



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for another good week in school. I have been so please with the learning of many of the children this week and the support you have offered them has been greatly appreciated. So before we let you into what the children will be learning next week, just one thing from me please.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

We are all working really hard to make sure your children get the best quality of education possible; we want our school to be an outstanding place to learn. However, this is absolutely not going to happen unless you support us in bringing your children to school every day. During this week, I have met with every teacher and talked through the children, how well they are doing, what more we can do to help them and also looked at their attendance. In some cases this is very poor indeed and this does need to improve. Therefore we are slightly changing tack with Attendance and from next week we will be taking the following action:

If your child's attendance falls below **95%** (this means your child has missed at least **10 days** of school in a year and therefore at least 10 days of learning ) you will receive a letter from me, asking you to come into school, meet with me and discuss why your child is not coming to school. We will then expect the attendance to improve and a review meeting will be set. This will also give us an opportunity to talk through any concerns you may have or your child may have and then work through those together.

From next week we will also issuing a new "Leave of Absence" form which you will need to complete if you believe your request for time out of school fits our "Exceptional Circumstances" category.

We look forward to working hard with you on this vital area of improving the school.

### **Nursery Next Week**

In Nursery next week we will be continuing with our visits to the Children's Centre to use their sensory room.

We will be going in small groups over the next few weeks and everyone will get to go at some point.

We will be doing our writing for our writing wall. Don't forget to come and look at our writing wall to see your child's name writing and see it progress over the year.

You could help your child's writing to develop by encouraging them to 'write' whenever they can, especially if it's writing for a purpose. For example if you are writing a shopping list give them a piece of paper and get them to 'write' a list too. The marks they make is the beginning of writing.

### **Year R**

We have had a great week in Reception looking at the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We went outside to explore and found that there was something living under the bridge on the playground! Please ask your children to describe the troll that they think might be living there. What does he look like? What does he smell like? What does he eat? They might even want to draw a picture of the troll. We look forward to seeing some of these pictures and putting them on the wow wall!

In Maths we will be learning about one less. It would be great if you could sing some number songs, such as 'ten in the bed' and '5 little monkeys jumping on the bed'. Have a lovely weekend, from the Reception Team.

### **Year 1**

Newsflash for year 1: In maths in Year 1 we've finished looking at shape and we're now

focussing on numbers up to 20. You can help by playing lots of counting games.

In Literacy we will be moving on to a new story called Leo the 'Lightning Bug' to fit in with our 'Fire and Light' topic. If you are able to watch any programmes or read any books about any real life glowing insects, that would be brilliant.

### **Year 2**

The children have enjoyed another busy week in school ranging from taking part in our Sports for Champions events, meeting a professional athlete, building troll dens and even making slime!

Next week will see the children continue their work on mythical creatures. They will be writing stories about their own creature and will be developing their ideas for this throughout the week. Talk through some ideas for their story with your child. The children will also be continuing to learn strategies for solving multiplication and division problems. Please help them complete their homework on time; their homework book needs to be handed in by Wednesday in order to give us time to mark it.

### **Year 3**

This week Year 3 have continued their learning of graphs in Maths and have been developing their writing skills in preparation for their volcano narratives in Literacy. Next week we are looking forward to learning about earthquakes and their causes, performing drama pieces about living in Pompeii and continuing with our learning about light in Science.

### **Year 4**

This week in Year 4 we have really started to develop our knowledge of the novel Oliver Twist and have produced some excellent first language descriptive writing.

In Numeracy we have started to look at data in different forms such as graphs and tables.

Next week we will be creating and comparing data in Numeracy and in Literacy we will be planning to write a letter in the role of Oliver Twist.

A polite reminder that our PE days are on a Monday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor) so please can we make sure that children come to school with appropriate PE kit. Due to the weather getting colder, children are allowed to wear a plain grey, blue or black tracksuit for our outdoor PE days.

If you have any questions please do come and speak to a member of the Year 4 team.

### **Year 5**

Year 5 have had a fantastic week. Several children attended their residential trip to PGL Little Canada and have had an amazing time. They have challenged themselves to try new things; including quad biking, abseiling, zip wire, problem solving and a sensory trail. We are so proud of the children for facing their fears and in the way that they have showed skills of independence and maturity in the way they behaved. The following children received awards for their contribution to the trip:

Resilience award: Lenny,

Helpfulness award: Layla,

Kindness award: Freddie,

Teamwork award: Ethan,

Listening award: Gracie,

Overall-superstar award: Bettie,

Tidiest bedroom: Anastasia, Evie, Vanessa, Gracie.

The children who stayed in school have also had a fantastic couple of days. They have been baking cookies, clay modelling and creating beautiful pieces of artwork around the theme of "Remembrance".

Thank you to all of you who attended Dahl class assembly on Wednesday, we hope you enjoyed finding out about what the children have been learning.

### **And finally News from Year 6**

Many of the children are receiving their Bikeability training this week. It is really encouraging that so many of the pupils want to learn to ride safely. We have peace of mind knowing your child's bike is road worthy and they are learning to stay safe on the road. It is vital that our children can be seen whether they are walking or cycling as we want them to keep active but most of all, stay safe. Lights and a helmet are essential and reflective items for coats and school bags are also advised. Tomorrow, the children who raised money for the visiting athlete will be rewarded for their endeavours. Thank you so much to all of you who raised money, it is greatly appreciated. Keeping fit and active is such an important part of everyone's lives so in PE we are teaching the children about aerobic exercise and how it affects the human body. Perhaps, some of the children will show you what they have learned and organise 'home circuits' based on the circuits they are doing here! Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

The Year 6 team.

Have a lovely weekend