

WEEKLY UPDATES 04.010.2019

Early years

We have been doing lots of counting this week! In Nursery we have fed worms to the baby owls and in Reception we have counted everything, everywhere! We have all enjoyed singing number songs/rhymes too.

The leaves are falling now; if you go on an autumn walk please can you bring in big leaves, conkers, acorns etc. Don't forget to add any photos onto Tapestry too!

There are some people who have not activated their Tapestry accounts yet, Mrs Dade will send a new activation link, please check your 'junk' emails because sometimes the link may go into that folder. If you are still having difficulties please email admin@sebertwood.co.uk Thank you so much for coming to our coffee Morning / afternoon in aid of Macmillan today. All the children enjoyed the cakes and special drinks they had with you in the hall or the Reception Base.

Nursery

We have had fun making owl puppets, chocolate nests and bird feeders. We hope you get to see the birds eating from their bird feeder in your gardens! Don't forget as the weather is turning colder please bring a coat as we play outside whenever we can.

While walking through the forest exploring, we found The Three Bears House! We will be focusing on Goldilocks and the three bears for the next two weeks.

Our colour of the week is orange next week.

Reception

This week we will continue to focus our activities around the The Gruffalo story. We will be drawing our own Gruffalo story maps and making Gruffalo Crumble and Scrambled Snake outside.

We will be introducing the sounds in phonics this week. Each day we will teach the children a new pure sound and how to form the letters. The letter sounds a, c, d and o are this week's letters. If you could look for things beginning with these sounds or to spot the sounds in books it would really help to reinforce your child's learning.

Please can you make sure you are pronouncing the sound correctly by following the link on our website 'sounds of the Phonics Code.'

During the week the children will be given a reading book or book activity as appropriate, these will be changed once a week. Please spend some time with your child exploring these activities.

We will be holding our own Book Club, just like a grown up 'Book Club'! Every child takes a library book for you to share at home, when they return it to school we will then sit in small groups to discuss what we have read. Sunshine Class will have book club on Thursdays and Rainbow Class will have it on Wednesdays.

Next week we will continue to explore and learn about autumn.

Have a lovely weekend

The Early Years Team.

Year 1

This week in literacy we have been writing about 'The Little Red Hen'. The children have been thinking of their own sentences to write in their literacy books. In maths we have been looking at ordinal numbers (i.e. first, second, third etc.). In handwriting we are starting to work on the 'c' based letters of c, o, d, and a alongside fine motor activities to strengthen our fingers.

In all lessons, we have been thinking carefully about our pencil grip and seating before starting to write.

Next week we will be basing our literacy work on poems about animals. In maths, we will be looking at addition.

We have had some children who have lost clothes whilst changing for PE. We would be very grateful if you check to make sure all your child's belongings are named as it makes it so much easier to return them. Thank you.

Have a good weekend,
Year 1 Team.

Year 2

This week we have had a science focus. On Monday we learned about food chains using vocabulary such as herbivore, carnivore and top predator! The children really enjoyed this – why not ask them to explain it to you? Later in the week we looked at what makes things float or sink. This will build into our Design & Technology project next week!

On Monday children will design a raft to carry some small plastic bears – they will then build their raft using the recycled plastic trays and bottles we've been collecting. If you do find any more at home, please send them in on Monday.

This week we also had a special harvest assembly from Reverend Ford – thank you to those of you who collected food for us.

Next week we will be marking Mental Health Awareness Week as a school. In Year 2 we have learned about recognising feelings in PSHE – we will build on this next week by learning strategies to help us feel calm.

Have a great weekend
The Year 2 Team

Year 3

Autumn is definitely here with the weather turning colder and wetter this week – please ensure your child has a named jumper or cardigan and coat in school every day, as we do try to get outside for fresh air when possible.

We have been completing our Nefertiti Art this week and on Monday we had a visit from a Lollipop Man to talk to the children about his job. Next week, we will follow up our previous History lesson on the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb, by finding out more about his life as a pharaoh. In Science we will continue to investigate reflective materials.

PE is still on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has correct kit, including trainers or plimsolls. As the weather deteriorates, please also send a carrier bag for muddy footwear as some sessions will be held on the field.

A reminder that next THURSDAY 10th October is World Mental Awareness Day and we will be focussing on this during our PSHE lessons.

Have a great weekend,
Year 3 Team

Year 5

Another hard working week in Y5! The children are enjoying learning about Earth and Space and what life was like for Victorian children. On that note, please return any slips for our Gressenhall trip if you have not already done so. Please see attached costume ideas for the day of the trip. It is not necessary to go out and spend lots of money on a costume, DIY is just as or more effective!

Next week we will continue reading the book 'Cogheart' in English, which both groups have enjoyed the beginning of. In Science Class 12 will learn about the movement of the planets in relation to the sun. Class 11 will do this the following week. The History lesson will focus on Lord Shaftesbury and Dr Barnardo's influence on the lives of Victorian children.

There is a lot going on over the next couple of weeks, aside from normal curriculum learning and activities. A quick reminder that individual school photos will be taken on Wednesday 9th October. The week commencing 14th October will be Bikeability training for the Y5 children. In order to participate, the children should bring in a roadworthy bike and a well-fitting helmet.

Have a great weekend,
Y5 team

Year 6

This afternoon, the children had a visit from the assistant head teacher of KEGS to discuss transition and tell them all about the school. They asked lots of interesting questions including about, but not limited to, the sprinkler system in case of fire.

Throughout the week, the children have been working hard in English to develop their understanding of Greek mythology and have now begun writing their own adaptation of 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. We have seen some very inventive, and somewhat gruesome, alternatives to the famous mythical creature. The children will be completing these next week and we look forward to reading the finished product.

In Science, the children have been using their knowledge and understanding of electricity and circuits to design a burglar alarm. They will continue with this next week and, if required, should bring in any additional resources that they need next Friday.

It has been great to see the children's responses to the home learning menu, particularly the abundance of Parthenon and Greek sandal cakes in Class 13! Please remember, the next piece of homework is due in on Monday.

Have a great weekend,
The Year 6 Team

A reminder that next THURSDAY 10th October is World Mental Awareness Day. It is a NON-UNIFORM day and we are asking for the children to wear something yellow (if possible) and bring a small donation for the charity, thank you so much for your kind support as always. Assemblies will be held next week highlighting this important issue.

Finally, next Friday is Fit Friday – children can come to school in their PE Kits.