

WEEKLY UPDATES 03.05.2019

Early Years Update

Thank you for all the photographs of your houses and specific places that you visit in your local area that you have put on Tapestry. We would still appreciate some more and if you go anywhere over the weekend please take some photos!

The weather is still quite changeable so please can you make sure your child has a hat and a coat in school. We had several children who didn't have a coat this week and we don't have any spares.

Nursery

This week we have been finding out about caterpillars and doing a variety of activities focussing on 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. We are expecting a delivery of Caterpillar eggs next week!

Our sound of the week will be 'f'; please can you bring in some objects for us to look at beginning with this sound. Please can you also return any phonics activity bags so we can change them next week.

Reception

We have begun thinking about how we can look after our world. This week we talked about what we could do in school and have written signs that we have put all over the school reminding everyone to use both sides of paper and to turn lights and taps off when we are not using them.

We have been doing some phonic and assessments this week and are really impressed with the progress the children have made. Please make sure your child's words and reading books are in their bags so we can practice at school too; we will use every opportunity to do some extra reading this term as we have several volunteers coming into school.

During the Summer Term we will be doing PE outside. Please make sure your child has a pair of shorts, T-shirt, trainers and socks in school on these days. Earrings need to be removed or covered with tape. Please remember your water bottles as we will be taking these outside while the weather is warm.

We hope you have lovely Bank Holiday and enjoy the weekend

From all the EARLY YEARS TEAM

Year 1

We've all enjoyed a busy and exciting start to the Half term. The children are really engaged with our Dinosaur topic and have enjoyed discovering lots of facts about them. This will continue next week and the children will be using non-fiction books to write their own

Dinosaur fact book. We had great fun on our Explorer morning, the children loved 'fossil hunting' in the sandpit! If any of our dinosaur skeletons and bones have accidentally found their way home, we'd be grateful if they could come back to school, many thanks.

We will continue to work on multiplication in Maths.

During the Summer Term both our PE sessions, Tuesdays and Fridays, will be outside. There are still a few children who do not have trainers in school. Please make sure your child has a pair of shorts, T-shirt, trainers and socks in school on these days. Earrings need to be removed or covered with tape. Please remember your water bottles as we will be taking these outside while the weather is warm.

Thank you for your support and have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

The Year One Team

Year 2

We have continued our topic this week with a minibeast hunt! We began by learning about microhabitats and the children should now be able to explain the different places they might find worms, honeybees, spiders, ants and other little creatures. We then looked around different areas of the school grounds and were amazed by what we found. We followed this up with some great writing the next day – the children have really developed their writing skills this year!

Over the coming weeks both English and Maths groups will be revisiting key skills they have already learned in Year 2.

A reminder that our PE sessions take place on Mondays and Wednesdays – please ensure your child has PE kit in school on these days. We are teaching gymnastics on Mondays and athletics on Wednesdays.

Our final unit of Computing focuses on programming. We begin by teaching children how to write an algorithm, then debug it. They will be able to teach you how to do this very soon!

On Wednesday 5th June we are planning an exciting visit to Hedingham Castle as part of our next topic. Letters containing information were sent via Parentmail.

Please return the trip reply slip no later than Wednesday 22nd May.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend.

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

This week we had a great start to our swimming lessons! We had a wonderful trip to Banham Zoo on Thursday. Members of the public commented on the good behaviour of the children and the staff there were amazed at their knowledge of rainforest animals! Keep up the good work Year 3!

Next week in French we will learn the alphabet and make our own French class dictionaries. The Art lesson will focus on a wash background, with the foreground of the outline of Stonehenge being added in a later lesson.

Outdoor PE will be a continuation of tennis skills. We had several children with no kit this week – all named PE kits should be in school for Wednesday PE lessons please.

If your child has borrowed a spare kit from school, please ensure that it is washed and returned as soon as possible, thank you.

We will be introducing our new History topic of The Stone Age next week, by looking at the three different periods of this time and considering survival in the Stone Age! In Science we will be learning about how fossils are formed. The FOSWOS Tech Trail will take place on Friday afternoon.

Enjoy the Bank holiday weekend!

Year 3 Team

Year 4

In Science this week the children have been learning about sound and how it travels to our ears through the air. We engaged in a variety of investigations involving string, hangars, metal forks, tuning forks, rice, a drum and paper cups. If you have any of these items at home they may want to show you!

We also continued our new History topic. The children compared Anglo Saxon and Roman homes and streets. It was interesting to observe that certain technologies were lost rather than progress being made at this point in history.

In Art we have been looking at how Matisse 'painted with scissors'. The children have made lovely colourful collages of undersea creatures last week and of dancers this week. The focus was on abstract shapes conveying movement rather than naturalistic representations. The finished results are wonderful and the children enjoyed the process!

In Music we learned a little of a life and music of Mozart. See if your children can tell you any facts about either Matisse or Mozart?!

In PE we have begun practising athletics skills on the school field and in our indoor lesson the children are learning an Anglo-Saxon dance!

This week the children have been told about their 'Just A Minute' (JAM) talks. The children have to plan a talk to last 'one minute' about a subject of their choice. They will deliver this talk in front of the class and they may bring in pictures or props to aid them. The other children in the class will then ask questions about the subject. Look out for your child's chosen date in their reading diary.

Have a good Bank holiday weekend

Year 4 Team

Year 5

The children really enjoyed their day at Sybil Andrews this week and took part in a number of exciting Science and Computer activities.

Next week in Science, the children will learn how plants reproduce. We will complete the unit on Chile by looking at the natural resources available and various economic factors. In French, the children will learn how to express opinions about holidays. In PSHE, they will be learning about the world of work and the factors which influence people's choice of jobs. In future weeks, we will look at different jobs. If any parent is willing to talk to the children about their job, please contact your child's teacher.

Unfortunately, Sybil Andrews have had to cancel the PE afternoon next Friday due to staff absence. This means that the children are able to have a school lunch if they wish. A reminder please that the children need to bring their cornets/baritones in every Tuesday. A number of children have been forgetting.
Enjoy the Bank holiday weekend

The Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6

This week the children have finished the first draft of their Fairytale narrative and have started to write it up into a storybook format. The presentation has been fantastic and the intricate illustrations they have been working on during Art are beautiful! We are very much looking forward to reading them once they are completed and having them share theirs with a younger pupil within the school.

Our focus in Science this week has been classifying. We began the week by classifying biscuits and moved onto classifying a variety of animals. This work was completed to a high standard and the children were able to use their knowledge from our previous study on Carl Linnaeus to help with this.

All children have also been working hard within their revision groups this week and we have covered a variety of topics ranging from long division and algebra, to identifying word classes. We are incredibly pleased with the positive attitude the children are having towards their learning.

Today, they also took part in a cross-curricular exercise – mixing orienteering with grammar revision. The children excelled in the map reading aspect and were very successful with answering the grammar questions.

A letter regarding a Crucial Crew event at the West Suffolk College that will be going to on Wednesday 3rd July has been sent via Parentmail. This event involves the children learning various 'life lessons', including health and safety topics relevant to them as they move on to High School and progress into early teenage years. Please return the reply slip no later than Monday 24th June, thank you.

Have an enjoyable weekend and Bank holiday weekend.

The Year 6 Team