

The birds around the local area have been lucky enough to have some extra food this week. Rainbow Class went to the Woods and Nursery made some bird feeders using pine cones which they put up in our garden. Rainbow Class were excited to see some birds eating some of the food before they left the woods too; the children must have been very quiet!

As the weather has now got much colder can we please remind you to bring mittens / gloves and hats into school and labelled with your child's name please. In the Early Years we are all hoping for snowy weather and all the wonderful ideas the children have had to develop all the wonderful learning this Wintery weather provides.

Nursery

This week we have continued enjoying our Polar Regions role play area. We have made Polar cakes and gone fishing for shapes as well as fish!

Next week we will be focussing on the story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and turning our role-play area into the Three Bears Cottage. We are looking forward to hearing the children retell the story using different voices. This story also enables us to compare size.

Our sound of the week will be 'd'; please can you bring in some objects for us to look at beginning with this sound.

We will also be giving you an activity bag linked to the work we have been doing in phonics for you to do at home. There are instructions with each bag and they all support the pre-reading skills that are essential before starting on reading books. They will encourage the children to listen carefully to what they have seen and / or heard.

Reception

Thank you for ensuring your child has their PE kit in school on Wednesday for their PE session. We had great fun playing some games, trying to escape from Jack and Jackie Frost and trying to keep the icy snowballs (balloons) in the air instead of on our hands!

Well done to those children who came into school independently. Mrs Reynolds feels it is so much safer as well as helping the children to feel less overwhelmed by the amount of adults in their way as they try and come into school.

Next week we will continue looking at patterns and symmetry in Maths.

Both classes are changing their role-play areas this week; Rainbow Class wanted a Doctors and Sunshine Class will have Olaf's Cafe!

We hope you have a lovely weekend from all the EYFS Team.

The Reception & Nursery Teams

What a busy week we have had! The children have been working hard on their understanding of addition using number lines to find the missing number in an addition number sentence. Well done children!

We have enjoyed writing about 'The Gingerbread Man' as well as acting out the story and thinking about the feelings of the characters involved. Our literacy focus for the next two weeks will be 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be using actions to help us plan and retell the story. In maths we will be introducing subtraction, stressing the importance of starting with the largest number.

If you would like to help your child with their phonics, there is a great website that we use in school with lots of games to help them learn and expand their phonic knowledge. You can help at home by logging on to the following: www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Many thanks for all your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 1 Team

In our topic this week the children have been learning about some of the physical features of the Arctic, using terminology like glacier, mountain, valley, sea ice and iceberg. In Art we have studied the patterns frost can make and replicated these using chalk. Their pictures were very effective!

In Maths we have been consolidating our work on multiplication and division. By the end of Year 2 all children should be able to recite the 2, 10 and 5 times tables. We will revisit these over the coming months. The school has paid for all children to have access to an online game called Times Table Rock Stars which can be found here. Log-in details and passwords for this were sent home before Christmas; please ask if you would like another copy.

In English next week Mr Winch's group will focus on The Gingerbread Man, learning the story off by heart and including all the aspects of writing we have learned so far in Year 2. Mrs Alexander's and Mrs Gilbert's group will continue thinking about the Arctic, focussing on reading comprehension.

In Philosophy children have been considering what a lie is and whether a lie can ever be 'good'! In RE we are looking at signs and symbols in Noah's Ark.

Thank you for hearing your child read regularly – this really helps with their fluency and comprehension. A reminder that children are able to change their reading book daily if their Reading Log has been signed by an adult.

Have a great weekend!

The Year 2 Team

The children have been working very hard so far this term and lots of them are starting second books of work! This week the children have enjoyed the start of our Art project; creating a collage in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Thank you for sending in food magazines.

Next week we will continue improving our gymnastic skills in Indoor PE. Outdoor PE on Tuesday will be Rounders, with a focus on fielding skills. Please can we remind you to make sure that children have warm PE clothes and a bag for muddy trainers. If girls are wearing tights they will need socks for PE.

We currently have no spare kit to loan if children forget their kit as it has all been borrowed but not returned after being taken home to be washed. Please check if you have any Sebert Wood spare kit at home which has been borrowed and return it as soon as possible, thank you.

In French we will be focusing on vocabulary which describes personality. Our Geography lesson will be looking at the stages of a river and all of the associated vocabulary. The children are enjoying learning Samba rhythms in Music.

Thank you for the lovely homework which has been returned so far this term. Just a quick reminder, all homework should be named and handed in by Thursday each week please.

Have a lovely weekend,

Year 3 Team

Last week in Geography the children learnt about countries in the Arctic Circle and were fascinated by the 'midnight sun' experienced in these areas. This week they studied climate zones around the world. In Science we have created branching databases.

In Art we have continued to study 'Pop Art'. The children have been making repeated pattern images of their own faces using bright unnatural colours in the style of Andy Warhol.

The children are really enjoying their gymnastic coaching on Mondays and this week they practised many rolls including forward rolls, teddy bear rolls and egg rolls! Next week they will be practicing backwards rolls. Tag rugby on Wednesday was also great fun in the mud and tremendous exercise! Please remember to send warm/outdoor sports gear as many children didn't have appropriate outdoor kit and our TA had to spend time phoning parents to bring kit in. Please also provide a carrier bag for their muddy trainers and wash and return spare kit promptly. All long hair needs to be tied up on P.E. days please and earrings taped or removed.

In English this week Miss Lee's class have been writing stories based upon their work on Danny Champion of the World. They have also been learning how to use plural possessive apostrophes. In Mrs Howell's and Mrs Hickey's class they have been using their imaginations whilst making sure that they are punctuating speech correctly, plus they have been writing Winter poems with similes and powerful adjectives.

In English next week both classes will be studying the life of Polar Explorer Ernest Shackleton. In previous years the children have all been captivated by his ship sinking in the Weddell Sea and his miraculous escape and rescue from Antarctica.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 4 Team

Next week in Art, the children will be continuing to look at the work of Gaudi. They will be making their own mosaics using coloured paper. In Science, the children will be conducting an investigation into paper strength. In Geography, the children will be looking at the differences in climate between Barcelona and Bury. They will be recording their findings on a line graph.

In RE, they will be learning about the parable of 'The Prodigal Son' and thinking about forgiveness. In French, they will be learning how to say whether they like or don't like something. In Computing, the children will continue using Inkscape and designing more complex tessellations. PE continues outside on Mondays and inside on Thursdays. Please make sure that children have warm PE clothes for outdoor PE and a bag for muddy trainers.

Also, a reminder children should not be bringing fidget spinners or similar to school unless it has been agreed with your child's teacher.

Have a good weekend

The Year 5 Teaching Team

We've had another productive week this week, with the children finishing their assessed writing, a biography piece about Anne Frank - and they have completed the 2017 set of practice SATs tests. We have been really impressed with both their attitudes and the effort they have put into their work. As a reward, we finished off the week watching 'Goodnight Mr Tom' to link to our WW2 topic, with a bag of popcorn as a treat!

The homework for this week is:

Reading: Poetry: pgs 2-7 Due: Thurs 24th
Maths: Arithmetic workbook: pgs 4-11 Due: Tues 22nd
Spellings have been set today Due: Friday 25th

Again, we will be looking next Friday to ensure everyone has been logging onto Times Tables Rockstars and regularly practising through playing the games. The games have been tailored for each child, so that they are tested on the Times tables we feel they need to work on. This will be adjusted when needed, throughout the year.

As a reminder, please encourage your child to ensure that all work books are in school every day, as they will occasionally be used during lessons and we will be marking homework at some point during the week.

Next week we will continue to go through the past SAT practice papers the children have completed over the last week, to address any misconceptions. Both Maths groups will then begin looking at Fractions. We will also start our new text in English, 'Fuzzy Mud', of which we will focus our next few pieces of assessed writing around.

A polite reminder to please continue collecting suitable materials for your child to create their model Anderson shelter for during our WW2 week. **These should be bought into school no earlier than Monday 11th February, thank you.**

Finally, a reminder that the second Eaton Vale payment is now overdue (if you haven't paid already) and can be paid via your Gateway account. Payment dates are noted below for your help in planning, many thanks.

Your account will show what payments are outstanding and the balance payable.

29 Oct 18 £40; 31 Dec 18 £50; 28 Feb 19 £50; 30 April 19 £50; TOTAL £190

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 6 teaching Team