

Weekly Updates 13.09.2019

Early Years

We have really enjoyed getting to know the children and exploring the classrooms and outdoor area with them. We are so pleased with how well they have settled in; they are very tired today though it is hard learning new routines and remembering where everything goes! Please can you check that everything that comes into school and Nursery is named as it makes it easier for the children as well as us to find it.

Note for your diary: We will be inviting you to join us for **World's Biggest Coffee Morning** in aid of Macmillan on Friday 27th September. We will be sending you more details next week.

Nursery

We have a 'colour of the week' display table and we will focus on a different colour each week and would like the children to bring in something from home that is that colour. Next week our colour of the week will be BLUE.

We would also like to create an 'All about Me' display and would like some pictures of the children's families and pets to put on it. Please don't worry about printing photos if you post them on Tapestry we will be able to share them with the children on the whiteboard and print them if necessary too.

Everyone's Tapestry Account should be up and running on Monday.

Reception

The children all really enjoyed their first PE session in school, thank you for labelling the clothes it really does help! We have had to change our hall time so both classes will now have PE on Wednesdays from next week. Please make sure that any long hair is tied up and earrings removed on Wednesday please.

Each day we have a fruit or vegetable snack which the children can choose to have, it changes daily and we can often give the children a choice of more than one. If you decide to give your child a snack in addition to this please can we remind you that these **shouldn't contain nuts** and also not be chocolate bars or crisps.

Next week Douglas and Doodles from Rainbow Class and Sunshine Class's Bear will be coming to stay overnight! Every child will get a turn and please make sure they are returned to school the next day. They aren't quite brave enough to stay away from school for longer yet!

We hope you have a lovely relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday

From the EYFS Team

Year One

What a great start we have had to Year 1. We are so impressed with how independently the children have come into the classroom, quickly organising their belongings. They have been earning lots of marbles for the jar, we are sure a marble jar treat won't be far away.

This week the children have had their first taste of science and handwriting activities.

In literacy we have read the story 'Funny bones' and will continue to work on this in literacy next week. The children will be adding speech bubbles to the characters, making their own skeletons using dough and using animal templates to draw on their own skeleton.

In maths we will be ordering numbers, thinking about one more and one less and working on number formation and accurate counting.

We have now attached the coloured key fobs to your child's book bag. We would be very grateful if you could remove any other key rings. It is important to remember to bring your book bag every day so we can hear your child read and enclose any letters, thank you.

We hope the children have enjoyed their first full week in Year 1.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year One Team.

Year Two

The children have settled well into their new classes and have come up with many questions about our first topic "Seas and Oceans". This week we have been sketching seashells and naming seas and oceans around the UK.

Our PE lessons this term will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure any PE kit is named, and that your child has appropriate clothing for outdoor lessons.

Our work in English this week has focussed on the story and characters of Finding Nemo. In Maths we are looking at place value (tens and ones) and ordering numbers.

This week we will be issuing two pieces of homework for each child. These should be completed at home and returned to school by Wednesday. We have told the children to let the teachers know if they have any problems completing it or if they need any help.

It's great to see so many parents listening to their children reading daily. If your child finishes their home reading book, please record the name of the book finished in their yellow reading log. They will then be allowed to change their book.

Have a great weekend!

The Year 2 Team

Year Three

The children are really settling into Year 3 nicely and have been producing some good work.

For this term, PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Please provide your child with kit suitable for indoors and outdoors, including a warm jumper as the weather is getting colder! A carrier bag for muddy trainers is also essential. Please ensure long hair is tied back and any earrings are removed or covered. Fitbits must be removed for PE lessons, and it is your child's responsibility to put them somewhere safe so you may prefer your child to leave theirs at home.

Our main topic is Ancient Egypt, which will be used across the Curriculum. We have already had two History lessons to introduce the topic, and next week we will begin creating some Art using Nefertiti as inspiration. In Science, we are learning about light and shadow; next week we are discussing shadow formation alongside the difference between opaque and transparent. In Computing, the children are beginning to make an information powerpoint about Ancient Egypt, whilst in French, the children learnt how to greet each other and will be moving on to saying their names. Our PE lessons are covering the skills of basketball and dance. The school value we are currently focusing on is respect – both for ourselves, others and the wider community.

We will be sending home weekly spellings for the children to practise at home. Your child will be tested on these every Friday, and a new list will then be sent home. Mr Tottie and Mrs Cass' group will receive theirs this week, whilst Mrs Hickey and Mrs Howell's group will start next Friday. Please also check your child's bookbag for the Year 3 Autumn Term Home Learning Menu. The expectation is that your child will choose one piece per week to complete and hand in by Thursday. This Home Learning Menu will be used until we are near the end of the Autumn term, when it will be replaced by a Christmas themed one. Please also continue to help your child practise their times table and listen to them read at home, especially as there is less scope to hear 1:1 readers in Key Stage 2. We will be introducing the children to the Accelerated Reader programme over the next couple of weeks and will send home information on how this works at that time.

Have a lovely weekend,

Year 3 Team

Year Four

The children have had a busy full week back in school. They enjoyed swimming and are enthusiastically engaged in this term's new topics.

Next week, in History, the children will be learning why the Romans invaded Britain. In Music, the children have been learning about the life of Mozart. Next week they will need their recorders to start learning this new skill! Many people prefer to have their own recorder for hygiene reasons however we do have some school recorders which the children can borrow and which we wash between uses.

In Art, they will be learning about Pointillism. In Science, they will continue to learn about skeletons, specifically comparing those of human and animals.

The children have been given their Autumn home learning menu. They can spread out the pieces they choose to complete but four must be completed by Friday, 18th October.

Mrs. Knott is working a phased return as she builds up the strength in her leg. Meanwhile Miss Bradburn, Mr. Tottie and Mrs. Dalton-Brockwell will be covering some sessions in class 10. This is the plan for next week.

	Monday 16 th	Tuesday 17 th	Wednesday 18 th	Thursday 19 th	Friday 20 th
AM	Mrs Knott	Mrs Knott	Mrs Knott	Miss Bradburn	Miss Bradburn
PM	Mrs Dalton-Brockwell	Mr Tottie	Mrs Dalton-Brockwell	Mrs Knott	Mrs Knott

The weather continues to be unpredictable, so please make sure your child has a coat in case we have a damp playtime when we want to get the children outside for some fresh air and to run around to let off steam.

Have a good weekend

The Y4 Teaching Team

Year Five

We've had a great first full week in Year 5 and the children have begun their new topics enthusiastically! Routines have been established and the children are enjoying the extra responsibilities and differences that are associated with being in UKS2.

Next week in French we will be revising the vocabulary of asking about brothers and sisters. Indoor PE will be dance based on Victorian inventions (Mondays) and outdoor PE (Thursdays) will cover netball and basketball skills. Please ensure that your children have full PE kits in school on a Monday and leave them all week, several children had no kits last week.

Our History topic on Victorians has begun with an overview of this interesting era. Children will have a History lesson one week and a Science lesson the following week and then alternate throughout the term. In Science we looked at the evidence which shows that the sun, moon and earth are roughly spherical.

In Computing we are focussing on e-safety and will be considering password safety. PSHE will involve looking at British values. Our Art lessons will also have a focus on Victorian inventions and will be based on a book called R is for Railway. Our RE lessons will be looking at the Hindu concept of yoga pathways.

Children have been issued with a brass instrument which will remain in school until approximately half term. Please return any paperwork relating to this if you have not already done so.

A reminder that homework is due in on Wednesdays - one piece per week. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,

Year 5 Teaching team.