



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been delighted by the number of positive comments we have had from several visitors to our school. The children feature very highly in those positive comments and we are delighted that this is the case.

In the coming week we will be welcoming visitors from South Africa, Norway and Poland, senior leaders from the surrounding local area as well as prospective new Principals for our school. It is going to be a very hectic week ahead. So, in the middle of all that business will be the children's learning which again is outlined below.

Have a lovely weekend!

Reminder: The cash office is open between 8am – 9am every morning and Wednesday afternoons 3.30pm – 4pm

Nursery

We will be using our story map to learn our story for this term 'The Enormous Turnip.' We will be doing our Writing for our writing wall.

Reception

Over this half term we will be continuing to look at adding and subtracting in maths. Once your child is confident with counting and recognising numbers it's really helpful to try out some real life maths as much as possible. For example, if they've helped you put five spoons out for dinner and you add two more, how many spoons are there altogether?

Year 1

Next week in year 1, we will be concluding our investigation into what plants need in order to grow. We have been growing cress under different conditions of heat and light. In PE, we are learning about how exercise affects our heart rate and how this is healthy for us. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every Tuesday and Wednesday, this includes suitable shoes for outdoor games and activities.

Year 2

This week we will be continuing our Literacy focus on changing the text Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. The children are going to come up with a new invention for their character to design. In maths, we will be starting a new topic 'Money'! So please encourage your children during your shopping trip to add up items and work out how much change you will be expecting to receive. Look at the difference coins, quiz your child to see if they can identify them.

We are also preparing the children for SATs which will take place in the Summer Term. A great website to help support them at home is

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

Also, don't forget to get your order forms in, for the SATs practise books, please hand them into the school office.

In Topic we are still looking at where in the world our food comes from, which country grows what and in science we will be learning to grow food from food scraps!

Indoor P.E is on Tuesday outdoor P.E is on Friday.

Year 3

Year 3 have had another successful week! They particularly enjoyed their visit to Pets at Home.

Next week we will be publishing our own fables

in literacy, which we are very excited to read. In maths we will be finishing our unit on multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, which the children have taken to incredibly well.

With assessment week fast approaching we would like to ask you to read as much as possible with your children at home, asking them questions about what they're reading. Also, to practise their multiplication facts using their times table grids we sent home.

Year 4

In Year 4 next week we will be learning how to write and follow each other's instructions. This is a great opportunity to share instructions with your child at home and having fun at the same time. Such as, reading the instructions on a board game before playing it or changing the instructions on a board game, reading a recipe together before making a cake.

In numeracy, our focus will be on multiplication. Something we have focused on before but with assessment week around the corner, we felt that it would be beneficial to revise the unit beforehand.

Now that your child has been issued with their homework booklets, we respectfully ask that you spend some time with them each evening to complete a page. This should take no more than 15 minutes per evening, so please try your best to encourage children to participate with it.

Year 5

In year 5, we will be continuing to focus on Matilda in both literacy and reading lessons.

We will be using everything we have learnt since half term to plan and write our own diary entry about having a superpower, just like Matilda. In maths, we will be continuing our work on percentages and using these skills to solve problems. We will be continuing to learn about space and Tim Peake's Principia Mission by carrying on working in our space diaries. If you want to find out more about this mission at home, please take a look at this website: <http://principiaspacediary.org/tims-mission/>.

Year 6

Thank you all so much for working so hard this week on your autobiographies - they have been an absolute pleasure to read. Again you've impressed us with your resilience and hard work in maths - keep up the hard work!

Next week in literacy we will be looking at how writers create atmosphere and use dialogue in stories and then use this knowledge to help us write our own. It would be great if you could dive into a good book over the weekend so you can be an expert next week.

In maths, we will be looking at co-ordinates and using this knowledge to help us plot new points and translate shapes.

In topic, we will be to beginning work on a 'top secret' creative project, which we will invite you in to be part of next term.

Have a lovely weekend. Please don't forget that this weekend is the WW2 weekend at Action Stations in the Historic Dockyards. The event is free (just turn up at the visitor centre to collect a ticket) and looks like great fun!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ww2-weekend-at-action-stations-tickets-31483440819>

Attendance

Winners

Well Done to Potter class,
Nightingale class & Dahl class
on their highest attendance
for the week beginning 3.3.17
– 9.3.17

Also well done to Potter class,
Nightingale class, Rowling
class, Curie class & Dahl class
for the least amount of lates.