

WEEKLY UPDATES 01.02.2019.

Early Years

We are always very busy in the Early Years and this week has been no exception! Baby Bear has been to the Moon, Olaf's Cafe opened which proved to be very popular and a very much needed Doctors Surgery opened too. The little bit of snow we had increased the excitement levels - however we were disappointed not to get more. The children in Nursery valiantly tried to build snowmen but there just wasn't enough snow!

Nursery

We have really enjoyed the story Whatever Next and sending the letter sounds we have been learning into space! We all used our imaginations to build some fantastic rockets and on Friday we set our role play area up as a Chinese Restaurant in preparation for The Chinese New Year. Next week Alice's Mum is coming in to see us to talk about how she celebrates The Chinese New Year and Oliver's Mum has brought lots of things for us to look at too.

Next week our letter of the week is g. We will be doing lots of counting and number ordering activities too.

Reception

We have had to swap our PE days. Rainbow Class will now do their PE on Tuesdays and Sunshine Class on Wednesdays. It is always a good idea to keep PE bags in school all week in case we get the opportunity for more hall time.

In phonics we have been introducing the vowel digraphs (hopefully the children will tell you what a vowel digraph is! Please make sure the phonic blue books in bookbags so we can add the sounds we have done; ee, ai, oo, or, oa. Also can you make sure your children's words (if they have them) are in their book bags so we can practise in school too.

Rainbow Class had a wonderful time in the woods making their animal homes and Sunshine Class successfully rescued Queen Elsa's friends from the ice after she had accidentally frozen them!

Next week we will be finding out about The Chinese New Year we will be learning to write numbers to 10 in Chinese and finding out how it is celebrated in this country.

In maths we will be writing practising our number formation and writing subtraction and addition number sentences.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend from all The Early Years Team

Year 1

We have had a busy week in Year 1, the children have written their own version of Jack and the Beanstalk and we have been delighted at the standard of writing produced. The children had such enthusiasm for the task and were really proud of their work. We hope you have an opportunity to look at your child's work at Parents Evening and see the fantastic progress they have made since September.

Next week our work will be based around the story 'Little Red Riding Hood'.

In maths this week we have continued our work on subtraction, alongside a focus on reading and writing teen numbers – 11, 12, 13 and 15 are the tricky ones! Next week we will be introducing length and height measuring using both standard (cm) and non standardised units (cubes, books).

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 1 Team.

Year 2

Our Arctic topic seems very appropriate this week! On Monday the children learned about Inuit people, including what they eat, wear and how their lives differ from ours. On Wednesday we conducted experiments to melt ice, focussing particularly on predicting and fair tests. We have some great budding scientists!

In English next week both groups will continue to focus on the writing of fairy tales, including how to write speech marks. In Maths both groups will start to look at different methods of addition.

The children have been honing their word processing skills in Computing and we will now move to creating art on computers using Microsoft Paint.

In RE we are continuing our work on Signs & Symbols by looking at items of clothing which are significant to Jewish people.

Have a great weekend!

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

What a chilly week! The children have chosen a rainforest animal to begin making as a soft toy and are enjoying Samba rhythms in Music. In Gymnastics, we are building on our skills in forward rolls, backward rolls and core strength.

Our rounders lessons have been progressing well and we are putting all the skills together to play mini games. We have had a few children who have not brought in a separate carrier bag for muddy trainers so there may be some muddy kit in PE bags! Also, some children have left their trainers outside, so please ensure all kit is named. Anyone missing trainers should check in the Year 3 Base.

In French, we will be learning the days of the week, whilst in Art we will be evaluating our Arcimboldo collages and sketching. We will be learning about the local Rivers Lark and Linnet in Geography.

Just a reminder that on Monday, the children will need to hand in their reading logs before assembly. Anyone who has had an adult sign their reading log 3 times in a week will earn a merit. However, it is their responsibility to hand the log in!

Have a great weekend,

Year 3 Team

Year 4.

This week the children used apparatus in gymnastics they worked on body control during rolls, jumps and landing. This included star jumps off a box, pencil jumps off a spring board, forward rolls along a bench and backward rolls on a mat. Due to the snow Wednesday's PE was indoors and the children engaged in energetic dance routines!

In English, we have been planning Antarctic adventure stories based upon our study of the adventures of Polar explorer, Ernest Shackleton.

In Maths these past few weeks we have been doing multiplication and division work using our knowledge of the times-tables. Please help your child to learn their times tables (including division facts) so that they can find this work less challenging. All children should know their multiplication facts and division facts up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4, so it is really important that they practise these please.

In art the children drew half-portraits with a photo, with some wonderful results. Next week we will be drawing pop-art style self-portraits in the style of Roy Lichtenstein.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 4 Team

Year 5.

Next week in Art, the children will start a unit on Picasso. In Geography, the children will be researching Catalonia and recording an advert using the green screen. In outdoor PE, they will continue developing their rugby skills and in indoor PE, with gymnastics. In French, the children will learn the vocabulary for healthy and unhealthy food.

The forthcoming Year 5 and 6 Parent Consultations are being held in the Upper Key Stage 2 classrooms this year. Unfortunately, due to space restrictions in the UKS2 block, books will not be available to look at during the evenings. However, you are invited to come into the Year 5 and 6 classrooms on Friday 15th February between 3.30-4.15 for an informal look at your child's books. This is an opportunity to look through the children's learning so far this academic year.

This year, the Year 5 children have decided to raise money for the East Anglian Children's Hospice. They will organise small events for the remainder of the year to that end. The first one of these is a non-uniform day on Friday, 8th February and they have suggested a £1 donation to support this worthy cause, thank you so much for your support. Please ensure that your child's outfit is suitable for cold break-times outside.

Have a good weekend

The Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6.

This week in English we began to think about our next piece of writing – a leaflet about Global Warming and what we can do to help combat it. The children started by conducting their own research and taking notes, ready to begin writing next week. In Maths, we have continued our work on fractions and the children are beginning to consolidate their understanding in this area. This will continue next week when we will start to look at multiplication and division involving fractions. In History, the children wrote up their research about World War 2 and they completed their classification diagrams in Science.

The homework for this week is:

Reading: Non-fiction: pgs 12-21 Due: Thurs 7th

Maths: Practice workbook: pgs 16-23 Due: Tues 5th

Please continue to encourage your children to practise the spellings from the complete Year5/6 word list, ready to be tested on **1st March**. It is up to the children to decide how best to practise and learn these spellings, either by splitting up the list and practising a different set of spellings each week or by focusing on the list as a whole.

Our WW2 week is nearly upon us: throughout the week beginning 11th February, the children will be taking part in a range of different activities inspired by their learning about the Second World War. A reminder that the children are able to dress up in period costume throughout the week to further enhance their experience. Suitable costumes may include: soldiers, evacuees, land girls etc. Please do not feel the need to spend excessive time and money on sourcing multiple costumes, but children can wear a number of different costumes if they would like to. Also, please continue collecting suitable materials for your child to create their model Anderson shelter during the week. **These should be brought into school no earlier than Monday 11th February, thank you.**

Have a lovely weekend

The Year 6 Teaching Team