



From Monday 19th February the school day will end at 3.10pm for the main school and 3.20pm for Nursery

Dear Parents and Carers,

So we have arrived at the half way point of the year; a term and a half gone and a term and a half left. So much has already been enjoyed and achieved but we have still so much to do.

Please do make sure that you have made arrangements to see your child's class teacher at the Parent / Teacher meetings after half term – you will have had a letter about this. It is so important that you attend and that you hear how well your child is doing and also how you can help them to improve further.

Nursery News

We have had an exciting week in Nursery with more pets in to visit.

It has been wonderful to have the pets in to nursery so that the children get the chance to get up close and even to touch many of them. We have learnt so much. So thank you to all of you who have brought them in. Next term our topic is growing. We will be concentrating lots on plants growing and we will be reading the book 'The Enormous Turnip'.

If you are out and about over half term and you see any spring flowers please show your child and talk to them about them.

Have a happy and safe holiday from The Nursery Team.

News from Reception

As we start the next half term we will be looking at space. We will be starting with the story of Whatever Next. Over the half term you could take your child to the library to find books about space particularly focusing on the planets and astronauts. You could also visit Winchester science centre.

In maths we will be looking at numbers to 20 please encourage the children to count objects around the house, for example I have 15 cars in my box. They could also practice counting forward and backward to 20 and different number songs.

Have a great half term and remember to update Tapestry with your great adventures!

Year 1

Next half term year one's topic is toys. As part of their homework can each child bring in a favourite toy, with their name on it. We will use this to help us with our writing in literacy. In maths, we will be focusing on adding and subtracting numbers to 50. It would be helpful if over the half term you would make sure your children can write and recognise all numbers to 50.

Year 2

Firstly, we would like to apologise for the short notice in cancelling our fruit faces afternoon. This has been rearranged for the first Monday back after half term. Please join us on the 19th February at 2pm.

After half term our topic will be animals from around the world. Please have a look at some different animals and where they come from with your child over the holiday. We will be starting a new literacy unit on diary writing. Encourage your child to keep a diary over half

term. In maths we will be practising different calculation strategies. Please keep practising the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables at home. Keep an eye out for a letter about our trip to Marwell Zoo and don't forget to make an appointment for parent consultation evening if you haven't done so already.

Year 3

This week Year 3 have completed their topic inventors and inventions by creating their own kites (and flying them!) and also taking inspiration from Wallace and Gromit and creating their own cheese and cracker combinations. It was wonderful to see the children trying new things with smoked cheese and caramelised onion chutney being huge hits!

After half term we will begin our new topic 'Water' where we will be taking inspiration from the narrative 'The Water horse'. Children will also be learning about the UK's rivers and seas and in art we will be learning how to paint using watercolours. The children have worked incredibly hard this half term and it has been wonderful to see them so excited about their learning. We hope you all have a fantastic half term and look forward to seeing you all after the break.

Year 4

What a fantastic week in Year 4. We welcomed our visitors from Gilbert White's and Oates Collection from Selbourne. The children were fully engaged throughout the day and had the most amazing time learning about the race to the South Pole, whilst trying on Antarctic clothing, studying penguins and so much more (photos will be uploaded to the website in due course - watch this space).

After half term we will be continuing our work on time in numeracy and in literacy we are going to be studying Ancient Greek mythology. During the half term, please try and spend some time with your child to do some research on Ancient Greece and allow your child to create a project of their choice to show their class after half term.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Year 5

After half term, Year 5 will be starting a new topic of Saxons and Vikings. We will be learning about how our country changed when the Vikings invaded and what life was like for people who lived in those times.

In maths we will begin to learn about percentages and the relationship between these and fractions and decimals. Our new class book will be 'I was there...Viking Invasion' and we will be using this to inform our literacy work.

Year 6

After half term we will continue to learn about WW 2. The focus of the first week will be on the advances in technology since WW1. We are now focussing on SATs preparation in earnest so home learning is going to change for the time being. Instead your child will regularly bring home a learning booklet for arithmetic and for reading from which tasks will be set and we will expect to be completed. This replaces the current home learning format for the time being. We look forward to seeing you at parents evening and we invite you to book an appointment if you have not already done so. Enjoy the break with your children and we look forward to seeing you in the second half of the spring term.

Please make sure you make arrangements to attend the Year 6 SATs information meetings scheduled for Tuesday 20th February at either 9am or 6pm. We are expecting ALL parents to attend on one of these occasions as it is essential in helping you to support your child well as the important tests approach.

Thank you for your anticipated attendance at these meetings.