

## Weekly Updates 11.10.2019

### EYFS

Last Thursday as part of World Mental Health Day we talked about being a good friend and what we could do to make someone feel happier.

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We have had a wonderful Fitness Friday; we all went out to the field together with the sports coaches to do some rugby drills. We were so pleased with how hard the children tried and all noticed some of their ball handling skills improved over the session.

As the weather is getting colder and wetter please ensure your child has a coat and wellies, both named in school.

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### Nursery

We have really enjoyed playing in our role-play area; taking on the roles of the Three Bears and using different voices for the bears. We made an assault course pretending we were trying to find Goldilocks. On Thursday we played a special friendship game finding friends with the same coloured object.

Next week we will continue to focus our activities around the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears and Autumn. The colour of the week will be brown.

### Reception

On Thursday we were impressed with how caring and sensitively the children talked and thought about how they and their friends might be feeling. We talked about how important it was to really listen to what your friends want to tell you.

This week all the children will bring home a phonics book and letter formation sheet. These are for you to practise at home and so you know the letter sounds we have been learning each week. The children will be able to tell you the rhymes that go with each letter. Please do not pressure your child your child to practise writing the letters, however, if they want to that is great. They could go over the shapes with their fingers; all the letters start on the line.

On Monday we would like to go on an Autumn Scavenger Hunt in the woods so please ensure your child has wellies as it is likely to be quite muddy!

This week in PE there were several children who didn't have shorts, we do PE indoors and the children all need shorts, thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

From All the EYFS Team

Year 1

We had a wonderful Fitness Friday today and all went out to the field together with the sports coaches to do some activities and rugby drills.

We have also had a busy week thinking about poetry and rhyme. We have introduced number bonds to 10 and been doing practical addition activities as well as using the appropriate symbols.

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Next week we are having a geography focus and will be exploring and discussing our local area and using this as a basis for a wide range of learning opportunities. Please ensure your child has a coat in school all week as we will be going on a walk around the local area at some point during the week, weather permitting!

We are finding that we have lots of unnamed clothing or clothing that the names have faded in the wash. We would be most grateful if you could double check your child's clothing in order to make it easier to reunite it with them. Thank you.

Important reminder – can you please only send your child into school with PLASTIC snack/lunch containers and water bottles. No glass please.

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Kind regards,

Year 1 Team.

Year 2

We had a wonderful Fitness Friday today and all went out to the field together with the sports coaches to do some activities and rugby drills.

This week the children put their floating and sinking knowledge to the test by designing a raft – thank you to those who sent in trays and bottles for this. The children thought very carefully about design and properties of materials. We tested the rafts on Tuesday and had some great successes – even those whose rafts sank early on were able to say what they would do differently next time. Good work Year 2!

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To mark Mental Health Awareness Week we built on the work we have been doing in PSHE about feelings. We thought about feeling down or angry, and what we can do with our bodies to be calm and mindful.

In English this week Mrs Alexander/Mrs Gilbert's group have continued their brilliant work on The Owl and The Pussycat. Mr Winch's group had a trip to the bottom of the sea, and will be using this to write a story of their own.

In Maths Mr Winch's group are looking at strategies for addition and subtraction; we are doing this by drawing pictures of tens and ones. Mrs Alexander/Mrs Gilbert's group will be moving on to working with money.

In Art the children have used clay to sculpt fish, which they have then painted – Mrs Alexander has been wowed by the childrens' creativity! We will finish our topic off next week with a further art focus.

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The Year 2 Team

### Year 3

We ended the week with a fun Fitness Friday and all went out on to the field with the sports coaches to do some activities and rugby drills.

We also had a fantastic visit from Suffolk Prickles Hedgehog Rescue this week, where the children (and adults) learnt a lot about hedgehogs. We also got to meet Billie the blind hedgehog, who was rescued a year ago! FOSWS have made a kind donation to this worthy charity. The children in Mrs Howell and Mrs Hickey's English class will be busy writing Hedgehog reports next week.

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We will be concluding our work on reflection in Science next week. In French we will be revising the vocabulary learnt so far, whilst in Philosophy, we are focussing on how to

debate with each other whilst respecting other people's opinions. In RE we will be learning about Desmond Tutu's work on Reconciliation.

The children have really done well with understanding and using the Accelerated Reader programme. We are encouraging independence when changing books, so please help the children by checking they have selected books within their individual range. This can be found written inside the cover of your child's reading log.

Please note that **spelling tests will take place on Thursday next week** as the children are not in school on Friday. We will not be giving the children spellings over half term as we think they need a

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Year 3 Team

#### Year 4

The children really enjoyed themselves during today's Fit Friday and all went out on to the field with the sports coaches to do some activities and rugby drills. They put in a good effort to be competitive and sporting despite the damp weather.

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As part of World Mental Health Day, we talked about worries, what to do and where to go for help. There was some interesting and thoughtful discussion arising from the session. Next week, the children will learn about the parts of the digestive system in Science. In French, they will write a short descriptive piece about a person using vocabulary they have learnt over the past half-term. In PSHE, the children will continue to look at growth mindset and learn how a positive outlook can help them embrace challenges.

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Thank you for returning the Roman Day slips. It promises to be a really full and fun day.

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The Year 4 Teaching Team

#### Year 5

The children really enjoyed themselves during today's Fit Friday and all went out on to the field with the sports coaches to do some activities and tag rugby drills.

This week we have really enjoyed reading 'Cogheart', our Year 5 text which our English work is based on this term. The children have researched the planets in more detail and learning about Lord Shaftesbury and Dr Barnardo, presenting some excellent pieces of work.

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Next week is **Bikeability** week. You should have received an email outlining what the children need to bring to school and when, and what they should wear. The children who are not taking part in cycling will be undertaking Art and DT projects linked to our Science and History topics of Earth and Space and the Victorians. To help with these projects, we would be grateful for any donations of old magazines which we can use for collages, or anything blue, green or black such as fabric, wallpaper etc. We also need newspapers to cover the tables, thank you!

Just a reminder that the children should come to school in full school uniform on the days when they are not cycling. PE will still take place on Monday and Thursday for those children not taking part in Bikeability on those days.

One further reminder, please return any forms for our Gressenhall trip. Thank you.

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Year 5 team

## Year 6

This has been a particularly busy week in Year 6, with many exciting experiences throughout. On Tuesday, the children took part in sessions on biodiversity, delivered by a visitor from the Woodcraft Folk; they learnt all about the food web and how animals have adapted to survive in the wild.

On Wednesday, the children enjoyed having their individual photographs taken, in addition to those with their siblings – details of how to purchase these will follow shortly.

We were also delighted to support World Mental Health Day this week and the children were dressed in various shades of yellow in support of the #HelloYellow campaign for the organisation 'Young Minds' yesterday. Thank you so much to all the children and parents who kindly donated to Young Minds and we raised a fantastic £450.

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The week finished with an exciting 'Fit Friday' today, where the children took part in a Touch Rugby tournament with children from Year 5: winners will be announced next week!

In addition to this, in English, the children have completed their own versions of 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and worked collaboratively with a partner to peer assess and improve their work. In Maths, we have been recapping and consolidating the children's understanding of the formal written methods for addition and subtraction, by utilising a range of reasoning and problem solving tasks. This afternoon in Science, the children were very enthusiastic when creating their circuits for their burglar alarms and showed high levels of resilience in testing and improving their circuits when components were not working. Please can you return any outstanding **Data Collection forms** next week if you haven't already done so – even if no changes are required and thank you to those who have already returned them.

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