

## Weekly Updates 15.11.2019

***Our Children In Need 'Fit Friday' has been a fun end to a busy week, thank you all for your kind donations, we raised £366! We had a great day and even had a visit from Pudsey!***

### Early Years Update

Thank you to those of you who came to the recent Parent's Evenings / afternoons– it has been really helpful to spend time getting to know you all.

We have been proud of ALL the children this week and how they have responded to the activities and discussions we have had about Remembrance Day and Anti Bullying week. They have been able to think about themselves, how their actions could affect others and being a good friend. The children observed the two-minute silence on Monday beautifully; we showed the children the short video on Cbeebies which explains the concept in a very age appropriate way. We also created some beautiful displays using a variety of techniques around a poppy theme.

Please can we remind you that the children should not bring toys in from home.

Finally, a reminder that the school Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December this year and, following tradition we are putting together a luxury hamper to be raffled on the day. We are kindly asking for any donations which can include bottles, toiletries, candles, tinsel and small non-perishable food items in the EYFS colours of "gold, silver and red".

### Nursery

We have really enjoyed going to the moon as part of activities around the story 'Whatever Next'. We have made moon biscuits and made rockets too. Next week our sound of the week will be 't' and we will continue following the children's current interests and going on a train ride!

### Reception

We have really enjoyed our PE sessions and we are continuing to use the apparatus and have been really impressed with how well their skills have improved in such a short space of time.

Mrs Murfet is still poorly and for the next few weeks Mr Dan Marsh will be covering in Rainbow Class on Thursdays and Fridays.

Have a good weekend

The EYFS Team

### Year 1

Our Christmas song rehearsals have begun in earnest and we are all enjoying learning the catchy songs! We have a stock of Christmas play costumes but may request a few extra items that you may be able to help us with nearer the time.

This week we have been enjoying working on our theme of pets. Our trip to 'Pets at Home' was a great success with the children learning a lot from it. They particularly loved the rabbit! In Maths our focus has been 2D shapes and next week we will be learning about 3D shapes. Maybe at home you could try to find spheres, cylinders, cubes, cuboids, pyramids and cones hidden around your house!

Our Christmas Hamper this year is “Green and Gold”. We would be most grateful for any contributions towards this which would need to be in by the 29<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you!

Thank you to those of you that have signed up to help at our Christmas Fair. Unfortunately, the list has been left out in the rain and all the names have washed off!! Please check to see that your name is on there and add your name if you feel able to help. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Year 1 team.

Year 2

Thank you to those of you who came to the recent Parent’s Evenings – it has been helpful to discuss any particular needs or successes, and to find out how the children feel about school! We are pleased to hear so many children are enjoying Year 2.

This week the children have learned about Tudor houses, you may want to ask them what the toilet was like in a Tudor house?! We compared these houses to our own, particularly the materials used. Each child then made a model house, which we used to make miniature cities of London. They were very keen to use their knowledge and point out where Pudding Lane and the Bakery might be!

We followed this up by drawing maps of London, revisiting skills and knowledge used when we drew maps of the seaside. We also had great fun building and creating bridges to cross the River Thames - we have some budding engineers and architects in Year 2!

In English next week Mr Winch’s group will focus on reading comprehension, while Mrs Alexander’s/Mrs Gilbert’s group will be making a book ordering the events of the Great Fire of London.

In Maths Mr Winch’s group will continue to look at money, including working out change. It would be useful for them to look at real-life coins at home and get them to count an amount for you. Mrs Alexander’s/Mrs Gilbert’s group will move on from multiplication, looking at division.

Our Christmas Hamper this year is “Blue and Silver”. We would be very grateful for any contributions towards this which would need to be in by the 29<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you!

Finally – on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we will be taking Year 2 to the Theatre Royal to see the pantomime! This is kindly subsidised by FOSWS. Please see letter attached which needs to be signed and returned please and payment made via the School GATEWAY, thank you.

Have a great weekend

The Year 2 Team

Year 3

The children all enjoyed our Egypt Day on Thursday; demonstrating their understanding of the topic and learning many new things along the way. The re-enactment of the mummification process proved a very popular and memorable part of the day.

It was great to meet so many of you at the recent parent consultation meetings. You should have all have received a parent information pack, so if you haven't got one, please ask a member of the Year 3 Team. A few points that were raised included practising times tables, spelling and Accelerated Reader. It is very important to practise times tables with your child. In Year 4, they will have a statutory times tables test, so it is vital that they have an in-depth knowledge of times table and their related division facts. After initially learning the tables in order, the children need to have an instant recall of facts in a random order. There are many creative ways to practise, one of which is the Times Tables Rock Stars game, for which all the children have a personal login noted in their reading log.

As well as writing their spellings at home and every morning at school, an excellent App to use is 'Spelling Shed'. It has all the relevant common exceptions words, and you can add your own list of your child's weekly spellings as well.

A lot of the children are reading books from home in addition to their school books, which is fantastic! If you look up the titles on the Accelerated Reader website, you will be able to see if there is a quiz on that title. The children are unable to quiz at home, but may bring the book into school to complete the quiz here.

Next week, we will be testing the strength of different magnets in Science. In French, the children will be learning the names of everyday objects in the classroom. Our PE lesson on Wednesday has seen the children making excellent progress with their hockey skills, and this will continue for the remainder of the term. Unfortunately, there are still a number of children without appropriate kit in school, including a carrier bag for muddy trainers. We have sent home all kit this week, so please check the children have everything they need; including shorts for indoor PE, trousers and a jumper for outdoor PE.

Our Christmas Hamper this year is "Purple and Black". We would be very grateful for any contributions towards this which would need to be in by the 29<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you!

We will also be starting rehearsals for this year's Christmas Play. If your child has requested a speaking part, please help them to learn their lines.

Have a great weekend,

Year 3 Team

Year 4

The children have had a good week. They particularly enjoyed an investigation into how much carbon dioxide is in fizzy drinks. Next week in Science, the children will be conducting an investigation into the melting and freezing temperature of chocolate. In Geography, the children have started learning about Italy. They have located the regions and major towns on a map and discussed the things Italy is most famous for. Next week, the children will look at the physical features of Italy. In Music, the children will be learning the Christmas songs.

On Tuesday, for those children who swim in the deeper end, you will need to bring in light-weight clothing (eg cotton pyjamas or t-shirt/shorts) to wear in the pool please.

The Year 4 Christmas performance is at the Church this year on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. It is no longer a combined performance with Year 3. For the

Year 4 performance, all the children who wanted a speaking part have been allocated one. Every child will participate in singing the songs. The children will be bringing home speaking parts and song words to learn, thank you in advance for your support with this. Our Christmas Hamper this year is "Black and Gold". We would be very grateful for any contributions towards this which would need to be in by the 29<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you!

Have a good weekend

The Year 4 Teaching Team

#### Year 5

We have had a fun Fitness Friday today which was combined with Children In Need, thank you so much for all your donations to such a good cause. £366 was raised!

It was lovely to meet up with so many of you at our parent consultation meetings and discuss how your child has settled into Year 5. A polite reminder about homework, that one piece of work should be completed every week and handed in by Wednesday, thank you!

Next week in French we will be learning to 'tell the time'. Indoor PE will continue with the Joe Wicks workouts. We are hoping for a sunny day on Tuesday so that we can carry out our Science investigation. In History we will continue learning about the Industrial Revolution. The children will continue making their maze games in computing. The theme of anti-bullying will be discussed again in PHSE, we were impressed with the mature ideas the children had about this topic in this week's lesson. In Art the children will continue using water colours and outdoor PE will be football, weather permitting. After our fascinating debate about whether space exploration was a waste of money or not, this week we will consider if animals should be used in space trials.

We have noticed that an increasing number of children are not bringing their instruments in on Fridays. We have no spare instruments to loan out children with no instruments have to sit and watch the lesson. If it is easier for your child to bring their instrument to school earlier in the week that's fine, we can store them safely. Thank you for your support.

Our Christmas Hamper this year is "Red and Green". We would be very grateful for any contributions towards this which would need to be in by the 29<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you!

Have a great weekend,

Year 5 team

#### Year 6

Thank you to those of you who have attended parent consultations meetings; it has been great to be able to discuss with you how well your children have been getting on so far in Year 6.

On Monday, the children created their own Blackout Poetry on the theme of remembrance. This involved taking a page from the novel 'War Horse', identifying words from that page which could be used to create a poem, then colouring in the rest of the page, leaving only those words visible. The tricky part was not being able to change the order of the words, but they worked hard and we were very impressed by the final poems!

In Computing this week, the children were given an imitation social media profile page and had to identify safe online practices as well as any potentially unsafe behaviour. They will be further using their knowledge of E-Safety over the coming weeks to create an informative video with a specific audience in mind.

Maths this week has largely remained focussed on long multiplication, culminating in a collaborative Kahoot quiz this morning.

In English, the children have begun writing their newspaper reports about the 'Battle of Marathon'. They will continue with these next week and we look forward to reading the finished products.

Thank you for sending in cereal boxes over the last few weeks. This afternoon, the children utilised these to create their own periscopes in order to investigate how light travels and what happens when it is reflected.

We have now received the majority of reply slips for our residential trip to **Eaton Vale**. We would, however, ask that any remaining **forms are returned as soon as possible**. If your child is not planning to attend the residential, please still return the form to confirm this is the case.

Looking ahead, our SATs Information evening will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 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.

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Have a great weekend,

The Year 6 team