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Primary and Pre-school



Newsletter 2

17 September 2021

What a super week

Monday 13th will be forever imprinted on my memory as the day we really began to get back to how school really should be. Buddies began all over again and the joyful sound of shrieks and laughter between the youngest and oldest pupils was back in full force! The older children in Years 4, 5 & 6 who have buddies younger than them have really been superb this week in taking their new charges under their wing and making sure they are fully embraced in the life of the school – playtimes and lunchtimes have never been so busy!

It was also really super to welcome parents back into school on Tuesday for the parent information sessions and for the phonics session with Year R parents on Thursday – thank you if you were one of those who attended. Some of our parents had not, until that point, even been into the school building and the remainder hadn't been in since COVID struck. With our newly painted and carpeted rooms as well as the newly organised library and corridors, it was great to get back to welcoming you into the 'inner sanctum'!

We have been testing children this week so that we can get an accurate entry level baseline assessment from which to build. This is useful not only for leaders so that we can ensure we are always moving children forwards and really recovering the time we have lost but also for teachers and children so that, with analysis, we can really pinpoint patterns of underachievement and plan to close those gaps.

We will be sharing these outcomes and how your child has settled in our parent's evenings on 11th & 12th October which will be held virtually again.

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

Welcome
Year R 2021!



Coming Up!

Each week in the newsletter, we post the most important dates for the forthcoming term.

SEPTEMBER		
Thurs 16 th	9am	Year R parents info session on phonics
Mon 20 th	9am	School council quest launched
Tues 21 st	10.30am	Test Valley Headteacher to meet Y6
Wed 29 th	Am	1:1 School photos for all children (& staff!)
Thurs 30 th	3.15pm	Learning targets for all children sent home
OCTOBER		
Fri 1 st	All day	INSET – no school
4 th – 8 th	All week	Year 6 @ Brecon Beacons
5 th – 6 th	TBC	Pre-School Parent evenings
Mon 11 th & Tues 12 th	Various	Main school Parent evenings (virtual)
Wed 13 th	All day	Pre-School sponsored trike/bike ride

Macmillan Coffee morning

We missed this last year so we'd love to really go for it this year. Staff are going to get into it by having their own bake off – you'll be able to taste the results! We're going for 'The Best Victoria Sponge' version. Hands up for a tasting panel!

On Friday 24th at 9am, we would like to welcome you all to our garden party (held outside unless wet). Our aim is to raise the most amount of money for Macmillan as possible.

We'd love it if you could help by baking some treats and would like to suggest the following as a guide so that we have a variety to eat!

ONE OF OUR CHILDREN HAS A SERIOUS CHOCOLATE ALLERGY – PLEASE AVOID CHOCOLATE IN ANY BAKES

Kingfishers & Sprat & Winkle: fairy cakes of any description
Lower School (Years 1-3): traybakes or cookies of any description
Upper School (Years 4-6): big cakes of any description – sandwich cakes, loaf cakes, you name it, we'll eat it.

SPORT

Before COVID hit, we had been increasing children's participation in sports and doing rather well in cluster competitions. We have been awarded the School Games Gold Mark for our PE provision for 3 consecutive years topped the Test Valley inter school charts in a range of sporting events in the summer term.

We are now in a position to be able to plan some tentative sports fixtures against other schools.

First up is **Cross Country** at Wallop Primary on Tues 5th October at 4pm. Unfortunately, our Year 6 children will be in Wales but children in Years 2-5 will be able to compete. You'll receive further information about this in due course.

Musician of the week

Last year Mrs Cooper, our Music lead, launched a 'musician of the week' to try to encourage children to hear and learn about different music styles and performers.

It was such a success that it's back this year and our musician of the week next week is going to be

ELVIS PRESLEY

Enjoy listening to his music over the weekend or in the car maybe next week. We'll have these on our playlist:

Blue Suede Shoes – Jailhouse rock – Return to sender – Love me tender – Hound dog

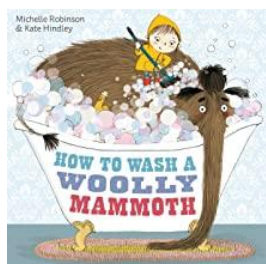
REGULAR UPDATES



Keeping you up to date with regular goings on in school

Year R

10 9 8 owls up late
by G Deutsch



Year 1

How to wash a woolly mammoth
by M Robinson

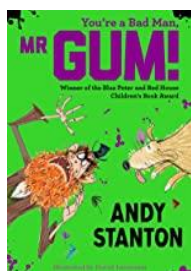
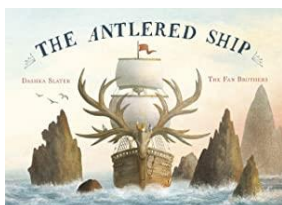
Recommended reads

I find it impossible to leave a bookshop without at least 5 books and I visited a lot of bookshops this summer! They are my most favourite place!

In addition to your child's colour book band book (or free reader), they are also able to loan from our library and have an additional range of books – our 'must reads' if you will. We've arranged these on a 'brick wall' style grid and in each classroom, there is a basket of these books that we want all children to read by the end of the year. These books are from this selection so you don't even have to buy them – just encourage your child to read them!

Year 2

The Antlered Ship
By Dashka Slater



Year 3

You're a bad man Mr Gum
By Andy Stanton



Year 4

Charlotte's Web
By EB White



Year 5

Brightstorm
By Vashti Hardy



Year 6

The Rainmaker Danced
By EB White

REDBRIDGE

Year 1/2

by Ella Ward & Iris Venables

Miss Garrett has been giving us clues about the story we're going to be reading in Literacy. She only showed us the front cover and we had to look carefully and find out why we thought it was set in London because there were clues in the picture.

We've been learning about places all over the United Kingdom. I know about London, Wales and Scotland – we've been using these countries for our table names. The tables that have the tidiest table win a prize and Ella's table won last week – she's hoping to win again!

In maths we've been using dienes and base ten to practice our counting and Miss Garrett tried to trick us by missing numbers out so we have to really think!

HORSEBRIDGE

Year 2/3

by Florence & Ava

We've been learning about places like London – it's the capital of our country. We've been learning about it through a girl called Katy who leapt on a lion and had a tour of London. We'd love to do that. He showed her around and they saw Tower of London where the Queen keeps all her jewels. Kings and Queens used to live there.

We learned that there's double decker red buses, black taxis and trains that go underground – you can find these with red circle and blue line signs

In maths we've been using the part part whole model to explore 2 digit numbers.

Miss T is teaching us all about using adjectives in our work and practicing really need handwriting. Adjectives describe something like little or magnificent.

SPRAT & WINKLE

Thursday was the first full day of school and children were immersed in learning all about the Little Red Hen. We've learnt the story off by heart and Mrs Cooper is going to upload it to Dojo so that you can enjoy it too!

Children have also learnt the numbers 1 and 2 and begun finding them in their environment.

Although our reading books have no words, we've been making predictions about what might happen.

MOTTISFONT

Year 4/5

by Bethany Burnand & Florence O'Neill-White

We've been learning all about place Value charts and doing a lot of problem solving but Mrs Natt makes us show our answers in lots of different ways so she knows we've understood. We've also been going up into much bigger numbers; ten thousands and millions.

In our English, we did art!! We listened to some music and let the music guide us in our choice of colours and patterns. We collages too with messages to help others to save our planet.

We've also been doing lots of tests this week so that Mrs Natt knows what we can and can't do and can help us get better.

It was tiring coming back to school after our week out at Calshot – we used some of the things we learnt about working together there back here in school.

CLATFORD

Year 5/6

by Violet, Betsy & Cosima

In maths we've been learning about the x and y axis for co-ordinates and plotting points on a grid and we've also been learning about translating and reflecting and rotating shapes – Betsy thinks this is like flipping a pancake! Riley put this in our maths toolbox as a great way to remember how to do this as well as the rhyme "along the corridor and up the stairs."

We had a sneaky art day where we made collages about protecting the planet for pollution because our big question this term is 'can one person make a difference?' Our guided reading is a book called 'The Last Wild' – it's set in the new possible future all about a virus called 'red eye' but no one knows where it comes from. We've been learning how to summarise the second chapter in 25 words – it's tricky!!

HOMEWORK & LIAISON WITH YOU

We believe that communication with you is such an important part of our home/school relationship and where we have been unable to meet face to face we have had to make use of technology to do this.



As we start a new school year we are going to be rolling out Class Dojo across all classes, including Sprat and Winkle and Pre-school where it will be used to replace Tapestry.

Class Dojo is a place to share learning through photographs and videos and where we will occasionally send a whole class message or reminder. Just as you love to see what we all get up to at school, we also love seeing the learning and achievements from home so please do share them with us.

Messaging clasteachers.....Please only use the messaging part of Class Dojo to send the type of message you would ordinarily pass on at the beginning of the day. Any others should be emailed to the school office to be passed on to your class teacher.

Every child from Sprat and Winkle through to year 6 also has a Google Classroom account. This is used regularly in school and the place where homework is set and is to be completed or uploaded. This will also be the main platform that any online learning will take place if the need ever arises again. Because class work is regularly uploaded on Google Classroom I recommend you disable notifications for now and your classteacher will let you know via Class Dojo if there is something on there that you may need to check.



If your child tells you they have no homework – check Google Classroom – there's sure to be some on there!!

Mrs Jefferies has set this week's homework for the whole school.

For both platforms you will have individual log ins, if you don't have them please let your class teacher know and they can help you out with this.

Spellings

We are introducing children to a new spelling scheme this term and their spelling journals will be coming home NEXT Friday when we have been able to model how to use them and what to do with their spellings.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Years 2-6 have 3x a week practice on TT Rocks. In 'GARAGE', they can practice without the timer and we encourage them to do this for the next 3 weeks. We'll let you know when to start using the timer.

Reading

Just because your child can read words, doesn't mean they understand what they're reading and that's the whole point of reading – to learn new things and jump into a new adventure! Please, please make sure you hear them read at least 4 or 5 times a week, yes, even Year 6!

If it's a battle reading with them, try reading a bit yourself and they pick up a sentence every now and again. It'll give them the opportunity to explore new vocabulary and try out voices and all sorts of things.

Children should be completing a 'read and respond activity from Year 3 upwards in their reading journals.