

WEEKLY UPDATES 01.11.2019

EYFS

We have all had a fantastic week. Room on the Broom is one of our favourite books and the children have immersed themselves in all the activities we had planned. They have thought of their own ideas too. We have put lots of pictures on Tapestry for you to see. We have turned our role-play areas into witch's houses and have enjoyed making potions and casting spells inside and outside too.

Next week we will be focussing on fireworks and Bonfire Night please put any photos of displays you see on Tapestry so they can inspire us to paint pictures and describe what we can see and hear.

Some of the children have been celebrating Divali and we have really enjoyed hearing about how they celebrated the Festival of Light. Please let us know of any family traditions or special times you celebrate.

Nursery

We have been expert potion makers; we have even been able to make spells that have been so good we turned Mr Dewhurst into a frog and then the following day we turned Mrs Dade into a spider however the spider was tickled us so we turned her into a princess!!

Next week we will start having a sound of the week and we would appreciate it if you could bring in an item that begins with the letter s.

Thank you very much to Logan who has been with us doing some work experience, she has been very tired but she is coming back next week so she must have had a good time!

Reception

We have used Room on the Broom as a stimulus for writing, reading and even PE! We got the large apparatus out for the first time and used it to retell the story. We were so pleased with how well the children used the equipment especially those that started worried but by the end of the lesson were confidently jumping off the tallest table!

Please, please can you make sure your child has their PE kit in school and that they return their book club books too. We had lots of children who were not able to discuss their books this week.

Rainbow Class on Wednesday and Sunshine Class on Thursday.

We hope you have a very enjoyable but safe weekend from All the EYFS Team

Year 1

We hope you had a good half term. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and we have been delighted at their readiness to learn.

In Literacy this week we have been looking at 'Room on the Broom' and discussing rhyming pairs, we will continue this next week through our topic of Fireworks poetry. In Maths we

have been focussing on subtraction using the language of taking away, there are lots of opportunities to practise this at home, maybe with sweets or toys? I have 5 sweets, I eat 3. How many are left? Next week we will continue our work on this.

We will also be discussing Remembrance Day and the symbolism of poppies.

On Monday, we will be going on a visit to Christchurch, Moreton Hall where Rev. Ford will be enacting a Christian Baptism for the children to experience.

Please try to read as much as possible with your child, it makes such a difference, thank you. Please ensure your child has a pair of tracksuit bottoms or leggings in their PE kit as we will continue to have PE outside on a Friday afternoon and the weather has now turned much colder.

Have a good weekend,

The Year 1 Team

Year 2

This week we've begun our new topic by learning about the Great Fire of London and the children have been using an interactive online game which tells the story. This can be found at <http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game> if your child may want to revisit it at home or show you. We will be using the story as a basis for many of our English lessons in the coming weeks.

In Art this week the children used pastels to create firework pictures, then mounted silhouettes of the London skyline on them. They used some great firework words while making them!

Our PE lessons continue to take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays – please ensure that your child has a named PE kit in school on these days. We have had many children without kit in the past few weeks and there are not enough spare clothes for everyone.

As the weather is colder now, please also make sure your child brings a coat for outdoor playtimes, thank you for your help.

Have a great weekend

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

We have had a busy and productive first week back after our break. We have started our new Science unit of Forces and Magnets by defining what a force is. In our History lesson we found out all the gruesome details of the Ancient Egyptian's mummification process. Our PSHE focus at the moment is friendship and in RE, the children learnt about Desmond Tutu and the importance of peacemakers.

Next week in Science, we will be identifying the parts of an investigation, followed by comparing how things move on different surfaces. Our French lesson will be learning the vocabulary for colours. In Computing, we have been looking at how to stay safe online. During the half term break, the computing software was updated, so we are going back to creating collaborative powerpoint presentations about Egypt.

On Wednesdays, we have our outdoor PE sessions. This half term we are playing hockey. It is essential that your child has a carrier bag for muddy trainers, as we will be on the field for these lessons. We have also had a lot of children without PE kit. There is very little spare kit in school, so those without kit may have to sit out of the lesson.

Although Mrs Howell and Mrs Hickey work on different days, they will both be present at each session of the Parent Consultation Evenings.

Have a lovely weekend

The Year 3 Team

Year 4

The children have been filled with enthusiasm following the half-term break; it has been interesting to hear about all the wonderful things they did over the holiday.

This week, the children have started the topic 'States of Matter' in Science and have looked at the properties of solids, liquids and gases. Next week, they will look in more detail at gases, carrying out an investigation. In History, the children will look at the Roman army and understand what life was like as a soldier. In French, they will continue to develop vocabulary relating to activities, for example, reading a book, listening to music, etc. In Music, the children will start to learn Christmas songs for a service they will be going to at the Cathedral in December. In PSHE, the children will learn about Remembrance Day.

The children looked very authentic in their Roman costumes! They really enjoyed the day, learning about Roman medicine and food. They took part in drama activities to understand what it was like to be in the Roman army.

We have just received notification that Mrs Knott will not be well enough to return to school this term. We are really pleased that Mr Lloyd is available and has agreed to teach Class 10 until Christmas. As Mr Lloyd is definitely working with us for the rest of term he has kindly agreed to join us for the parent consultation meetings that have been booked.

Have a good weekend

Year 4 team.

Year 5

We had a great day at Gressenhall on Tuesday! The children's costumes were fantastic, they really looked the part! They learnt a lot about what life was like in Victorian times, even taking part in a lesson. Their behaviour was excellent. Back at school, the children wrote wonderful diary entries of their day and lovely thank you letters to the staff at Gressenhall.

Next week in French the children will learn the vocabulary associated with school subjects. Indoor PE will be aerobics and outside PE will continue with football. As the weather becomes colder, please ensure that your child has suitable warm clothing for outdoor PE. In Science, we will be learning about the phases of the moon in an unusual way! Perhaps on a clear night you could see if the moon is visible and what phase it is in?

The theme of space will continue in Computing, where the children will make an animation using Scratch, based on the solar system. Our Philosophy lesson will also be space themed, discussing whether space exploration is a waste of resources and money or not. In Art the children will research the life of JMW Turner. The PSHE lesson will be based on the European Union.

Many of you may have noticed that there is no Y5/6 Christmas carol service or performance scheduled this year. Instead we will be putting on a performance at the end of the Spring term – watch this space!

Have a great weekend,

Year 5 Teaching Team

Year 6

The children have made an enthusiastic return to school following the half-term break; it has been great to hear about all the interesting things the children got up to during their week off and the fantastic pieces of homework which were completed.

This week has been a week of finishing off a number of projects. Throughout the week, the children have been rehearsing, filming and then editing their retellings of the Ancient Greek myth involving Perseus and Medusa. They showcased high levels of creativity and dramatic ability and really enjoyed watching the finished products this afternoon. In Science, the children completed their 'Burglar Alarm' project by writing about the circuit they had created and drawing an accompanying scientifically accurate circuit diagram. Next week we will be starting our new 'Light' Topic and –in advance of some practical work - could we ask that any used cereal boxes are brought in over the next two weeks please?

In addition to this, in English the children have begun work on their next piece of writing which is a biography of a famous scientist: either Thomas Edison, Benjamin Franklin or Hertha Ayrton. So far, they have planned out the structure of their biography and researched information about their chosen scientist and will continue to write this, focussing on editing and improving, during next week.

Thank you to those who have returned their letters relating to our Year 6 residential trip next year to **Eaton Vale**. We would ask that any remaining **forms are returned as soon as possible** as we need to know how many children will be attending the trip.

Looking ahead, our SATs Information evening will be held on Thursday 28th November at 6.00pm – 6.45pm. This is a really good opportunity to understand more about the statutory requirements and how we will prepare the children in this regard.

Finally, with a change to previous years, Years 5 and 6 will not be taking part in a Christmas performance this year.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

The Year 6 team