

## Weekly Updates 15.03.2019

Earl Years.

Our whole school focus on good manners and respect has been a great success and we have had lots of interesting discussions about showing respect to others.

Thank you for supporting Red Nose Day today, the children had fun taking part in all our activities; Mrs Smith devised a dance routine and we played lots of fun games inside and outside too! All the pictures are on Tapestry.

We have loved the windy weather this week and enjoyed running with ribbons and throwing pieces of material in the air and trying to catch it.

We would like to create a display showing signs of Spring. Please can you take photos of any signs of Spring in your own gardens and when you are out and about for us to put up in Nursery and Reception. Please upload any photos onto Tapestry, we will then show the children and print them for our display.

### Nursery

We have enjoyed the story 'What the Ladybird Heard' and we have been busy, making, painting and printing ladybirds. Using small world toys and created our own story maps. Next week we will continue to explore minibeasts with a focus on the story the very busy spider.

We have changed our role-play area into a farm shop buying lots of fruit and vegetables carefully weighing them to see which are the heaviest and lightest.

Thank you very much to Ruby's mum for coming in to help us decorate a pebble ladybird.

This week we have Letter of the week is 'u'.

### Reception

In maths this week we have been focusing on money, particularly coin recognition and choosing the correct coins to pay for items in our fruit and vegetable shop role play area. We will continue this next week and adding the coins together. We will also be looking at time focussing specifically on 'o'clock and half past' times. We would be grateful for any digital / analogue clocks that we could borrow too.

Both classes have got their 10 class points and have chosen different treats.

Sunshine Class will be having a disco next week! Rainbow Class have chosen to bring in a teddy from home! Therefore on **Monday Rainbow Class** can bring in a cuddly toy from home.

Thank you very much for the donations of recycled materials - we have some fantastic traps and are sure the Evil Peas will be caught once and for all. We don't need anymore!

Have a lovely weekend

From the Reception & Nursery Teams

Year 1

Another busy week has flown by! Our whole school focus on good manners and respect has been a great success. The children have been enthusiastic to tick off everything on their 'Acts of Kindness' sheet and we have had lots of interesting discussions about showing respect to others.

Class 4 will be featured in the Bury Free Press next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March as 'Class of the Week' so you may want to buy a copy!

In Literacy we have enjoyed the story of the Little Red Space Alien and used our imagination to design and label our own space aliens. Next week the space theme continues as we begin our Explorers topic with a focus on Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing.

In maths next week we will focus on money, particularly coin recognition and choosing the correct coins to pay for items in our 'shop'.

Thank you for supporting Red Nose Day. The children had fun taking part in 'huff and puff' and outdoor sporting activities during the morning.

Let's hope the weather is a little calmer next week!

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 1 Team

Year 2.

We've had a great Fit Friday today. It was lovely to see so many parents join us for Huff & Puff this morning! Our sports coaches led Tag Rugby and Box 2B Fit sessions for the children later in the day – they certainly worked up an appetite for lunch!

Our zoo topic continued this week, with 'visits' from zookeepers Mrs Wild and Mrs Mammal. They taught the children about the basic needs of animals such as exercise and nutrition. The children then demonstrated their knowledge by designing enclosures for penguins or monkeys. They have also learned about the importance of hand hygiene, which is vital for any children who want to work in our zoo café!

In Computing we continue to use Microsoft Word. We are learning to save and open documents, and to import images. We have a PSHE focus this half-term, where we are learning about risk; this

includes safety at home, at the playground and in other public places. During our PE sessions we are doing country dancing.

Please be aware that on Tuesday we have our final swimming lesson. We've been so impressed with the childrens' confidence in the water – we look forward to giving out lots of certificates next week!

Have a great weekend

The Year 2 Team

Year 3.

As we have been focusing on 'Good Manners Week', it has been pleasing to notice an increase in the effort of the children to demonstrate their understanding of respect and politeness.

The children really enjoyed the tooth brushing activity on Monday and we hope it has encouraged them to take more care when brushing their teeth.

A combination of Red Nose Day with Fit Friday has been a lovely end to the week.

On Monday we will be having a focus on sewing and Art. We hope the weather improves to enable us to continue with our Tennis lessons on Tuesday. In Science, the children have designed an egg-speriment, which they will be setting up. Our Music lesson is continuing with the river compositions, whilst in Geography, we are learning about deforestation. The symbolism of the cross is our RE focus.

Thank you to those who are supporting their children's reading at home. If you are able to hear your child read and sign their reading log 3 times a week, they will earn a merit! Reading logs to be handed in during registration on Monday mornings.

Have a lovely weekend

The Year 3 Team

Year 4.

We have had a fun and exciting week of learning!

In Monday's Science the children learned about different types of severe wind. Ask your children if they remember the differences between hurricanes, typhoons and cyclones! Our studies culminated in the making of tornadoes in jars which was wonderful fun! Thank you to those who sent jars in and especially those of you who sent in many jars. Some contributed half a dozen or more and we really are very grateful. Next week we will be looking at extreme hot weather.

On Tuesday we created our printing blocks in art ready to create pop art repeating prints next week. In Music on Wednesday the children listened once again to Peter and the Wolf and discovered in greater detail how the instruments can tell a story in classical music. The rain held off just long enough for a lesson of tennis also on Wednesday afternoon.

This week has been 'Good Manners Week' and Certificates were awarded in a special assembly on Thursday. Activities relating to this have been taking place all week and the children have been learning a 'rap' about respect. The School Council took part in a Crafty Foxes art activity all Thursday afternoon, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Today was 'Fit Friday' for Red Nose Day and all morning the children took part in a carousel of sporting activities. It was nice to see many of you during our Huff n Puff session! A fun end to another busy week!

This term in English the children will be writing newspaper articles. On Friday afternoon, journalist Laura Nolan, from The Bury Free Press came in to talk to the children about what it's like being a journalist. We all thoroughly enjoyed this and it has really inspired the children to write great newspaper articles.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 4 Team

Year 5.

Thank you to Mr Garcia for his interesting and informative presentation to the children about Spain. The children also enjoyed their trip to the Science Roadshow where they took part in a variety of Science activities.

Next week, the children will be visiting Sybil Andrews on Monday afternoon for Art and DT activities. They will need to bring a packed lunch (and a coat) as we will be eating first before walking to the school.

In French, the children will be learning how to say 'where they are going'. In PSHE, the children will be designing posters for their charity cake stall on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Thank you to those of you who have already indicated that you are prepared to make cakes for this.

In Science, the children will be learning about reversible and irreversible changes. In Geography, they will learn about the composition of the Earth and tectonic plates. In Computing, the children will continue with their Powerpoint presentation about Chile. In RE, they will be learning about 'The Last Supper'.

Have a good weekend.

The Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6.

We've had a fantastic Fit Friday today! The children took part in a variety of activities all led by sports leaders from KEGS and despite the weather, the children thoroughly enjoyed their morning!

In English this week, we have read more from our current narrative, 'Fuzzy Mud'. The children have also started to consider what they think might happen next in the story; they will be writing a plan for this, so that they can write their very own 'next chapter' which could follow on from where we have read up to so far. We are looking forward to reading these as what we have heard so far is very captivating!

This week the children finished their 'Day of the Dead' inspired skulls and made some origami butterflies to accompany them on display: please do come in and see some of the drawings which have been put on display in the USK2 corridor!

To aid with revision, children have been planning and preparing a quiz to recap prior learning through the use of the computing software, Scratch. From this they have been required to produce a script which enables 'sprites' to ask, and provide answers to, questions which they have programmed into their quiz. They have all made a good start with their quiz, with many pairs having focussed on Times Tables.

**The homework for this week is:**

Reading: Non- Fiction: pgs 22-31 Due: Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>

Maths: Target Practice Book: pgs 24-31 Due: Tues 19<sup>th</sup>

As mentioned last week, 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: we are always happy to arrange time to sit with them to help with this.

Although we would like the children to attempt the homework themselves, we are more than happy for you as parents to assist them in their understanding.

Have a relaxing weekend,

The Year 6 Team