

Weekly Updates 07.06.2019

Early Years Update.

We had a wonderful day today celebrating Pyjamarama and we raised over £70 for BookTrust! We have spent the day reading stories, making dens and sleeping! Well done to the parents who came to school in their pyjamas too! The Nursery children went on a story hunt looking for their favourite books outside.

We have had some photographs of the children enjoying their bedtime story, we would really like some more to complete a display.

Nursery

We have continued focussing on Transport this week in particular airplanes. We were really inspired by our special visitor. Benjamin's Dad is a pilot and he came to visit us and talked about his job and told us that we could all become pilots if we wanted to. We then decided to make some airplane biscuits and fly to Disneyland!

Next week we will continue to focus on transport and also the development of our fine motor skills. Our letter of the week will be x as in fox.

Reception

'Douglas, Doodles and The Everywhere Bear' are feeling really brave and will be visiting some of you during the week. They will be still staying 3 nights however they need to be back in school on Friday so they can visit another family at the weekend.

We have already had several people sign up for to be a 'mystery reader'; please don't let your child know you are coming. Part of the magic is seeing the child's face when they open their eyes and see someone they know sitting down on the 'teacher's chair.'

In Maths next week we will be continuing to focus on subtraction and the number bonds to 10.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in school next week for our Father's Day activities.

Have a lovely weekend

The Reception & Nursery Team

Year 1 Update

The children have settled well after the holidays and have been eager to share all their news!

In Maths we have been introducing the topic of division through sharing and the children have been very good at making sure that everything is fair! Next week we will be looking at fractions. In English we have begun looking at fables with the story of 'The Ant and the Dove', next week we will be basing our English work around 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf'.

Your child should have brought home a Pirate homework grid for this half term today. This will follow the same format as the Dinosaur homework with all children having the opportunity to share their favourite piece of homework at the end of the term.

We have a busy few weeks ahead us; next week is the Year 1 phonics check where each child will be asked to individually read forty words. This will happen as a part of the normal school day and our aim is that the children are as unaware of it as is possible.

A couple of dates for your diary; Parents are invited to join us for our YR1 and YR2 Sports day on Wednesday 19th June, 9.30am until 12 o'clock.

On Wednesday 26th June we have our trip to Lackford Lakes – please ensure all Consent forms are returned to school as soon as possible, many thanks.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 1 Team

Year 2 Update

Our trip to Castle Hedingham on Wednesday was a great success! The children met a range of medieval characters who taught them about archery, jousting, medicines and other castle-related activities. They even learned how to bow properly for the King! We were so pleased with the pertinent questions the children asked, their enthusiasm, and their behaviour. Well done Year 2! Both English groups have followed up the trip by writing about their experiences of the day.

The children have been learning about different types of castle this week. We began by looking at motte and bailey castles, moving on to stone keeps, curtain walls and those

with concentric circle walls. If you're not sure what any of these are, ask your child if they can explain!

In PE over the next weeks we will be practicing for our sports day, which takes place on the morning of Wednesday 19th June. Parents are invited to join us for this exciting morning, from 9.30am until 12pm.

In PSHE we will be thinking about anger – things that make us angry, how our bodies react, and healthy ways to manage anger.

Finally, huge congratulations to our gymnastics team – they came second in their competition today and are now through to the regional finals next month. Well done!!

Have a great weekend!

The Year 2 Team

Year 3 Update

This week the children have worked hard at the start of their last half term in Year 3. Next week Class 8 will have a Computing lesson, while Class 7 learn about symbols of Judaism in RE and how to follow a conductor in Music. In French the children will learn how to say if they like the taste of food or not.

The children will transfer the sketching they have done of cave animals onto paper using pastels to represent cave paintings. In History we will learn about Stonehenge, the facts and figures and what it was considered it was used for. Our Science lessons will now focus on plants and we will be looking at the parts of a plant.

Our swimming session on Tuesday 16th July has been cancelled due to transfer days. For those of you who sent the voluntary contribution for this term's swimming, a deduction will be made from September's swimming sessions in Year 4.

Finally, a date for your diary and an invitation to Parents for the YR3 and YR4 Sports Day being held on Friday 5th July at the Abbeycroft Leisure Track.

Have a lovely weekend!

Y3 teaching team

Year 4 Update

We hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful half-term break. Miss Lee got married and became Mrs. Knott and upon our return we have got off to a great start with some new topics of work!

Next Thursday we will be going on our Year 4 trip to Sutton Hoo, however currently we have not received enough contributions for the trip to go ahead. We are grateful to FOSWS for covering a large chunk of the cost, however, if parents do not cover the remaining cost we will have to cancel, which would be a real shame. The school gateway is still open for payments if you have yet to make your donation, thank you. Please look at the weather forecast and send your child in with a raincoat or sun cream and hat; depending upon the weather as a significant portion of the day will be spent outside. Lunches need to be in packs on the children's backs so that they have hands free to engage in activities.

This week in Science we continued exploring our 'Sound' topic looking at different types of sound waves and how volume affects the vibrations.

Mrs Howell and Mrs Hickey's English group finished their work on 'Mr Stink'. The children have been very engaged in the story and have produced some very imaginative work. Mrs Knott and Miss Spencer's group have finished their adaptation of Beowulf. We have been very impressed with Year 4's level of writing recently!

In Maths we have been recapping the work done in school this year in readiness for end of year assessments. Times tables assessments will also be beginning next week and continuing over the next few weeks. It has been wonderful to see that most children have been spending time with family and friends becoming quick and proficient at times tables. Many parents have been randomly testing their children at opportune moments and helping to motivate them to learn. Thank you! It was disappointing that so many children did not complete their Mathematics homework so they will be completing it in break times. Well done to those that did and earned themselves a merit!

In D.T. The children designed their own pasta salad that they will make next week. On Tuesday next week your child will need a bowl or small tub named and with a lid. Children without containers will sadly not get to take their pasta salad home with them.

In History the children were detectives and looked at the evidence found at Sutton Hoo and investigated who was buried there in preparation for our trip.

Finally, a date for your diary and an invitation to Parents for the YR3 and YR4 Sports Day being held on Friday 5th July at the Abbeycroft Leisure Track.

Have a great weekend.

Year 4 Team

Year 5 Update

Next week in Art, the children will be evaluating their Mayan masks. In PE, the children are continuing with athletics and kwikcricket. In Science, the children will learn about the life cycle of a mammal. In History, the children will continue learning about the Maya Creation story. In PSHE, the children will be continuing to discuss respect; how to show it and why it is important to be respectful.

On Monday, 17th June, we will be going to the Apex for the Celebration Concert.

We have now received our allocation of Apex Concert tickets which is not as many as we had hoped. Unfortunately, we are able to allocate just 1 ticket per child and only have a few extras. We have decided the only fair way we can do this is to do a 'lucky dip' of names of those people who have said they would like an extra ticket. Please look out for the tickets coming home with your child next week.

We notice that some of the children have lost the name tag attached to their instrument. Please would you ensure your child's instrument has another name tag attached. There will be many children and instruments on the day!

Finally, a note for your diary; Parents are invited to come along and support their children at the YR5 & YR6 Sports afternoon which is being held at the Abbeycroft running track on Wednesday 10th July from 1.30 to 3.30pm.

Have a good weekend

The Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6 Update

It was great to see the children come back refreshed after their half term break. We cannot believe this is their final half-term in Year 6!

Your child will be bringing home an important Code of Conduct letter today regarding Eaton Vale and we would ask that you read this with your child and return it signed, by both your child and yourselves by next Wednesday 12th June please.

On Monday, the children began another piece of assessed writing. The stimulus for this was a book many of them were familiar with: 'The day the crayons quit'. From this the children have written some fantastic formal letters of complaint, many of which are now up on display. The children wrote these from the perspective of a disgruntled piece of stationery, ranging from fountain pens, to tipex and even a calculator! These were fantastic to read!

Next week, we are using the sequel to this book as inspiration for our own stories. The children began planning these today – we are looking forward to reading them.

We also began our Science topic of 'Animals including Humans' by looking in detail at the human circulatory system. The children were fascinated by this and should even be able to tell you all about the double-pump system and all of the different parts of the heart. We were extremely impressed by the amount of information the children took on board and in turn, the questions that were asked.

In P.E we began our Athletic unit in preparations for our Sports Day and we have been focussing on Hurdles and Long Jump. Please ensure children have appropriate P.E kit for the weather and a water bottle in school at all times for practice.

Parents are invited to come along and support their children at the YR5 & YR6 Sports afternoon which is being held at the Abbeycroft running track on Wednesday 10th July, 1.30 to 3.30pm.

Finally, a thank you for the quick response to the letter regarding Leaver's hoodies and Leaver's books. The children are becoming increasingly excited about what they have to look forward to at the end of the year.

Enjoy the weekend,

The Year 6 Team