

Weekly Updates 08.03.2019

Next Friday, 15th March is Fit Friday and Red Nose Day!

ALL pupils should come to school in their PE kit and may wear their Red noses as we will also be celebrating 'Red Nose Day'. Any kind donations made will help vulnerable people here and in the world's poorest communities.

During the day, pupils from Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be taking part in Fit Friday activities and we have young leaders from King Edward VI Upper School running an exciting carousel of activities such as Kurling, Frisbee Golf and Speedminton for the Key Stage 2 pupils.

Many thanks for your kind support

SCHOOL OFFICE

Early Years

We have had a Super time in the Early Years this week. Superworm and Supertato have kept us all entertained with their antics and the children have been observant noticing where the characters were hiding or what the Evil Peas had been up to in the classrooms.

Nursery

The children have loved all our activities focussing around Superworm, they have matched numicon pieces and opened padlocks, they have made marks in the mud, created their own Superworms and enjoyed looking for real worms to put into our wormery, which is virtually full! The Superworm cakes were delicious too.

To encourage their interest in mini-beasts further we will be focussing on the story What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson. We have already found some ladybirds in the garden and if you have any books or stories about ladybirds we would love to see them.

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

Thank you for all your support with the activity bags we are pleased you are all enjoying them.

Reception

The Evil Pea has been quiet in Sunshine Class however Rainbow Class have had all sorts of the problems so we are presuming there are more than one pea! Next week, Rainbow Class are going to be making traps (thank you for your donations of resources) to see if he can be stopped once and for all!

We have enjoyed making Super Veggies and writing speech bubbles. All the children's ideas were really imaginative and show how excited they are about our current focus.

This week we also began the potato challenge. Both classes have some seed potatoes that have been 'chitting' on the windowsills and this week we planted them outside. Now begins the competition to see which class can grow the most and the heaviest potatoes!

It is great to see so many of the ladies have been able to sign up for our Afternoon Teas, we still have some free slots so please see Mrs Reynolds or contact the office if you have not yet signed up.

In maths next week we will be looking at money. As we all tend to use cards when we are shopping children have little experience of money so if you could use any opportunity to show the children how you use coins and notes that would be really helpful.

We hope you have a lovely weekend

From all the EYFS Team.

Year 1

We had a fantastic maths day on Thursday with the children having the opportunity to complete a wide range of maths activities in Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms.

In phonics we are all looking carefully at how to build up sounds in real words and “alien” words ready for the phonics screening check later in the year. We are being ‘sound detectives’ and looking carefully at words to spot the sounds they know eg. **st**roop. If you would like to help your child with this, please see the very useful website www.phonicsplay.co.uk to support their learning at home.

We are continuing to learn how to spell numbers as words as well as the days of the week.

Next week we will be reading the story of ‘The Little Red Space Alien’ in literacy and in maths we will be working on positional language and turning through half, quarter and full turns.

There will be a whole school focus on using good manners.

Don’t forget, Fit Friday and Red Nose Day next Friday 15th March!

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 1 Team.

Year 2

As part of our topic this week the children have designed healthy meals for our zoo cafe. To do this we have discussed different food groups like proteins, carbohydrates and dairy products. Why not ask your children to show you what they’ve learned next time you share a meal?

On Thursday we enjoyed a maths morning. The children worked alongside pupils from Year 1 on problem-solving. It was a very hands-on morning which gave them a great opportunity to practice maths vocabulary, as well as learning how fun maths can be!

In Maths next week Mr Winch’s group will revisit calculation methods, whilst Mrs Alexander and Mrs Gilbert’s group will look at time and fractions.

In English, both groups will practice reading comprehension skills and grammar.

Our topic continues next week with a science focus, learning how to care for the animals in our zoo. We will be visited by some rather funny-looking zookeepers to help us learn!

Next week there will be a whole school focus on using good manners and don't forget, Fit Friday and Red Nose Day next Friday 15th March!

Have a great weekend

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

Unfortunately, as you know the Dental Nurse visit did not happen on Thursday due to illness. This has been rescheduled for Monday (11th March). Therefore the children will need their toothbrushes and toothpaste in school on Monday please.

On Thursday also we enjoyed a maths morning and the children worked alongside pupils from other year groups on problem-solving. It was a very hands-on morning which gave them a great opportunity to practice maths vocabulary, as well as learning how fun maths can be!

The gymnastics lesson will take place on Monday afternoon as usual. Shorts must be worn for these gymnastics lessons (not tracksuit bottoms please, due to the nature of the exercises they are carrying out). Last Monday, we had several children with no kit. Please ensure that PE kit is in school every Monday and Tuesday, and that all borrowed kit is returned to school, thank you.

Next week we will be planning a science investigation about tooth decay. In French, we will be learning numbers 11 to 20. The children have begun to plan a music composition in groups about the journey of a river; they will continue working on this next week. In geography we will be learning about some of the tribes in the Amazon Rainforest. Our RE lesson will focus on Maria Gomez and El Salvador crosses.

Next week there will be a whole school focus on using good manners and don't forget, Fit Friday and Red Nose Day next Friday 15th March!

Have a lovely weekend,

Year 3 Team

Year 4

Both of our English groups have thoroughly enjoyed the work set out this week! Miss Lee's group had the pleasure of continuing their unit on poetry – this week they have written their own Kennings, Haikus and Limericks. Mrs Howell's group have had the opportunity to choose a subject that they feel knowledgeable about to write a non-chronological report on! The children have worked so well in their groups – amazing focus and pride! It is great that so many children choose to read for enjoyment! However, when reading their A.R. books at home, we really do need parents to listen and sign their children's reading diaries.

On Thursday the children had the chance to celebrate 'World Maths Day'. Our classes mixed with the Year 5 classes to collaborate on mathematical problems all morning. It was nice to see them working with older children in a mature and sensible way.

In Art, the children have been drawing everyday objects in preparation for our Pop Art printing next week – the children are rather excited about it!

Just as a reminder, we try to do P.E. outside every Wednesday despite the weather. It really is important for all the children to have the appropriate clothing e.g. tracksuit bottoms and trainers. Many children weren't prepared this week and had to wear school jumpers and their gymnastic kit.

In Science, we focussed on looking at extreme snow conditions. We compared snowfall data and created graphs. Thank you to the 3 families who have sent in a glass jar each for next Monday's science lesson – we really do need more for the children to carry out their investigation.

This week, we looked at how the orchestra tells a story in music. We listened to Prokofiev's 'Peter and the Wolf'.

Please may we ask that parents do not to stand on the daffodils which are growing on the bank outside the Year 4 entrance, as they look lovely at this time of year.

Next week there will be a whole school focus on using good manners and don't forget, Fit Friday and Red Nose Day next Friday 15th March!

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

On Thursday we enjoyed a maths morning. The children worked alongside pupils from Year 4 on problem-solving. It was a very hands-on morning which gave them a great opportunity to practice maths vocabulary, as well as learning how fun maths can be!

Next week in Geography, the children will be plotting the main cities and geographical features on a map of Chile. Mr Garcia will also be visiting on Thursday to speak the year group about Spain. In RE, they will be learning about The Ten Commandments. In French, they will be continuing to learn the vocabulary related to directions. In Art, the children will be completing their Chilean street art design.

On Wednesday morning, the children will be visiting King Edward School to take part in the science road show. Please supply your child with a packed lunch as we may be back a bit late.

In PSHE, the children will be looking at charities and why people volunteer to help. The Year 5 children have decided to raise money for EACH by holding a cake sale during school time on 3rd April. We would be grateful if you are able to make some cakes to support this. A form will be sent home within the next week which we would ask you to complete if you are able.

Next week there will be a whole school focus on using good manners and don't forget, Fit Friday and Red Nose Day next Friday 15th March!

Have a good weekend.

The Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6

What another busy week we have had! In English, all children wrote up their non-chronological report about their hybrid animal which they invented and designed using 'Switch Zoo'; there have been some intriguing animals written about – all presented beautifully!

Fractions have continued to be the focus in both Math groups, looking at multiplying and dividing fractions by fractions, and integers.

To celebrate 'World Maths Day', the Year 6 children mixed with pupils from the Year 3 classes to collaborate on mathematical problems all morning. It was fantastic to see our Year 6 pupils being mature,

helpful and very friendly towards the younger children: we are very proud of them!

In Art, the children have been drawing their 'Day of the Dead' inspired skulls, focussing on the fine decorative detail.

Our focus in Science this week has been the contributions of Carl Linnaeus; the children have carried out research in groups about Linnaeus' life and his scientific successes. They will be using this research to help inform them when writing a Biography about this well-known Scientist, and to help with their understanding of the Classification system which we will be looking at in the near future.

The homework for this week is:

Reading: Fiction: pgs 22-31 Due: Thurs 14th

Maths: Arithmetic: pgs 26-33 Due: Tues 12th

Please encourage your children to speak to either Miss Woods or Mr Crew if they are finding any of the homework difficult, before it is due, so that it can be discussed and any misconceptions hopefully rectified. Recently, we have had many children not completing questions which they find difficult and not asking for help; we are always happy to arrange time to sit with them to help with this.

Next week there will be a whole school focus on using good manners and don't forget, Fit Friday and Red Nose Day next Friday 15th March!

Have a relaxing weekend,

The Year 6 Team