this year, we will not be dressing up and pupils should not come in costume.

Early Years

We hope you all had a lovely half-term holiday and a well-earned rest. We have been lucky enough to have received lots of donations of nearly new books some of which we already had. Therefore, we have decided to have a Book sale after school on FRIDAY 8TH MARCH in our playground. All the books will be 10p and we aim to use all monies raised to buy some new puzzles, games and some all weather suits to use outside.

Nursery

We had a Nursery open day on Thursday and lots of special visitors and their children coming to visit us. We were very impressed with how sensible the children were and how they play with the younger children.

This week we have been focussing our activities around the book Superworm, which the children have loved. We have created our own wormery, made worms out of play dough and measured them with rulers!

Our sound of the week will be 'r'; please can you bring in some objects for us to look at beginning with this sound.

Reception

We had a fantastic time on Wednesday morning doing the Rugby Tots style activities and the children all had a wonderful time and learnt lots of new skills. We have had lots of mysterious incidents in Reception this week! In Sunshine Class our 'Everywhere Bear' has been hung up on the blind by a peg and all the letters from our phonic line were mixed up and put in the wrong place, and in Rainbow Class strung Supertato up on a washing line and mixed up all their alphabet line!

The children think we have been invaded by Evil Peas and so next week we are going to make some traps to try and stop them invading our classrooms. We would appreciate any donations of 'junk modelling' resources for us to use. We have made WANTED posters so the other staff and children in the school are aware what to look out for!!

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Maddock who some of you may remember from Nursery. She will be teaching in Reception alongside the current team of teachers on a part time basis.

Next week PE will be inside as usual.

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

Year 1

We hope you had a lovely half-term holiday and a well-earned rest. We are settled back into the routine of school and working hard again!

This week in Literacy we have used the text 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels'. We have written sentences about where we would like to go on our bicycle and designed our own amazing bicycles. Next week our text will be 'Suddenly', we will look at the use of exclamation marks within the text.

In Maths this week we have been looking at numbers up to 50. This will continue next week using the greater than > and less than < sign to compare them. We will also be finding one more and one less from larger numbers. On Thursday we will be having a maths activity morning with the Year 2 children. The children will move around a carousel of maths activities throughout the morning.

Next week, in Art we are continuing our work on portraits and creating our own abstract Picasso.

We would be grateful for any old magazines you have, particularly featuring facial pictures that we could use for our collaging.

Have a lovely weekend!

The Year 1 team

Year 2

Welcome back – we hope the children enjoyed their break!

We had a great morning on Monday with our visit from Kimmy's Zoo. The children got to see meerkats, an African millipede, a crested gecko, a chinchilla and a python up close! It was a great experience for them – thank you to everyone who contributed towards the visit. The children have learned a lot of information about each animal.

In English both groups have been learning how to take notes, and are using these to help write a recount of the morning's events.

We are using our Maths skills this week to help plan our Year 2 Zoo! Mrs Alexander & Mrs Gilbert's group have been learning about measuring so that we can think about cage sizes. Mr Winch's group have been thinking about directions and turns so that we can tell our visitors how to follow the map!

We have also had two art sessions this week. On Monday we studied tiger fur and created our own versions. On Wednesday we made charcoal sketches of animals ready to sell in our gift shop! Next week we will look at health eating so that we can plan some meals for our zoo café.

Have a great weekend

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

We hope you had a restful half term break, the children have returned refreshed and eager to learn!

Mrs Davies, the Dental Nurse visited us today and was impressed with what the children had already learnt about teeth. She talked to them about the different types of teeth and the foods and drinks which help to keep teeth healthy. Next week Mrs Davies will be returning on Thursday to teach the children how to brush their teeth effectively. Please look for a letter in your child's bookbag about this lesson. The letter needs to be signed and returned to school please, otherwise your child CAN NOT take part in next Thursday's lesson.

Next week, indoor PE continues with gymnastics and outdoor PE will focus on tennis skills. In French the children will learn to ask each other if they have pets and answer the question. The music lesson will be planning a composition in groups which tells the story of the journey of a river. The children will be looking at the features of Brazil in our geography lesson. In RE we are focussing on Christianity this half term and the idea of precious objects. The sewing projects have begun and will continue next week.

Please remember the three times per week reading at home = a merit on Mondays! We are enjoying the results of the new Home Learning Menu for this half term!

Have a lovely weekend,

Year 3 Team

Year 4

In Science this week we began a new topic on extreme weather. We studied climates of the world and which would be their favourite to visit/live. We also discussed the differences between a climate and a biome. Can your child explain this to you? We have taken delivery of our new weather station which will be up and running in the next week. Please can we request spare jars with lids for our investigations? Thank you.

In Miss Lee's English class the children have begun a unit of work on poetry with some performance poetry. They have recited poems with actions, expression and a whole range of performing skills!

In Mrs. Howell's English group the children have been looking at what makes a non-chronological information text. They picked out interesting vocabulary at the same time. In two weeks time the groups will swap topics and cover the same objectives.

In PE the children are continuing to develop their gymnastic skills on a Monday morning. We have all really enjoyed the gymnastic coaching received this term and the children have made wonderful progress. On Wednesday afternoon the children began tennis coaching with much enjoyment in the unseasonable sunshine!

In RE we learned about the life of Fauja Singh an inspirational British Sikh man. Next week we are beginning a unit of work on Sikhism.

This half term in maths we are mainly covering fractions and decimals (with some recaps of other areas). Please continue to encourage your child to use Mathletics and T. T. Rock Stars.

Have a great weekend.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

Next week, in Science the children will be conducting an investigation in order to understand the difference between a solution and a suspension. In Art, they will be drawing and painting their own Chilean street art design. In French, the children will learn the vocabulary for asking directions. In Geography, they will plot the countries of South America on a map. On Thursday morning, the children will do maths activities as part of World Maths Day. In RE, they will learn about the life of Jesus.

As Armstrong won the team points trophy last half-term, the children from that team may wear non-uniform on Friday 8th March.

Have a good weekend

The Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6

This week the children have been very busy: they have successfully written up their Global Warming assessed piece into leaflet format, which are looking fabulous – we are looking forward to putting a selection of these on display! They also began to prepare for their next piece of writing, by designing their very own creature – many of them made some very intriguing animals using the Switch Zoo website. We are looking forward to reading their fact-file all about these animals! In Maths, we have continued our work on Fractions, as well as going through the homework set before half-term.

We finished off the week by watching a fantastic performance of ‘Midsummer’s Night Dream’, by students from West Suffolk College. The children were really engaged with this and we now hope to study some more Shakespeare in the near future. It was also great to see the positive attitude the children approached the 100 word spelling test with- it was very clear that many of them had been working extremely hard to learn these over the last few weeks.

There has been a slight last-minute change to P.E arrangements for this half term: they will continue to be on the same days - Wednesday and Thursday- however both sessions will be Outdoor. Please ensure your child has correct, labelled, kit in school for the correct day.

The homework for this week is:

Reading: Poetry: pgs 8-13 Due: Thurs 7th

Maths: Reasoning workbook: pgs 15-21 Due: Tues 5th

We will also be looking at how much each child has been using Times Table Rockstars recently; as always please encourage your child to continue using this at home and reading.

We have noticed that some children have not been completing the homework for the date set: this has been having a negative impact on their learning – especially as they have been unable to contribute in lessons when going through their booklets. Please continue to support your child in completing this on time.

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The Year 6 teaching Team