



Thought for the Day:

“Don't be afraid to be open minded.
Your brain isn't going to fall out.”

Question of the Week:

If the story of YOU became a movie, how
would the movie end?

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term seems to have flown by. There has been a great deal of learning, thinking and fun over the term so far. Read on to see what we have been busy learning about. We hope you have a relaxing half-term break.

Nursery: This week in Nursery we have been focusing on the story Jack and the Beanstalk. We have planted bean seeds and have learnt how to take care of them. We have been looking at photographs of castles and thinking carefully about how to paint one or build one from Lego. The giant visited our playground and left a giant muddy foot print, we all went on a treasure hunt to find the gold coins that he dropped. We have also been discussing our feelings and have focused on bravery and kindness.

Reception: In reception we have finished designing buildings for our model town and are now starting to make them. In maths we have been focusing our learning on the numbers 9 and 10 and have revisited our understanding about 2D shapes. In phonics we have been learning the sounds ur, ow, oi, ear and the common exception word 'my'. We all thoroughly enjoyed watching the show about the story of 'The Gingerbread man'. It was lovely to have so many parents come to the 'stay and play' session on Thursday and sharing the many learning experiences with their child. Thank you, we look forward to seeing you each week.

Year 1: This week Year 1 have been starting to plan their own version of the 'Welcome to Alien School' in English. The children have been looking at the different events of the story and the order they occur. In Maths, the children have been exploring tens and ones by identifying the value of each digit. Science this week has allowed children to use their knowledge so far about materials to sort them into different categories. The children have then applied this knowledge in DT when they have started to explore the different materials they would use to create a Space suit.

Year 2: Exciting news we have entered the C8 writing competition where 8 local Hounslow schools compete to write a poem based on the five senses. We are linking this poetry competition to where the wild things are and have been imagining that we are Max travelling through the deep, dark, frightening forest. To help your children with this aspect, we encourage you to take them to a local park or river side and allow them to clamber and crawl through the wildlife around them. We have continued learning about division and sharing and are now applying these skills to solving some word problems. As we do try to make these as meaningful as possible, we ask that parents try to provide opportunities for children to use this skill around the house. An update on our times tables, all year two classes have started using Rockstar Times tables to practice their recall for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication facts. This is a 3 minute quiz with 60 questions to answer based on the chosen multiplication. The quickest time recorded so far is: 60/60 in 1 minute 38 seconds.

Year 3: This week, Year 3 have a jam packed week of writing our stories set in the past. In Maths, we will have been continuing our learning of dividing 2 digits by 1 digit using various methods; sharing, whole part model and the bus stop. Please continue to practice multiplication facts with your children from the 3, 4 and 8 times table. In Topic this week, we will be looking at Egypt in more detail in relation to other countries on the world map and creating a brochure to persuade people to visit. In Science, we have experimented with magnets and investigated which materials are magnetic and why. Last week, year 3 completed a D&T project based on our previous nonfiction English topic. They created their own under the sea aquarium with various materials. They showed amazing team work, design and evaluation skills. Some examples are included below.

Year 4: In Maths, we have continued to build on our understanding of formal multiplication to move to the short multiplication method. In our writing, we have started to plan our stories set in another culture and will develop them over the coming week. To help celebrate our learning about China so far, we organised an 'Orient Express' Chinese workshop on Wednesday, during which we learned a dragon dance, painted plates in traditional Chinese patterns, practised using chopsticks, attempted some calligraphy, created some China-inspired art and even had a go at speaking some Mandarin!

Year 5: In our Topic lessons, we have been learning how the Anglo-Saxons were converted to Christianity during the 6th Century by missionaries from Rome and Ireland. Children have been researching their significance and producing beautifully illustrated fact-files. In Art, they have painted their clay 'brooches' based on original Anglo-Saxon designs. We are now turning to the arrival of the Vikings and the impact of their invasions on the settled Anglo-Saxon communities throughout England. Everyone enjoyed the 'Viking Day' on Monday at Ufton Park.

Year 6: The students of Year 6 have continued to work hard in the lead up to the half-term break. They have finalised their World War 1 themed narrative; writing from another character's perspective. The children have really immersed themselves into the history of this time and produced some incredible stories. We have continued our focus on percentages in Maths – using various strategies to find the percentage and use this skill to increase and decrease an amount. In topic, students have learnt about the concepts of nationalism, imperialism, militarism and alliances and how they relate to one another. We had some amazing in-depth discussions about the negative and positive effects of each of these concepts. Students have also learnt more about how living things are classified into groups and their various characteristics in Science. They have used this knowledge and understanding to create their own new species of animal!

Notices:

Please remember that INSET day is on Friday 14th February – School is closed for staff training.



Year 3 Sea Aquariums

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance since September is 96.31%.

Huge congratulations to Red class for achieving 100% attendance.

Congratulations to 5M and 6NC for achieving 99.33% attendance recently.

Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.



Key Dates for the term:

Key dates for the Spring Term 2020

6th January Spring Term begins
 15th January Year 6 World War II workshop
 21st January Year 2 Primary Sports
 23rd January Year 6 Rugby workshop at Twickenham stadium
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 24th January Year 3 Ancient Egypt Day
 24th January 4MC Class assembly
 31st January 3F Class assembly
 3rd February Year 5 trip to Ufton Court
 7th February 1I Class assembly
14th February – INSET Day – school closed
17th February to Friday 21st February – Half term

24th February – Return to school

28th February 2C Class assembly
 2nd March Choir at Royal Festival Hall
 3rd March Reception trip to Model Village
 5th March World Book Day
 6th March 2W Class assembly
 10th & 12th March Parents' Evening
 10th – 13th March Bookfair
 13th March 1B Class assembly
 20th March 2B Class assembly
 27th March 5B Class assembly
 3rd April 1V class assembly
3rd April – Last day of term. School finishes at 1:30pm
6th April - 17th April - Spring Holiday Break

INSET Days – School Closed: Friday 14th February 2020 and Thursday 7th May 2020





JOIN IN OUR WAR-THEMED ARTS AND CRAFTS THIS FEBRUARY HALF TERM!

THERE'LL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS TO GET STUCK-IN WITH A RANGE OF WAR-THEMED ACTIVITIES:

- Print with potato 'rations'. Using cut-out potatoes, children can print & create designs!
- Build and paint your own war planes
- Make poppies
- Write a coded letter to a friend.
- Create love tokens



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Let your children PLAY outside this Easter! With the help of Play Streets, your children can play outside on your own residential road - without the worry of traffic getting in the way. Across London, people are signing up to PLAY STREETS and creating a safe, fun and memorable street for local children to interact and play!

SIGN UP and BOOK your own street for a few hours or a full day! Enjoy your own shared space, get to know the neighbours and let the children play in the fresh outdoors! Hounslow Council will fully support the residents.

Play streets has been running for over a year and is suitable for all seasons! Throughout this year, we want to introduce more PLAY STREETS all year round! Signing up has never been easier.

New Play streets receive a 'Play Street Starter Kit' with bunting, chalk, clay, skipping ropes and more! There are already 33 Play Streets planned across the Borough in 2020, JOIN IN today!

Find out more: https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20109/roads/1520/play_streets