

Newsletter 9: 28th November 2018

Thought for the Day:

**"Before you assume, learn the facts.
Before you judge, understand why.
Before you hurt, feel.
Before you speak, think."**

Question of the Week:

Does age bring you wisdom?

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past two weeks, due to the fund raising for firstly 'Children in need' and then the anti-violence campaign school raised £640 and £578 respectively. To raise over £1200 is a real testament to your generosity and support for these really important causes. A heartfelt thanks from us all. The rights respecting assembly from 5M gave us all something to think about and reinforced how important it is to remember that we all have the right to be respected.

Nursery: Our story focus this week has been Whatever Next! by Jill Murphy. Baby Bear pretends to fly to the moon, so we have built our own space rockets for adventures and have acted out the story. In Maths we have focused on the basic 2D shapes of circle, triangle, square and oblong. We have been shape explorers and looked for examples of them in our environment. What shapes can you find in your home? As per our Nursery workshop, please talk to your child about their day as much as possible and ensure that they are using sentences to communicate.

Reception: In Reception, the focus of our journey topic has been Australia. We have designed boomerangs using the aboriginal style of dot painting and learnt about lots of different animals that live in Australia. We have been working hard learning the new sounds sh, ch, th and ng and using these sounds to read and write words. In Maths we have been learning the mathematical vocabulary altogether and total. It was lovely to see so many parents stay for the "play and stay" sessions - we hope you enjoyed finding out about your child's learning. We have also practised writing the and to.

Year 1: This week Year 1 have been focusing on a Story called 'The sweetest song'. It is an African-American story and is similar to the traditional tale 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children have been using their visualisation, prediction and questioning skills linked to the text. In Maths this week the children have been learning about counting on and counting back from a given number. They have been exploring patterns with the numbers and finding the missing numbers in a sequence. The children had an opportunity to take part in a workshop with a drummer/story teller.

Year 2: This week we have begun to look at our new book 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. The children looked carefully at the front cover and the blurb, and made predictions about the story. In Maths we have been making and recognising equal groups, as an introduction to multiplication. In Science we continued to investigate habitats, and discussed why certain animals are suited to their different habitats, particularly how they have adapted to survive there. Year 2 were very excited to have a visit from Richard, who told the African cultural story of Anansi with music and drums.

Year 3: This week, Year 3 have used their research skills to find out information on their chosen sea creatures to help them create their class version of a non-chronological report! They have used teamwork skills to help organise themselves and the areas of research needed. In Science, we have used the iPad to research the diet of various animals in their habitat and created our own fact file about our chosen animal. Maths this week, we have been practising methods to add and subtract digits and also spotting patterns in our number work. We are enjoying using our new skills to help us solve problems.

Year 4: This week, Year 4 have begun to write stories based on imaginary worlds. In their stories, our budding authors have used portals such as mirrors, magical wardrobes, paintings and reading books to transport their characters from the real world to an Imaginary world! In Maths, we continue to strengthen our skills of multiplication and division. In science, the children have been investigating how switches work with circuits and the children have even made their own. In RE, we have been exploring how Christmas is celebrated around the globe which ties in with our geographical topic of Europe too.

Year 5: In RE, children have been thinking about light and its meanings, both in our lives and in the major world religions. This week, children have been learning how, to Christians, Jesus represents the light of the world. The focus in Topic is also about religion as we are learning about the religious beliefs and practices of the early Anglo-Saxon people and the gods they worshipped. 5M have been practising hard for their assembly about becoming a 'Rights Respecting School' and we look forward to welcoming parents/carers on Friday.

Year 6: Year 6 have been making good progress in their work. This week has been assessment week and the children have been working really hard to show what they know! We are very proud of them. In Geography, we have been thinking about how people use the River Thames for work and leisure. In English, we are looking at the features of a Viking saga and then the children will be writing their own saga in the style of the author. During their Science lessons, they have been learning that the circulatory system is one of the most important systems in the body. We will be writing explanatory texts to inform the reader of how the circulatory system works.

Notices:

Christmas Jumpers can be worn on Friday 14th December for National Christmas Jumper Day in aid of 'Save the Children'. They can also be worn on Tuesday 18th for our Christmas Lunch at school.

Please make sure your child is in the correct uniform for school. Children should only be using school logo back packs. Please also remember no hooped earrings and studs must be removed for PE days.

A reminder that on Wednesday 19th December, school closes at 1:30pm.

Reminders:

Applications for places in Reception are open. Applications to be made on the Hounslow Council Website.

All medical appointments should be taken outside of school hours unless they are an emergency.

Parents please be reminded not to smoke at the Tiverton Road school gate.

Please remember children are not allowed to play on the school equipment after school. Once collected children are the parent's responsibility. Please keep an eye on your child, as we have recently had a child leave their parent and wander off.

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 96.97%.

Congratulation to 2B 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 – Year 3 – 6
9 th Nov	3S Class assembly	14 th Dec	Y2 Nativity 9am start
13 th Nov	Y5&6 Primary Sports Day	19th 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

