

## WEEKLY UPDATES 28.06.2019

### Early Years

Thank you for your support with providing sun hats, raincoats etc in school. It looks likely the weather will warm up for us next week so we would be most grateful if you could apply long-lasting sun cream to your child before the school day begins.

We are all really looking forward to our Story Trail on Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am. This year's theme is *The Gingerbread Man*; it is an interactive trail for you and your child to complete together. The challenges can be made easier or more difficult depending upon the abilities of the children and how much adult support they have.

Thank you for supporting our cake, book and plant sale. We will let you know the final amount raised next week.

### Nursery

We have really enjoyed our fire-fighters theme; the hot weather has meant we have been able to use real water outside which has made it even more fun. The visit from the fire engine obviously caused great excitement and inspired lots of painting, craft activities and role-play outside in our Fire Station. In PE we were Fire-fighters, climbing ladders, balancing on ropes, rolling in water and aiming throwing beanbags to put the fire out.

Next week we will be thinking ahead to our holidays, pretending to go to the seaside to get fish and chips and an ice cream!

Next week our sound of the week is Q.

### Reception

Both classes currently have a Vets set up in their role play area and the children have enjoyed caring for their animals as well as writing detailed reports, prescriptions and notes on the treatment they have received. Rainbow Class had a brilliant time at the park and both classes are now keen to get their next treat. Everyone has been keen to do as many class challenges as possible to get class points quicker! We are so pleased with the children's reading and the progress they have made. Thank you so much for all the support you give them at home. Over the next two weeks we will be assessing how many words they know.

Mrs Dade has collected all the Sunshine Class reading books and logs to check. They will all be returned Monday.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend.

From all the EYFS Team

## Year 1

What a lovely time we had at Lackford Lakes! We were so lucky with the weather. The children learnt so much and we were so proud of them and their behaviour.

We have been bringing some of the learning from the trip back into the classroom and then we have been linking it to literacy (writing a recount of the trip) and science (the classification of plants and trees).

Next week we will be beginning work on the story of Handa's Surprise and acting it out with actions.

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Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 1 team

## Year 2

You should have received a letter this week about our trip to the Abbey Gardens and Cathedral, which takes place next Tuesday. This helps us to teach the children about Local History, but will also cover Art, Geography, English and Maths! If you haven't returned your reply slip yet, please do so as soon as possible. Children will need a packed lunch, rucksack, water bottle, sunhat and raincoat. They will also need appropriate footwear as we will be walking there and back. We are hoping for sunshine!

Many parents have asked about classes next year – details will be included in School Reports which come home next week.

In English next week Mrs Alexander & Mrs Gilbert's group will look at St Edmund and Mr Winch's group are making stories about a tiny knight.

In Maths, Mrs Alexander & Mrs Gilbert's group will revisit fractions. Mr Winch's group will look at different ways of representing numbers and calculations, through something called 'Bar Modelling'.

Thank you to those who have sent in cardboard boxes – please keep bringing them in!

Have a great weekend

The Year 2 Team

## Year 3

The children have worked very hard over the last two weeks completing assessment tests. We are very proud of their achievements! The children enjoyed the Festival of Sport at Moreton Hall Prep School and behaved really well.

In our DT lessons next week the children will be making shortbread to include in their soil desserts! The children have planned these and hopefully they will resemble the layers of soil we learnt about in our Science investigation recently! Our Art lessons will continue with hand prints in a cave painting style. In French we will revise the months of the year and finish making calendars.

In outdoor PE we will be practising for Sports Day.

Next Friday will be our Year 3 & 4 Sports day, 1.30 – 3pm at the Abbeycroft Leisure sports track and children can come to school already in their sports gear, including a hat/cap and water bottle please. Your child will be told which team they are in and they can wear a t-shirt in the colour of their team if they wish.

We will have to return to school on the bus and dismiss children from class at the end of the day as usual. We are aiming to be back for 3.30pm but we may be a little later depending on the traffic at that time of day. Please make sure your child has their PE kit at school every day, thank you.

Finally, just a reminder the swimming session on Tuesday 16th July has been cancelled due to transfer days. For those of you who sent the voluntary contribution for this term's swimming, a deduction will be made from September's swimming sessions in Year 4.

Have a lovely weekend

The Year 3 Team

#### Year 4

There has been lots of movement and conversations about co-ordinates this week in Maths. The children have really enjoyed physically moving and plotting co-ordinates on the playground.

On Monday this week we continued our Science topic on electricity with the children investigating simple circuits. They each made a bulb light up or a buzzer buzz and learned the scientific symbols for electrical apparatus. A fun addition to the lesson was provided by a member of Class 9 who brought in a toy robot who lit up and made a noise when two or more people held his hands and then held each other's hands thus creating a circuit. This demonstrated safely how well electricity can pass through a human body.

We have had a very sporty week with PE on Tuesday and Friday as normal and an additional session on Wednesday to learn some basketball skills from a visiting coach. The children had great fun, worked up a sweat and practised their dribbling skills!

Also on Wednesday some children participated in athletics after school on the field.

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Work is well underway with the children gathering objects to make their wind chimes from. They are still rather excited and it's not too late for them to bring in additional, small accessories – recyclable objects will make a great addition. When sending in homework; please bear in mind the lack of space in Year 4 for displaying large pieces of work!

In History we have started learning about the Vikings and how they were excellent sailors and raiders! Thank you for the wonderful longboats we have received.

Enjoy your weekend.

Year 4 Team

Year 5

Next week is Harry Potter week. We are really looking forward to the trip on Monday! If your child suffers from travel sickness, please ensure you have given them suitable medication beforehand. Most of this medication will last all day but if your child will require another tablet for the return journey, a permission form (available from the School Office) will need to be completed and handed with the named medication to a member of the Year 5 staff.

The children will need a packed lunch, drink and additional healthy snacks (no glass bottles or cans please) in a named bag which they will carry around with them all day.

The coach will be leaving promptly at 8.15am and we will meet the children outside the school gate. We will leave the Studios to arrive back at school by approx. 4.30pm.

The children will need to wear school uniform and appropriate comfortable shoes.

If there are any changes to the scheduled times, we will contact you via Parentmail with the details. Unless your child is going to After School Club, we ask that they should be collected by an adult from the school library please on our return.

For the remainder of the week, the children will be doing a variety of cross-curricular, magical Harry Potter inspired activities.

Have a good weekend

The Year 5 Teaching Team