

Newsletter 8: 23rd November 2018

Thought for the Day:

“When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future.”
~ Queen Elizabeth II

Question of the Week:

Would you rather you could always decide what happened in all your dreams, or that they always surprised you?

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in assemblies we have been talking about learning to respect with the children and raising awareness by wearing white for the campaign ‘Anti Violence Against Women.’ Thanks to all the children that wore something white. Parents evening was an opportunity to discuss academic progress and learning behaviour. 89% of parents attended. It also provided an opportunity to complete a parent’s questionnaire and comment on the work of the school. Thank you for all these comments – we do appreciate the feedback and will incorporate suggestions into our school improvement cycle.

Nursery: We've had a busy week in Nursery focusing on the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have used the story to talk about size (big, medium, small, tiny, huge, etc). Please help us to re-enforce this learning at home. We have been working with porridge oats and encourage you to make porridge with your children. The children enjoyed their memorable experience of a Teddy Bears Picnic and we thank you for helping to make it possible. As the weather continues to get colder please ensure your child knows which scarf, hat and gloves are theirs and that they are clearly named.

Reception: We have continued our topic of journeys and have been learning about the jungle through the story book "walking through the jungle" and through some non-fiction text. The children have painted or made animals that live in the jungle and have written words or captions about some jungle animals. Our Maths focus has been learning about estimation and has continued our learning from last week where we were using the vocabulary more and fewer. In Phonics we have learnt the sounds y,z,zz and q and have learnt the tricky words he and she. We have also practised writing the and to.

Year 1: Year 1 have continued with their focus on the text 'Whoever you are' this week. The story has enabled children to discuss and explore different countries around the world. The children have been discussing the different cultures, foods, homes, languages and clothes as part of this. They are able to talk about what makes them different and similar to each other. In Maths this week, the children have been learning to sort objects into different groups. They have created different headings to do this, such as the type of objects or the colours. They have been learning to explain their reasons for choosing the different headings. The children in Year 1 have also been counting using counting objects as representation. For example; how many fishes are in the sea? The children have been using a counting object to represent each fish.

Year 2: This week Year 2 have been continuing to learn about money. We have been doing two step problems to find the change and work out what coins it could be given in. In English we have finished reading 'The Hodgehog'. The children were very excited to read the ending and find out what happened to Max the hedgehog. In Geography we have learnt about hot and cold climates and where they are in the world. We have started practicing for the Christmas play, all the children have taken home their lines and the song words. Please help them to learn them by practicing at home. We look forward to performing it for you on 14th December.

Year 3: This week, Year 3 have been identifying the features of non-fiction texts and using the features in their own work to prepare them for their own whole class non-fiction book! In Maths, we have been learning and practising methods to add and subtract 3digit numbers and tens. We are enjoying using our new skills to help us solve and investigate problems. In Science, we have looked at which food groups are best for a balanced diet and classified foods into these groups. In PE, we have thoroughly enjoyed our new topic of basketball and have enjoyed putting our skills into practise in mini class games!

Year 4: This week, year 4 have designed their own Imaginary Worlds. It has been fantastic to see their creative juices flowing and original designs! These maps will be used as a basis for the children's settings when we start to write our stories based on Imaginary Worlds next week. In Maths, we continue to look at multiplication and division. As the weeks progress, the children are becoming more confident with problem solving and reasoning skills. In Spanish, the children have been reading 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and we have started to make our own books using Spanish vocabulary. Swimming is going successfully and it is wonderful to see so many children becoming more confident in the water. Keep it up year 4!

Year 5: In Maths, children have been enjoying learning how to read, interpret and draw graphs and to use them to solve problems. Inspired by the dramatic imagery of 'Beowulf,' children are writing diary entries describing the thoughts and feelings of the saga's hero. They have created beautiful, detailed designs of Medieval letters which show great artistry.

Year 6: In Topic this week, we have been investigating the chronology and developing our knowledge and understanding of British and world history through learning about the last Anglo-Saxon Kings of England and what happened in Britain during their reign. In Science, we have been identifying and naming the main parts of 'The Human circulatory system' and explaining the function of each part. This week in Maths, we have been revising how to multiply and divide pairs of proper fractions, writing the answer in its simple form and applying this knowledge in a variety of problems. In English we have been listening to different Viking sagas and identifying their style and features.

Learning to Respect – 3H



R E S P E C T

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 97.04%.

Congratulation to 5C for 100% attendance.

Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.



Key Dates for the term:

28 th Oct	Clocks change back	3 rd Dec	Photographs
8 th Nov	Parents Evening	7 th Dec	5U Class assembly Winter Disco 4:30- 6pm (Year 3– 6) – Advance Ticket Only
9 th Nov	3S Class assembly	14 th Dec	Y2 Nativity 9am start
13 th Nov	Y5&6 Primary Sports Day	19 th Dec	Last day of Autumn term School closed from 1:30pm
16 th Nov	5C Class assembly	20 th Dec- 2 nd Jan '19	Christmas holidays
30 th Nov	5M Class assembly		

Spring Term begins on Thursday 3rd of January 2019

