

Thought for the Day:

"We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence."

Question of the Week:

If you wrote a book, what would you name the main character and where would they go?

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a good start to this half term. Please book a slot to see your child's teacher at parents' evening next week. The book fair will be available to visit before or after your parents' evening appointment. Attendance traffic light letters will also be sent home shortly providing you with an update on your child's attendance.

Nursery: This week as part of our People Who Help Us topic we are focusing our learning on teachers. Children have been participating in role play experiences by taking on the role of teacher and pupil and writing super star certificates and taking registers. We have also had a visit to Nursery from our Headteacher. In Maths we are practicing matching numerals to quantities and teaching children to know that numerals tell you how many are in a set. Please ask your child about their time in Nursery and ensure they use full sentences when they respond e.g. "Today at Nursery I played with the emergency vehicles and practiced writing my name."

Reception: The Reception children have started a new topic 'fairy stories' learning about castles and palaces to develop a sense of a setting within a fairy or fantasy story. It was also Shrove Tuesday during the week, where the children enjoyed working together to make pancakes. In maths the children have been recapping their understanding of 2D shapes and have started learning about 3D shapes - recognising and naming the shapes cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere and cone. In phonics the children have been recapping the phase 3 sounds and reading and spelling the phase 2 and phase 3 high frequency words.

Year 1: The children have demonstrated a really positive attitude to their learning. This week the children have been learning about poetry for English. They have been exploring the different features of a poems and performing them. In maths the children have been learning to add on and are now starting to explore number bonds. The children have been exploring the seasons of the year. They have been discussing and identifying what happens during each of the seasons. Thank you for working with your child to create his/her wonderful Spring Project!

Year 2: We have a wide range of activities planned this half term and it all started with a bang in this first week back! In Maths we have been moving into the range of knowledge surrounding 3D shapes and beginning to make comparisons between all of these. We have been looking at their properties, including; edges, vertices and face shapes. We challenged the children to spot these 3D shapes out in the wider world around them! In English and topic, we have started our brand new, exciting topic of 'Home and Away'. This is a study of Australia and New Zealand as we have several expert teachers within our year group. Through this we are looking at different cultures, animals and plants that live in this area and then comparing them to England. You may have noticed our use of DT lessons and teaching the skills of cooking. We hope that your children thoroughly enjoyed eating their Lamingtons and if you are intrigued, then please ask your children to make them for you at home.

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.

Year 4: In Maths this week, we have consolidated our learning about multiplication and division, focusing on using formal methods of calculation. In English, we have started exploring the features of instructional texts, looking at both language and structural features. We continue to explore China this half term, but now with a geography rather than history focus. The children have really enjoyed our atlas work so far and are becoming experts in locating countries on a map. The children were glad to see that each class's amaryllis plant is still blooming after the break. Year 4 has welcomed a new member of staff, Miss Cast, who will be with us until Easter.

Year 5: This week pupils have examined newspapers in English, looking carefully at the structure and layout. Pupils used this knowledge to write their own news articles using the context of Pandora a fantasy planet in the solar system. A highlight this week was learning about road safety and how to be safe around Lorries (Heavy Goods Vehicle's). Year 5 learnt about vehicle 'blind-spots', these are areas where the driver cannot see other road users, pedestrians or cyclists. In Maths pupils applied their knowledge of formal methods to solve multi-step problems, adding and subtracting 4 and 5-digit numbers. Finally, on Friday, 5M performed a fantastic assembly about the benefits of walking to school; the pupils described the benefits through a range of songs and dance.

Year 6: have been focusing on area, perimeter and shape in Maths and have also planned a letter written by a soldier in English. Students have also learned the difference between using a preposition and a subordinating conjunction - one of the more challenging aspects of grammar! In PSHE, we have analysed the elements of a payslip and identified the difference between gross and net pay. We ventured into the world of micro-organisms in Science; discussing those which can be harmful to us and those that are helpful. This allowed us to plan an investigation into the best conditions for mould to grow, which we will be conducting next week.

Notices: Parents, please see the latest information on the school website regarding the Coronavirus. When we know more, we will text parents and use the website to post updates. Please be reassured and reassure the children. Please also talk to the children about doing the following, which are good general health practices.

Do

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- put used tissues in the bin immediately See **Catch it, Bin it, Kill it**
- wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available. This is particularly important after taking public transport.
- pupils, staff and visitors should wash their hands:
 - before leaving home
 - before food preparation
 - on arrival at school
 - before eating any food, including snacks
 - after using the toilet
 - before leaving school
 - after breaks and sporting activities
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance since September is 96.30%.
Huge congratulations to Red class for achieving 100% attendance.
Congratulations to 3F for achieving 99.14% attendance recently.
 Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.



Uniform:

From Monday 9th March 2020 there will be a slight increase in the cost of the followings items as a result of a cost increase from our supplier. The new prices will be:

- Sweatshirt – Child Sizes (3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13) - £9.50
- Sweatshirt – Adult Sizes (Small, Medium, Large) - £11.00
- Cardigan – Child Sizes (3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13) - £10.00
- Cardigan – Adult Sizes (Small, Medium, Large) – 11.50
- Backpack with logo - £10.00

Key Dates for the term:

24th February – Return to school

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

School Closed: INSET Day – Thursday 7th May 2020 and VE Day on Friday 8th May

