

Year 2 Newsletter



TERM 5

Although it has been a short term, it has certainly been packed full of fun, excitement and learning! The children have enjoyed so many wonderful opportunities this term, including our trip to Wildwood, Forest School and, of course, Sports Day. Sports Day was a real highlight of the week. Despite the weather being a little unpredictable at times, the children all took part brilliantly, enjoyed every activity and demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm throughout the afternoon. The event was wonderfully supported by our excellent Year 6 role models, who led the activities so maturely and encouragingly. It was lovely to see the children racing with such determination, speed and team spirit, whilst also cheering each other on so beautifully. The parent races were also a fantastic addition and brought plenty of smiles and laughter! A huge well done to Attenborough for their overall win, and equally well done to Curie, Parks and Donaldson for their phenomenal efforts and sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to all of you who came along to support – your cheering from the sidelines was incredible and really helped keep the children motivated and smiling. We are already looking forward to next term and all the wonderful opportunities it will bring, although we cannot quite believe we are already beginning to think about transitions and the children moving into Year 3! We hope you all have a lovely, restful and well-deserved half term holiday, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for the final term of Year 2.

What We Are Learning

Writing: *Suddenly Alligator* - The children have used all of their learning from this term to plan and write their own versions of the story. Inspired by our recent visit to Wildwood, the children chose between an Eagle Owl, Bison or Bear – all animals we were lucky enough to see during our trip – and creatively recreated their own versions of *Suddenly Alligator*. These stories will be published into their beautiful books.

Maths: *Fractions* - This week the children have been finding fractions of an amount and figuring out what the whole number is by knowing how much is in one part. They have used practical materials such as counters and ones to support them and have practised their word problem solving skills.

Reading: *George's Marvellous Medicine* - What excitement this book has brought! We have read about all of the wonderful and rather odd ingredients that George put into his medicine and the children then used their retrieval skills to answer some questions.

Phonics: /k/ words with the spellings <ch> <qu> <que> <q> and <cc>

Art: *Fantasy* - We finished off our topic by evaluating our dragons. The children spent time answering questions about how they made their dragon, what they enjoyed about making their dragon, why clay was a good material to use, what they found challenging and what would they improve in the future.

Music: *Beat and dynamics* - We listened to some classical pieces of music and identified whether they had 2 or 3 beats. We then used glockenspiels to play along with the music thinking carefully about keeping the beat.

P.E next term

Our PE days for next term will be:

Aquamarine: Monday afternoon, 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Tanzanite: Thursday afternoon, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Turquoise: Thursday afternoon, 2:00pm-3:00pm

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on the appropriate day. Children will need shorts, trainers and a jumper to wear if it is cold.

Prepared for all weathers!

As the weather cannot quite make its mind up at the moment between sunshine, rain, warmth and cold spells, we kindly ask that children come to school prepared for all weather conditions! Please ensure children are still bringing a coat into school, as we are continuing to experience some rainy days.

If children are bringing in sunscreen to apply themselves, could we also please ask that it is clearly named and that children understand it cannot be shared with others.

Forest School

Thursday marked our final Forest School session of the term and the children have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it! It has been lovely to see them fully embrace all of the activities, showing enthusiasm, curiosity and a real sense of adventure each week.

We would also like to thank you for ensuring the children came each week with suitable Forest School clothing – although we are sure your washing machines will now be breathing a sigh of relief!

For our final session, the children took inspiration from and created their very own "marvellous medicines" using all sorts of wonderful, wacky and muddy items they discovered around the Forest School area. There were certainly some interesting concoctions made... although we would strongly advise that nobody attempts to drink them!