

Weekly Updates 14.06.2019

Early Years

We have had a great time outside in the rain this week. We have used the additional water to great effect; painting the ground with powder paints, splashing in puddles and measuring how much rain has fallen. Please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day as we never know what the weather will be like from one hour to the next some days!

We really enjoy sharing the pictures of the photos you put on Tapestry that are linked to our current focus. It enhances the children's learning and stimulates lots of discussion.

Date for your diary: The Nursery and Reception Activity Trail morning is Tuesday 9th July 10am to 11:15 am. This is a sporting event based upon the story The Gingerbread Man.

Nursery

We have all had a wonderful time outside; splashing in muddles, running in the wind and rain, listening to the sound of the rain from under an umbrella and singing and dancing too!

Inside we made a large roadmap on the carpet including road signs. We have enjoyed playing with the cars on this large map but also moving along it pretending we were cars! We have been measuring and sorting the cars, using the cars to encourage us to write and also using sponges to create our own cars.

Next week we will continue exploring transport and focussing on trains. The children have asked for the roleplay area to be turned into a railway station and we are looking forward to lots of train journeys next week! Please add any photos of trains and your train journeys on Tapestry for us to look at.

Our sound of the week is y.

Reception

We have really enjoyed seeing all of you in Reception this week; the children have had a wonderful time and we hope you all enjoyed your pizzas!

Following the interest the children had in a story we read about a Turtle called Duffy 'who ate a plastic bag' we have decided to focus on the role of a vet and caring for animals for the next few weeks. On Monday we have a Vet coming to meet the children to tell us all about her job and perform an operation on a toy dog.

Next week we will be having some extra Classroom Assistants in Reception; two year 6 pupils will be joining us for work experience!

Last week Sunshine Class got their 10 class points and they have chosen to go to the park as their class treat. We will be going Monday afternoon and no doubt this will spur Rainbow Class to get the rest of their points too!

Have a lovely weekend

The NURSERY & RECEPTION TEAM

We have read a selection of Aesop's Fables in literacy this week, thinking carefully about the message behind the story. Next week our literacy work will focus on the story 'Gerbils can't read.' We will be writing signs and using a story frame to retell the story thinking carefully about the beginning, middle and end. In Maths we are continuing our work on fractions, looking at fractions of a quantity.

Years 1 & 2 are having their Sports Day this Wednesday morning 19th June, from 9.30am to 11.30am on the School Field.

Please send your child to school in their school PE kit. They will need to bring their school uniform and shoes to change into afterwards. Please put sun cream on before you come to school and ensure your child has a sunhat and a bottle of water.

Our trip to Lackford Lake will soon be upon us, please ensure that you return the Consent slip to us, and pay for the trip online. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week the children have looked at different areas of the castle keep, and learned about what they were used for. We have also studied different features of castle defences like the drawbridge, portcullis and murder holes. The children enjoyed some gory discussions and were very imaginative when thinking about how they might attack a castle!

In Computing we are doing some basic programming. We use an app called Scratch Junior, which is designed for young children. They build algorithms to make simple animations and games – it's not as complicated as it sounds! In the past many parents have downloaded this on tablets at home for children to practice. You will be amazed at what the children can do!

Finally a reminder that Years 1 & 2 are having their Sports Day this Wednesday 19th June, from 9.30am to 11.30am on the School Field. Our practice this week was cancelled this week due to rain, so let's hope for better weather next week!

Please send your child to school in their school PE kit. They will need to bring their school uniform and shoes to change into afterwards. Please put sun cream on before you come to school and ensure your child has a sunhat and a bottle of water.

Have a good weekend

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

What a rainy week we have had! Despite the torrential rain, Class 8 was turned into an indoor hockey pitch with small scale two minute matches being played! The children in both classes really enjoyed this lesson.

Next week the children in Class 8 will be composing music based on the movements of a ball!!! They will also learn about the life of Abraham. Class 7 will continue their Computing lesson working on Scratch to

build algorithms. In French numbers up to 31 will be learnt and practised. The cave paintings will be continued in Art and hopefully the weather will allow outdoor PE to continue.

Having learnt about Stonehenge last week in History, the children will be building Stonehenge models out of a variety of materials! In Science, the children will set up an investigation to demonstrate how water is transported in flowers or plants.

Finally, a reminder the YR 3 & 4 Sports Day will be held on Friday 5th July at the Abbeycroft Sports Track from 1.30 – 3.30pm.

Have a great weekend and hopefully it will stay dry!

Y3 teaching team

Year 4

What a wet week! Considering the miserable weather and lack of outdoor break times, the children have done pretty well at staying focused!

All of year 4 has been revising 'operations and concepts' covered over the school year in Maths. It has been good to jog some of their memories and remind them about how to use different processes. From this, we have set some addition and subtraction homework for the children on Mathletics – please encourage them to do it.

Just about all year 4's have now completed the trial of the National Multiplication Test. Many children returned to class with smiles on their faces saying, "It wasn't as bad as I thought it would be!" Hopefully, all their time spent on TT Rock Stars has paid off! Their results will be shared with you when we have them.

Mrs. Knott's and Miss Spencer's English group have been completing and writing up their amazing versions of Beowulf. Mrs. Howell has been impressed with her English group's concentration and efforts with word work this week and reading comprehensions. In English the children have begun some of their end of year English assessments. There are no spellings to learn for next week in Mrs. Hickey's English class as the children will be taking part in a spelling assessment based on words from the Year 4 list.

DT was great fun on Tuesday! The children loved working with food and not only were they careful with their chopping skills, they were also mindful of hygiene. The forthcoming DT lessons are going to be food based which will hopefully teach the children useful life skills.

We had a fantastic day at Sutton Hoo yesterday and amazingly we had no rain! The children participated in lots of fun activities including brass rubbing, a treasure hunt, handling artefacts and a fascinating burial mound tour. The children were perfectly behaved and we were very proud of them. In our History lesson we did follow up work on our trip and learnt more about the treasure.

In PE the children have been taking part in 'Box To be Fit' circuit training, which is highly energetic and gives the children a really good workout!

As you will all know, it is Miss Spencer's last day today. Everyone will miss her and we are all grateful for her hard work.

Finally, a reminder that the Year 4 & 5 Sports Day will be held on Friday 5th July at the Abbeycroft Sports Track from 1.30 – 3.30pm.

Happy Father's Day for this Sunday – hopefully the children will have something special for you.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

Next week, we start with the WCET music celebration at the Apex. The children need to bring their instruments and a packed lunch with water bottle into school at the usual time. We will return to school by coach and the children will leave at the usual time.

If you are coming to a performance, the children have been given tickets to pass on to you. Please ensure that you arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before the performance start time at 12.45pm.

Again, we apologise that our initial letter gave a later time for our performance. For the first time, County Music are having two performance times (shared between all the schools) and Sebert Wood will now be performing their final performance at the earlier time of 12.45pm.

In Science, the children will research and compare gestation periods of animals. In French, they will learn the vocabulary relating to what people do at home. In Computing, the children are starting to construct their own website. In History, they will learn about the Mayan number system.

Finally, a reminder the Year 4 & 5 Sports Day will be held on Friday 5th July at the Abbeycroft Sports Track from 1.30 – 3.30pm.

Have a good weekend

The Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6

We are all excited and looking forward to all the activities and our trip to Eaton Vale next week!

Your child will have brought home a letter this week which MUST be returned please, signed to us on Monday confirming pick up details on our return at 3.30pm next Friday.

We will be posting some photos and updating you on Twitter during the week and will send a ParentMail on Tuesday confirming our safe arrival.

We will also notify you of a contact number (for use in case of emergency only please).

Finally, a reminder the Year 5 & 6 Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 10th July at the Abbeycroft Sports Track from 1.30 – 3.30pm.

Good luck with the packing and enjoy the break next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 6 Team