

Weekly Updates 08.11.2019

Early Years

We have all had a fantastic week! Room on the Broom is one of our favourite books and the children have immersed themselves in all the activities we had planned. They have thought of their own ideas too. Our role-play areas have continued to motivate the children and we have also been focussing on fireworks and Bonfire Night.

Some of the children have been celebrating Divali and we have really enjoyed hearing about how they celebrated the Festival of Light. Please let us know of any family traditions or special times you celebrate.

Please put any photos of firework displays you see on Tapestry so they can inspire us to paint pictures and describe what we can see and hear.

Next week it is very busy with all the special days; Remembrance Day, Children in Need on Friday and it is also Anti- Bullying week. Children may come into school dressed in something spotty and sporty next Friday 15th for Children In Need.

Also if you have any Aldi Sports stickers tucked in wallets or purses or sat at home ready to be sent into school, please do so ASAP and by the end of this week. The initiative has now finished in store, with the final stickers being given to customers at the weekend. We're trying to fill our second poster to give us double the chance of winning a prize in the draw but have some more gaps to fill! Many thanks to all of you who have collected stickers, it's much appreciated.

Nursery

Last week we were expert potion makers! The children were even able to make spells that were so good they turned Mr Dewhurst into a frog and then the following day we turned Mrs Dade into a spider, however, the spider tickled us so we turned her into a princess!! We are sad to say it is the end of Logan's placement today, a huge thank you and we will really miss her!

Reception

Room on the Broom is one of our favourite books and we have been using it as a stimulus for writing, reading and even PE! We got the large apparatus out for the first time and used it to retell the story of 'Room on the Broom'. We were so pleased with how well the children used the equipment especially those that started worried but by the end of the lesson were confidently jumping off the tallest table!

Please can you make sure your child has their PE kit in school and that they return their book club books too. We had lots of children who were not able to discuss their books this week.

Rainbow Class on Wednesday and Sunshine Class on Thursday.

Next week our sound of the week will be 'a'.

Have a good weekend

The Nursery & Reception Team

Year 1

We have had a busy week thinking about firework poetry. We have worked hard to think of interesting adjectives to include in our writing. Next week we will be basing our literacy around “pets” and we will be going on a visit to Pets at Home in order to make this a real experience for the children! Class4 will go on Monday and Class 3 on Wednesday. We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has a coat on those days, thank you.

In Maths we will be learning 2D shapes.

Please continue to hear your child read regularly even though it is a very busy time of the year! It is so beneficial to their development of skills, thank you for your support.

We are beginning to learn songs and rehearse our Christmas play. You will no doubt hear some of the songs at home! We have lots of costumes in school but we may need a few simple bits and bobs such as tights, t-shirts etc. We will let you know nearer the time, many thanks.

Monday 11th November is the start of Anti-bullying Week. – This will be discussed in a friendly way in assembly and in class

Next Friday 15th November is Children in Need Day! Your child can come into school wearing something sporty and spotty for Fit Friday. We hope you can make a voluntary donation for the charity and we may have a visit from Pudsey if he has time on such a busy day!

Finally, a reminder to check your child’s reading record to see when it is their turn to do “Talk Time”. Slips are put into your child’s reading record towards the end of the week previous to when it is their turn. Many thanks!

It was great to see so many of you at Parents’ Evening last night – we look forward to welcoming more of you next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 1 team.

Year 2

In our topic work this week we revisited the story of the Great Fire of London. The children demonstrated their learning by putting parts of the story in order then illustrating it to create a storyboard. We have also begun a design project – the King has asked us to design a bridge to cross the River Thames! We will be building and testing these next week.

Our Science focus for this term is properties of materials. We started this week by looking at which materials are used for different classroom objects.

Miss Lee is teaching our RE sessions this half-term. The children have been learning about aspects of Yom Kippur, a special holy day for Jewish people.

Next week is Anti-Bullying week – this will be discussed in a Keystage-1-friendly way in assembly and in class. We have Fit Friday on Friday, which is Children in Need day.

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The Year 2 Team

Year 3

We have really enjoyed meeting some of you for parents evening this week and look forward to meeting the rest of you next Tuesday. It is always lovely to get a chance to share lovely stories with you about your children and discuss their next steps. We hope you find the information packs handed out at the consultations useful in how best to support your child's learning at home.

Following on from our understanding of forces, in Science we will begin to look at magnetism as a force. We are sure that the children will have a great time working collaboratively to explore magnets. The children are remembering so much in French and we are able to have short conversations! Next week we are continuing with our colour vocabulary. The updates to the computers during half term were successful and the children have made a great start with their Egyptian themed PowerPoints. This will continue next week.

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Next Thursday, 14th November is our Egypt Day! Please note, this is not a dressing up day, and the children are expected to come in their usual school uniform. Many thanks to those who have made a monetary contribution for this event; it would not go ahead without your kind donations.

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Year 3 Team

Year 5

We had a fun Science lesson in Year 5 this week, learning about the phases of the moon by eating Jaffa Cakes and Oreo Cookies! See if your child can identify which phase the moon is in next time you are outside in the dark! By the time you have read this, we will have met with some of you at our consultation evening. We look forward to seeing the remainder of you on Tuesday evening next week.

Next week we will be expressing which subjects we like and don't like in French. Indoor PE will continue with aerobics. In Science we will be planning an investigation to prove the apparent movement of the sun across the sky, which will be carried out the following week – weather permitting! We will begin researching the Industrial Revolution in our History lesson. Computing will continue linking with Science, using Scratch to show the movement of the Earth and the moon around the Sun.

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Watercolours will be introduced in Art, focussing on the work of JMW Turner. Outdoor PE will continue with football. In Philosophy we will compare a street in Manchester in Victorian times with a view of the same street now. We will consider materialism as our debating topic.

Just a reminder that next Friday 15th November is Children in Need Day and Fit Friday. The children should come to school in PE kit which can be spotty! Various fitness activities are planned throughout the day.

Have a great weekend,

Year 5 team

Year 6

It was lovely to see many of you at parent consultations this week; if you did not attend this week, we look forward to seeing you for the remaining consultations next Tuesday.

This week, the children have been working hard to write their biographies of a famous scientist – either Thomas Edison, Benjamin Franklin or Hertha Ayrton. These have been very informative to read and the children have learnt a number of interesting facts - as have we! On Wednesday, they worked collaboratively across both English groups to peer assess and provide feedback on each other's work, with a particular focus on using a range of subordinating conjunctions throughout their writing. Why not ask your child if they can remember any of the brilliant examples they used?

In Maths, we have had a focus of multiplication, specifically using the formal written method of 'Long Multiplication'. Please continue to encourage your children to practise their times tables as much as possible: improving their recall speed of these will greatly aid them in all areas of mathematics.

In the afternoons, we have continued with our Ancient Greece topic work. The children have used atlases to locate and identify different features in Greece, and, towards the end of the week, they have been learning about the 'Battle of Marathon' in readiness for their next written piece in English.

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Thank you to those who have sent in cereal boxes for the children to use in Science over the next few weeks. We are unfortunately still short of many, so if you have any, please send these in next week, many thanks!

Thank you to those who have returned their letters relating to our Year 6 residential trip next year to **Eaton Vale**. We would ask that any remaining **forms are returned as soon as possible** as we need to know how many children will be attending the trip.

Looking ahead, our SATs Information evening will be held on Thursday 28th November 6.00pm – 6.45pm. This is a really good opportunity to understand more about the statutory requirements and how we will prepare the children in this regard.
Have an enjoyable weekend,
The Year 6 team