

WEEKLY UPDATES 10.05.2019

Early Years

We all had a fantastic time doing the Tech trail; thank you very much for everyone who came to help and support us. All the money raised will go towards getting some much needed iPads. This will improve the quality of photographs we can put on Tapestry as well as being a fantastic resource for the children to use.

Advance diary dates...In the Early Years we are going to be celebrating Pyjamarama on Friday June 7th. This is an event organised by Booktrust which is the charity all the children received free books from when they were at Pre-School, Nursery and in Reception. All the children can come to school in their pyjamas. We will send you more details next week.

Nursery

We have really enjoyed playing in our pet shop, caring for our pets and buying things for them. We have made some amazing pet carriers too. In the hall we had a great time pretending to be pets. Our caterpillars are now in their chrysalises and we can't wait for them to turn into butterflies...hopefully this won't happen over the weekend!

Next week we will read the story *Dear Zoo* which is all about a little boy who wrote to a zoo asking them to send him a pet. We will then turn our role play area into a vets in case our pets get poorly. Our sound of the week is j.

Reception

This week we have continued to think about the things we can recycle. We sorted a selection of rubbish into whether the items could be recycled, reused, be made into compost or had to go in the bin and ultimately landfill. Please could you continue to discuss this important and very easy way we can 'save the planet' by showing the children alternative ways of disposing your unwanted items; charity shops, bottle banks etc.

Next week we are going to be making instruments out of recycled materials and would be grateful for any boxes, tubes, or other recyclable materials we could use. Unusual shaped items would be fantastic and enable us to get really creative.

In Maths we will be focussing on doubling, halving and learning the number bonds to 10 (all the different ways you add numbers together to make 10).

Unfortunately we couldn't do outdoor PE because of the weather; Rainbow Class went in the hall instead and hopefully the weather will be kind next week so we can all go outside.

Sunshine Class will be going to the Woods on Monday to do some maths activities and Rainbow Class will go next week.

Year 1

The children really enjoyed their active start to Friday, challenging themselves to run as many laps as they could around the adventure trail. The total number of laps completed by Year 1 was 333, so a big well done to everyone and the parents for their support!

In Art this week we looked at the sculptures of Brendan Jamison who uses sugar cubes to create some of his models. We were really pleased with the way the children cooperated with a partner to create their own Lego sculpture. There were lots of creative ideas!

Next week our dinosaur theme will continue with a focus on dinosaur poetry where we will be thinking of descriptive words and rhymes. In maths we will be investigating weight and capacity and learning appropriate vocabulary such as full, empty, heavier than, lighter than, balanced.

It looks as though the sun is going to shine a bit more next week so please remember your sun hat for playtimes.

Many thanks for your support, have a lovely weekend.

The Year One Team

Year 2

We have had a good week and the children really enjoyed running the tech trail this afternoon and raising money for FOSWS and thank you to all the parents for their support!

This week our topic has covered plants. We have begun an exciting investigation into what will help cress seeds to grow – the children are enjoying checking their progress! We have also studied seed patterns in sunflower heads and made our own versions of these using paper plates and tissue paper. We are linking our art to our topic by studying the work of Van Gogh. This week we looked at pictures of Irises.

In English, Mrs Alexander's group have revisited reading and spelling skills. Mr Winch's group are focussing on writing linked to James and The Giant Peach. Both Maths groups are revisiting skills we have learned so far in Year 2.

Thank you to those who have returned reply slips for the Castle Hedingham trip – please remember that we must have payment and signed forms returned by Wednesday 22nd May, many thanks.

Have a good weekend

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

Another busy week has flown past in Year 3, even though it was only four days!

The children really enjoyed running the tech trail this afternoon and raising money for FOSWS and thank you to all the parents for their support!

Next week in French we will be learning the vocabulary associated with household objects. The children will continue to work on their Stonehenge pictures in art. Our History lesson will focus on the hunter/gatherer aspect of food in the Stone Age. In Science the children will be using their improving investigation skills to set up an investigation relating to the layers of soil.

A polite reminder: please can Fitbits be left at home on Tuesdays for swimming, as otherwise they can be easily lost in transit, swimming bags or lockers. The large number of them being worn by Year 3 children mean that it's a big responsibility for staff to look after them, thank you.

Remember to keep reading at home to earn extra individual and class merits. The score is 'one all' at the moment!!

Have a good weekend,

Year 3 Team

Year 4

This week ended with a tech trail in less than perfect weather, but we all had a lot of fun and hopefully your children enjoyed the course and it raised a lot of money for FOSWS and thank you to all the parents for their support!

On Tuesday the children continued their athletics training. Please be reminded that children must have their correct PE kits for indoor and outdoor PE.

Unfortunately, we cannot allow children to do sport in every-day school shoes for insurance reasons - even if those shoes are trainer-type shoes. Children without kit will be found alternative work to do as some, week on week, aren't bringing their kits.

We also enjoyed playing our recorders again on Tuesday. The children are doing really well at reading music, counting beats and playing in time with each other!

Your child has been assessed recently on all 108 Year 3 and 4 words which are the words the Government says your child should know by the end of Year 4. We've been working on these words all through Years 3 and 4. We shall be testing them again at the end of term. Please ask your child about this list if you haven't seen it. There are some really good apps and games to aid spelling, one of these is Spelling Shed which we highly recommend.

We would like to invite parents to come in on Tuesday next week, 14th May after school to see the wonderful Pop Art portraits and repeating prints which the children have been working on.

We look forward to seeing you then, have a lovely weekend

Year 4 Team

Year 5

We have had a good week and the children really enjoyed running the tech trail this morning and raising money for FOSWS and thank you to all the parents for their support!

Next week in Art, the children will be designing Maya masks which they will make in clay the following week. In French, they will be learning vocabulary related to what they do on holiday. In Science, the children will learn about the life cycle of an insect. We will also start our new history topic about the Maya. The first lesson will be learning whereabouts the Maya lived and why so little was known about them until recently.

The children will be continuing with athletics for outdoor PE and dance for indoor PE.

Have a good weekend

The Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6

This week has inevitably focused on pre-SATs revision and completing our finished storybooks. We have been incredibly pleased with how the children have focussed on both the revision and writing piece, and the pride they have taken on their finished product.

As we are sure you are all already aware, next week the children will be sitting their End of Key Stage 2 Assessments. We cannot express how well the children have worked in preparation for this, putting themselves in the best position; they should enter the assessments full of confidence and very proud of their efforts to date. As long as they have worked their hardest and tried their best, that's all we can ask of them. We really appreciate the additional support from you all.

We do of course wish the children 'all the best' and extend an invitation to join us for a light breakfast (or just to relax with friends) from 8.20am on Monday morning.

The children really enjoyed running the tech trail this morning and raising money for FOSWS and thank you to all the parents for their support!

Have a relaxing weekend.

The Year Six Team