



*Tall oaks from little acorns grow...*

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*Date*

*Friday 19th October 2018*

*Newsletter*

The first term of the year has come to an end and when we reflect it has been a busy one.

This term the children have partaken in lots of exciting activities. Year 2 started the year with their pirate day where the children learnt what it was like to be a 'real life' pirate and learnt about the dangers of finding treasure and riding the high seas. Following this, the children have had Roald Dahl day where they learnt about the famous author, listened to some stories and came dressed as some of his most popular characters- there were some fantastic ones. On the topic of authors, children in KS2 had a visit from David Goutcher an ex-MI5 agent turned author who came in to discuss some of his new books. The school was extremely fortunate to receive this visit as he is a very popular author. I know the children took a lot from him and were inspired to hear his story and how he transformed real life events into children's books.

The children have had a variety of visitors in to teach them new things. At the beginning of the term, the children learnt how to use Makaton - following this the children learnt several songs which were brilliant and I know the children took a lot away from. Last week the children also had someone visit from Mini first aid, where all the children in school had a 1 hour session learning about basic first aid and what to do in the case of an emergency.

I know the children were particularly excited to receive another visit from Zulu Nation who came from Durban in South Africa for the second year running. The group came to do a performance of music and dance and taught children some of their favourite beats and dance moves which the children absolutely loved- there were some great pictures taken from the day.

A special mention needs to go to children in year 6 who took their 11+ tests this term. You all did fantastically well and you should all be proud of your achievements. Congratulations to those children who passed the entrance exam.

Next term will no doubt be as equally as busy especially as we move towards Christmas. Keep an eye out for some upcoming dates that will be sent out as the term goes on.

May I thank parents again for your continued support and I hope you all have a great 2 weeks off.

Mr Clay

## **UNIFORM**

**Please ensure your child has the  
correct uniform on daily.**

### **RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2**

Grey trousers/skirt/dress  
Red & White summer dress (Summer term only)  
White polo top  
Round neck red school logo jumper  
Black, White or grey socks/tights  
Black school shoes

### **YEAR 3, 4 ,5 & 6**

Grey trousers/skirt/dress  
Red & White summer dress (Summer term only)  
White buttoned shirt  
Tie V-Neck red school logo jumper  
Black, White or grey socks/tights  
Black school shoes

### **PE KIT MUST BE IN SCHOOL DAILY**

**In a red PE bag**

Red shorts  
White T-Shirt with school logo  
Trainers/plimsoles

**BOOTS OR TRAINERS ARE NOT TO BE  
WORN**

BOOTS CAN BE WORN WALKING TO SCHOOL BUT  
CHILDREN MUST CHANGE INTO SCHOOL SHOES  
WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN SCHOOL.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE STAFF CAR PARK IS NOT BE USED BY ANY PARENTS between 8am & 6pm DURING TERM TIMES (THIS INCLUDES DROP OFF OR COLLECTION FROM BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE). PARENTS TO PARK IN DROP OFF AREA BUT DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR IF GOING OFF SCHOOL SITE ALSO DO NOT BLOCK THE GATES OR DOUBLE PARK IF THIS AREA IS FULL PLEASE FIND ALTERNATIVE PARKING THIS IS OUR FIRE ASSEMBLY POINT.**

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**For parent guides on popular Apps please visit our website and navigate to the parent section and then E-Safety.**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**SCHOOL RETURNS MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER  
2018  
school starts at 08:45am.**

**FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER—TAC RUGBY  
TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER — SCIENCE DOME  
THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER — Football v Chestnut Street  
TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER — Reception intake 2019 open  
evening  
FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER —Volleyball tournament  
TUESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER — Netball v Navenby  
FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER - Netball tournament  
FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER — Cross Country  
TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER — Christmas dinner  
FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER — Christmas Disco  
FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER — Main School Pantomime  
FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER — Carols around the tree  
FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER—School Ends**

## PRE- SCHOOL

**This term we have been very busy getting to know each other, doing lots of different activities.**

**We have been learning about volcanoes and doing different experiments with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, cola and mintos and one with yeast and vinegar.**

**We even paper mache and painted our own volcano.**



**The children had a little first aid training where they learnt how to put a plaster on our poorly, cold compress if we bang our selves and to call 999 if we cannot wake an adult.**



**We wish all our children and parents a lovely half term break, and feel refreshed for more exciting adventures for when we come back.**

# RECEPTION

The end of the first term is here. We cannot believe that 7 weeks has passed. All of the children have settled very well into school life and most children are coming into class with a big smile.

Already, the children have begun to build positive relationships with adults and children in Reception. The children have settled into their new routine and are beginning to follow school expectations.



This term has been a busy one...

Visit from Zulu Nation

Children have taken part in First Aid

Learnt about oral hygiene- how to brush our teeth correctly

Learnt our set 1 sounds in Phonics

Represented numbers to 10 in different ways

Celebrated Roald Dahl day

Thank you for those who attended Parents Evening. It was great to talk and begin to build our relationship with you.

Next term will be the lead up to Christmas and it is always a busy one. We will be beginning our rehearsals for our annual Nativity production- very exciting!

Have a great break.

Thank you,

Kelly and Anne  
(Class Teachers)



## YEAR 1

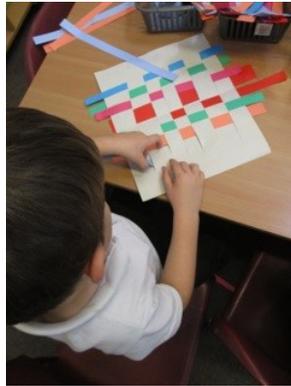
Our first half term in Year One, done and dusted! It's been a busy but rewarding time, we are getting more used to the structure of lessons and the different style of learning in KS1 as well as the expectations now we are moving up the school. We are coping well with coming into the classroom and our grown-ups are learning to say goodbye and leave us at the gates. We are remembering to take our books out of our bags to get them changed and we are growing in confidence all the time.

This past half term we have been focusing on learning our new routines as well as finding our feet in a different classroom. In our English lessons we have been looking at capital letters, full stops and finger spaces, making sure we have all of these in

our sentences. We have tried our hardest to think about our sentence, hold it in our heads, say it out loud, write it down and then read and check it.

We've also been working on sequencing stories and putting them into the correct order, thinking about the language of order such as first, next, then, after that and final-

ly. We've also begun to explore adjectives and nouns, using them to describe pictures from the story 'Flotsam' by David Weisner as part of our seaside topic.



In Maths we've been getting to grips with numbers, talking all things place value. We've been sorting objects and concentrating on really careful counting of objects, reading and writing forwards and backwards from any given number. Any practise that grown-ups can do with us concentrating on counting would be very much appreciated. We've also been looking at counting one more and one less as well as using the inequality symbols, comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equal to.

In Science we have been learning about animals, looking at their habitats and sorting them into groups. We have looked at classifying them as carnivores, herbivores and omnivores as well as identifying common animals and looking at their structures. We were lucky enough to welcome the Mighty Zulu Nation theatre group and spent an amazing day singing, learning about South Africa and dancing in a workshop with them. In our Art lessons we have been learning about weaving, completing a paper weave. We've also looked at the work of Vincent Van Gogh, exploring

## YEAR 2

Ahoy there me hearties, in year 2 this term we have been learning about pirates. We started off with a WOW day where Captain Dan-Tastic came to visit us and tell us all about his ships, weapons, treasures and much more. We even got to spend the day dressed as pirates! Lets take a closer look at what we have been learning:

### **English:**

We have been focussing on writing a reply to Captain Dan-Tactic's letter on whether we would like to join his crew. Not on this, but we have been writing character descriptions on Captain Hook and an unknown dirty, rotten pirate! The children have been focussing on adjectives, verbs and adverbs and have produced some fantastic pieces of work.

### **Maths:**

In Math's it has been all about place value and understanding how many tens and ones are in a number. We have used lots of concrete resources to investigate how many different ways we can partition and we have used the inequality signs to determine whether a number is bigger than, smaller than or the same as another number.

### **Science:**

We have been investigating a range of materials and their properties, creating collages of man-made and natural materials and how these are useful for the range of products that we buy. We have also been investigating which materials float/ sink and which are absorbent/ waterproof. Year 2 then used their answers to design, make and test a pirate ship for Pirate Pete.

### **Topic:**

We have been Geographers this term and decided to travel the world. We have learnt the 7 continents and the 5 oceans. Not only this, but we have learnt loads about human and physical features and how this may differ in places around the world. Year 2 also had to travel around maps using a compass!

We are looking forward to next term: Twisted Tales.

## YEAR 3

We have had a super term learning lots all about Volcanoes, Rocks and Fossils! We have looked at comparing different types of rocks and the different sections of the Earth. We then tested the properties of rocks using a scratch and permeability test on a range of rocks and



then ordered the steps showing how fossils are formed. We then identified what the three types of volcanoes were and located the active volcanoes on a world map. We then understood that there are different parts to a volcano such as: conduit, magma chamber and the main vent.



In English, we have looked at descriptions and non-chronological reports. We looked at the features of a description and how we use adverbs, prepositions and conjunctions of cause, time and place to improve our sentences. We then wrote our own

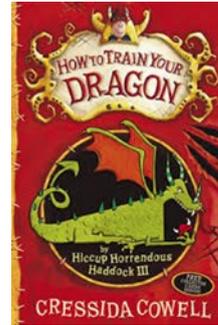
setting descriptions set in Pompeii imagining what it would be like living there when Mount Vesuvius erupted! Secondly, we looked at non-chronological reports all based around volcanoes. We had to think about what a volcano is, the different types of volcanoes and what happens when it erupts.

In Maths, we have been working really hard with our place value and understanding of number in general. We looked at comparing and ordering numbers, understanding the value of numbers, finding 10 more and 10 less. We have used these skills to help us solve worded problems with whole numbers.

Well done Year 3 for working extremely hard, have a great half term and I will see you after a well earned rest.

## YEAR 4

This term in Year 4, our English has been focused on Cressida Cowell's 'How to Train Your Dragon'. From this, we have all been able to practice our narrative writing and improving our descriptive work. We even created our own adventure story starring Hiccup and Fishlegs! Next, we looked at non-chronological reports and were able to write our own documenting dragons. We gave facts about whether they are mythical, what they look like and what they eat!



In Maths, we have been trying to master the topic of Place Value and we all made progress in our tests! We can confidently explain the place value of each digit in increasingly large numbers, order and compare them and represent them in a range of ways. Also, we can now tell you what each of the letters mean in Roman Numerals and are very good at rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000!

Our topic of electricity in Science has been very exciting. We have learnt all about what electricity is, what appliances we have that use electricity and how to be safe around it. We also learnt about circuits; we know what they are and can identify a complete circuit. In addition, we have learnt about switches and what they do to our circuits. We also know what materials make good insulators and conductors.



In Topic this term, we have been looking at the lifestyles of the Anglo-Saxons. We have explored which groups made up the Anglo-Saxons, where they came from and where they settled. Next, we explored chronology of the time period and were able to place events in the correct places! We were also able to compare our lives to those of people in Britain using this era by writing a diary entry imagining what it would be like to be them. We explored their jobs and how they had fun too. We also designed our own Anglo-Saxon shields and created them through weaving! Next term, we shall be

# YEAR 5

## Maths

In Maths, we have been consolidating and enhancing our Place Value knowledge. We have looked at number in a variety of ways; all the way up to a million! We have rounded, compared and ordered as well as read and written positive numbers, negative numbers and Roman Numerals. Place value is the solid foundation of Mathematics, which is why we have spent a full term broadening our knowledge. We have looked at all the subject area in greater depth to give a wider knowledge.

## English

During our English work this term, we have written a newspaper report and a mythical story, all based around our topic of Ancient Greece. We became journalists and wrote an article on the Battle of Marathon using all the skills we had been looking at prior to our final written piece of work. We then learnt about the gods and goddesses of Ancient Greece during topic lessons, this gave us the inspiration to write our own mythical story. Both pieces have been absolutely fantastic and have already shown great enhancement from their work in Year 4.

## Topic

In our topic lessons we have been studying the Ancient Greeks. We have learnt all about the god and goddesses; the battles and wars that shaped Greek history and the ways in which they lived that help shape the modern day.

## Special events

We have been majorly lucky in Year 5 as we have been able to participate in various exciting events, this term. We have had Zulu Nation come visit; we took part in a music and dance workshop whilst they were here. We have also had David Goutcher in, who is the author of the incredible spy games books, he told us about how his books are made in to mini film clips using augmented reality.

## Next Term

Maths: Addition and Subtraction

English: Adventure story and Biographies

Topic: Earth and Space

Special Events: Mathematical escape rooms and Star Dome



## YEAR 6

This half term in year 6 we have made a great start! We have focused on the basics in Maths and English and this is starting to really pay off. Our work is getting much better and faster which is a huge step for us.

Our Topic this half term has been Evolution and it will continue in to next half term too. We have looked at the development of the Earth and the environments we would find on the Earth now and in the past. We will continue to develop this knowledge over the course of next half term to adaptation and evolution.



We have also been lucky enough to be involved in great extra curricular activities and visits too! We have met an author, had Makaton training, been part of Harvest festival, learnt about E-Safety and had a great visit from Zulu nation again this year.



## PE

What a great start to the school year. We have taken part in a large number of sporting events already, including Dodgeball, Boccia, Handball, Cycling and three different Football events, two specifically for girls!

The highlights from this term were definitely the girls Cycling team winning a silver medal in the cycling competition and the Football team winning their qualifier and to get through to the Finals. The Football and Netball teams have been working hard in their team practice sessions. The Netball team are yet to play a league match, but the Football team played Winchelsea, narrowly losing 3-2! For full reports and pictures of all the sporting events please visit <http://www.churchlanepprimary.org.uk/>

We have been very lucky to have a number of different classes receiving coaching this term, Year 6 have enjoyed their first term of Dance Fit with Arts NK, they will be continuing this until February half term. Year 6 have also just finished their first block of swimming lessons, they will go swimming again in term 6 and Year 5 will start their swimming lessons after half term. Year 4 and 5 have had sessions with Miss Hudson from Carre's Grammar School outreach team, Year 4 have been doing Handball, whilst Year 5 were doing Basketball. Miss Hudson will continue to work with different classes next term.

Please can you ensure that all PE kits are returned to school on the first day back after half term, ready for lessons on the first day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Smith

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