

## UPDATES 29.03.2019

### **EYFS Weekly update**

Thank you for the pictures you have put on Tapestry, our spring displays will look lovely. Please continue to add photos of any signs of Spring you see when you are out and about or in your gardens, especially any from Sunshine Class. We have had a wonderful afternoon today; each week we have a Free Flow Friday and all the children can explore in all areas of the Early Years. They can explore in Sunshine Class, Rainbow Class, Nursery or the outside area and today the lovely weather meant we could really enjoy all aspects of the learning environment inside and out.

Next week we will all be finding out about Easter and how and why it is celebrated, having egg hunts inside and outside and hopefully a quieter week as everyone seems really tired!

### Nursery

This week we have been finding out about the signs of Spring and what we can be looking for. We have learnt the names for baby animals, done some observational paintings of flowers and made flowers out of playdough. We have lots of observations and pictures on tapestry showing all our activities.

Next week our sound of the week is 'b'.

### Reception

It has been wonderful to see so many of you this week, we hope you all had a wonderful time and enjoyed your afternoon tea. On Tuesday the students from West Suffolk College were amazing! The activities for the children were so well planned and lots of work had obviously gone into the preparation of the resources. It was great to see some ex pupils even if they were dressed as a bunnies or carrots!

Next week we will have PE on our usual days ...Rainbow Class on Tuesday and Sunshine Class on Wednesday.

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

### Year 1

What a busy week we've had! We all had a great day with our visitor on Wednesday and really enjoyed learning about Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus through a range of fun, interactive activities. The children were really engaged and keen to participate.

Next week we will be thinking about Easter and doing lots of Easter based activities!

We have not listened to individual children read this week as we have been completing reading assessments. However, we hope to be back to normal this week. Please continue to support your child at home.

Finally, just a reminder that all children are required to have outdoor plimsoles or trainers for outside PE on Fridays, together with suitable warm outdoor PE kit.

Thank you all for your support.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 1 Team

## Year 2

The children loved making their fruit kebabs this week – they had some really appetising designs! This helped consolidate their learning about healthy eating. In PSHE we have been thinking about risk, so it was also a good opportunity to think about how to prepare fruit safely.

We have also been learning about animal offspring. We talked about how baby animals change as they grow into adult animals. We then looked at different classes of animal – try asking your child if they can explain the difference between a reptile and an amphibian!

In English next week Mrs Alexander/Mrs Gilbert's group will be making leaflets to advertise the Year 2 Zoo. Mr Winch's group will focus on reading comprehension skills. Mr Winch's Maths group will look at measuring, whilst Mrs Alexander/Mrs Gilbert's group will work on problem solving.

As part of our PSHE sessions on risk children will be designing their own outdoor play areas, complete with safety features.

Many parents have asked how they can further support childrens' learning at home – the most useful things would be to hear them read regularly, to practice times tables (2, 5 and 10) and reminding them about capital letters/full stops when writing.

Have a good weekend!

The Year 2 Team

## Year 3

By now, you should have received an email with information about Year 3 swimming for next term. Please ensure that you send the reply slip back to school as without the permission slip, we cannot take your child swimming. Payment for the coach is payable via Gateway, thank you.

This week we have concluded our egg-speriment! The results were interesting; ask your child what they should be drinking to have healthy teeth! Next week we will be rounding off our gymnastics and tennis lessons on Monday and Tuesday afternoons respectively. The children's gymnastic skills have improved drastically after a term's coaching from Hannah.

After Easter outdoor PE will be on Wednesday afternoons. Due to swimming on a Tuesday afternoon, there will be no indoor PE sessions next term.

We will be rounding off our units on the Rainforest including a variety of art and DT projects. The children will be performing their river compositions to each other.

On Wednesday 3rd April our Year 5 pupils will be holding a cake sale raising money for EACH. They have planned the event during their PSHE unit on 'Charities and the World of Work'. Children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will have the opportunity to purchase a cake during the school afternoon. Cakes will be priced at 50p each. We hope you can support this good cause

Have a great weekend,

Year 3 Team

## **Year 4**

This week has been our termly test week. The children have completed tests based on this term's work in maths, reading, spelling and grammar.

In Science this week we carried out a very exciting investigation into flood barriers. After studying the causes and types of flooding, we investigated which materials would keep water from our paper houses. Flood defences were made from a variety of materials from sand and Lego to tissue and playdough. Ask your child how they enjoyed this and what they learned!

In Art we created beautiful origami flowers. The children enjoyed their last gymnastics session with Hannah.

Next Monday we will be in the School hall testing out our egg carts and egg parachutes that the children have created for their homework. (Please note the change of date as this is the day we can use the school hall) Thank you for helping ensure that all the homework for the term is in by next week. Most work is already in which allows the teachers to comment upon work as we go through the term and display work in the term it was made. Children not bringing in homework complete the tasks in their free time in school. We have a wonderful display of Faberge eggs, egg carts and egg parachutes and we can't wait to test them all on Monday!

We ended this week with an action packed Friday afternoon based upon our mini topic on Mexico. The children made salsa and quesadillas which we all then ate and they created some wonderful and colourful Mexican art and learned the Mexican hat dance!

This week we welcomed a new member to our Year 4 team. We have been joined by Miss Alice Spencer who is on her final teaching practice before becoming a fully qualified teacher. She is from the University of Cambridge, is a very experienced and gifted trainee and is a welcome asset to our team.

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Have a wonderful weekend,

Year 4 Team

## **Year 5**

Next week in Art, the children will complete the weaving of their God's Eye and evaluate it. In Geography, they will learn about volcanoes. In Science, they will learn about scientific discoveries. The children will present their Powerpoint on Chilli, which they have created in Computing, to the rest of the class.

Thank you to those of you who have agreed to make cakes for the cake sale. This will take place on Wednesday. Year 5 will have an opportunity to buy a cake, which will be 50p.

In Music, on Tuesday, the children will be doing a short performance to Year 3 and Year 4.

A reminder; if your child has borrowed spare PE kit, please would you ensure that it is returned to us cleaned. We have a number of items outstanding and no longer have any spare to lend out, thank you.

Have a good weekend

The Year 5 Teaching Team

## **Year 6**

We have been extremely impressed with the children's attitude this week in regards to completing their mock SATs. In addition to this, they have also made a great start to their 'Fuzzy Mud' stories. In Geography, we kicked off our new topic of North America by reading 'Queen of the Falls'. The children seemed really engaged with this and were impressed by the achievement of a humble elderly lady: why not ask your child about what this achievement was?

Next week, as should already be aware of, we will be holding our annual Y5 and Y6 Spelling Bee. Children who choose to take part in this will be given words to spell from the years 3/4 and 5/6 word lists, for the heats. The Year 5/6 word list is written in your child's planner and a copy of the 3/4 word list can be collected from Miss Woods.

The top 5 children from each Year group will then qualify for our in-school final, where they will be given new words, from an additional list, which will be given to them after the heats to learn over Easter.

It would be nice to have as many children take part as possible, so if your child has decided to take part, any support you can give them in learning the spellings is greatly appreciated. Finally, due to the children's hard work this week we have not set any homework. However, we will be setting some at the end of next week to be completed over the Easter break. On Wednesday 3rd April our Year 5 pupils will be holding a cake sale raising money for EACH. They have planned the event during their PSHE unit on 'Charities and the World of Work'. Children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will have the opportunity to purchase a cake during the school afternoon. Cakes will be priced at 50p each. We hope you can support this good cause.

Have an enjoyable weekend,  
Year 6 Team