

Weekly Updates 20.09.2019

Early Years Update

We have all had a wonderful week, making lots of new friends and exploring all the areas. It feels like the children have been in school far longer than they have because they are so settled.

Nursery and Reception have always worked together, however we have now decided to plan the same theme over a half term. Within this broad theme there will still be the opportunity for the individual needs and interests of the children to be recognised and enhance our planned activities. This term our theme will be based around the question

Where would you like to live, in a wood or in a cave?

The sign-up sheet for our **Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September** will be outside at pick-up and drop off times so please sign up and come and join us for tea or coffee and a cake. The children will make some biscuits and cakes – however, if there are ‘any bakers among you all’ donations would be gratefully received. As always, any cakes/biscuits should contain **NO NUTS** please.

Nursery

Mr Dewhurst came to read us a story and he chose ‘We’re going on a Bear Hunt’! We all loved it and next week we will be using this book to focus our activities. We will be going on a sound hunt to distinguish different sounds and retelling the story using different textures until we get to the cave! We would be grateful for any donations of junk modelling boxes. We are unable to accept and toilet rolls but would love kitchen roll tubes to make binoculars to hunt for the bear!

Our Colour of the week will be **yellow**.

Reception

We have been very impressed with how independent the children are in the mornings; we even have children who feel confident enough to come in by themselves!

We have had to change our PE days again; we didn’t have long enough in the hall trying to do both classes on the same morning. **Rainbow Class** will be on Wednesdays and **Sunshine Class** will do theirs on Thursdays. We will not change the days again this term. Please can you make sure that all hair is tied up and earrings removed on those days.

In Reception our quest to answer this term’s question will begin with the Gruffalo. It is one of our favourite stories and will be using it as a focus for our writing by making story maps and retelling the story.

We hope you enjoy the weekend and the last few days of sunshine.

From all the EYFS Team

Year 1 Update

What a busy week we have had! The children are settling in so nicely to the routines of the day.

We have been looking at 1 more/ 1 less in maths. We will be looking at the symbols < and > next week and what they both mean.

In Literacy we have been sharing the Funnybones stories, looking at speech bubbles and even exclamation marks. This will be continuing next week. We have been linking this to Science where we have looked at how the insides of our bodies work.

Please could you ensure that your child has their reading book in school every day with their book bag.

Please also remember to read at home with your child as much as possible and sign their reading log every time this happens. This helps your child so much and also means that we can change their book twice weekly. Many thanks for your support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

The Year 1 Team.

Year 2 Update

The children continue to enjoy the 'Seas and Oceans' topic, with many bringing in books and artefacts from home. This week we have been learning about the geography of the seaside, and drew a map of a seaside town. This included a carefully-labelled key. We have also learned the names of seas and oceans around Great Britain.

In Maths this term both groups are focussing on place value (hundreds, tens and ones) and will soon be moving on to addition and subtraction.

In PSHE over the coming weeks we are thinking about friendship, people who are special to us, and how we act towards these people.

We are often asked how parents can help their children; in addition to listening to them read regularly, there are some core maths facts you could help them to learn. We do cover these in class but every bit of practice helps! This Half Term we will be focussing on pairs of numbers which add up to 10 (e.g 6+4) or 20 (e.g 12+8) – these are called number bonds.

As the weather is becoming chillier, please make sure your child has a named coat in school each day.

Have a good weekend,

The Year 2 Team

Year 3 Update

We're so pleased that the sun has decided to keep shining this week – it led to a lovely basketball session outside on Wednesday. Mr Noe was very complimentary on the children's control over their ball!

There have been so many smiles in French as the children have been very proud of themselves for mastering how to say, 'Hello, my name is . . .' as well as, 'What is your name?' Next week they will be working on asking their friends how they are feeling. Will they be able to ask you the same questions after school on Tuesday?

All the children participated in an Accelerated Reading quiz to determine the AR level of reading books that they need to be on (levels can be found in the front of their reading logs). For now, the children have been encouraged to select a book at the lowest end of their range; this will allow them to get used to the system and see success in their first quizzes. See your child's book bag for a parent's guide to Accelerated Reader.

In Science on Monday, we will be carrying out an investigation on changing the size of shadows. The children will really need to collaborate with each other to make sure it's a fair test! Our Art lesson will be learning about Queen Nefertiti and experimenting with various media in preparation for the following week's lesson.

Have a lovely weekend

The Year 3 Team

Year 4 Update

The children have had a busy week, completing lots of work with enthusiasm. They particularly enjoyed their first recorder lesson. We will continue with this next week where they will learn to tap out a rhythm and blow gently into the recorder!

Next week, the children will be learning about what the Celts thought about the Roman invasion of Britain. In Art, they have learnt about the life of Seurat and have used various media to practise Pointillism. Next week, they will continue to develop the skill of optical mixing. In Science, the children will be learning to identify endo- and exoskeletons. In outdoor PE, the children are learning basketball and in Philosophy, they are listening to a story to develop self-reflection.

Maths home learning has been set on Mathletics. The children have been given log-ins and an introduction as to how it works. If there are difficulties logging on, don't worry, we will have a look at any issues next week.

The children can also attend a Mathletics drop-in session on a Monday lunchtime where they can complete any home learning or just have fun on the live activities.

Have a lovely weekend

The Year 4 Teaching Team

This week has been a very busy week in Year 5 with lots of hard work being completed. Both classes have been enthusiastically engaged in the dance unit of work and are relating it successfully to our History topic about the Victorians.

Next week we will be learning the vocabulary of 'have' and 'have not' in French. Class 12 will be learning the order of the planets in Science and Class 11 will be learning about the life of a poor child in Victorian times (the following week the classes will swap). The computing lesson will focus on online gaming and PHSE will involve discussing the importance of voting. In Art, the children will begin to learn how to show perspective in their drawing. Outdoor PE will continue with netball and basketball. In RE the children will learn about bhakti yoga and what this means for Hindus.

We hope that your child has demonstrated their new found skills on their cornet or baritone and that the instruments are being carefully looked after! Please remember that the **instruments** should be in school **every Friday** for the music lesson.

Have a great weekend and make the most of the sunshine!

Year 5 Team

Year 6 Update

It has been great to see the children's high levels of resilience this week when undertaking our first set of practice SATs papers. This will now allow us to ensure that over the coming months we are able to revise and recap any areas of the Year 3 – 5 curriculums that are needed, in addition to covering the new concepts for Year 6.

This week, the children also completed their Ancient Greek research projects and in Science they have been learning about circuit diagrams and symbols. Next week in English we will continue our work on 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and in Maths we will further consolidate our understanding of place value.

We are looking forward to receiving the first piece of homework from this half term's home learning menu on Monday.

We have been impressed with the promptness from some of the children who have already returned these.

A reminder, we will have PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week; please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit in school for this.

Have a lovely weekend

The YEAR 6 Team