

## *Spring Bulletin – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Message from Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher*



Dear Parents and Carers,

The whole school was full of excitement this week as we had our CEO, Cathie Paine, visit Civitas on Thursday. Miss Cathie spent the day visiting all the classes, talking to the children about their learning and what they love about Civitas and listening to their ideas about what they feel would make it an even better school.

Before Miss Cathie left at the end of the day, we all had an assembly together where we found out a little more about Miss Cathie and her role as CEO across our 60 schools in our family at REACh2. Miss Cathie also spoke to our children about ‘aspirations’ and how we can all work towards our goals, believing in ourselves and having those around us believing in us.

The children finished assembly by singing Bruno Mars’ ‘Count on Me!’ 😊



# Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Mia	For working hard to create outstanding artwork!
Paddington	Zamira	For being a great role model and always ready to learn
Gruffalo:	Danny	For using good adjectives in his writing.
Pinocchio:	Shanvi	For always being ready, respectful and safe.
BFG:	Hayden	For resilience in his maths.
Matilda:	Kyla	For always being ready to learn and respectful to her peers.
Rosen	Mysha	For taking time and care to work carefully and neatly in all her books
Kinney	Ayla	For always following the school rules and being a great example of what a Civitas child is.
Richards	Aarvi	For showing an improvement in focus and contribution in class discussions.
Murphy	David	For being ready to learn in all of his lessons.
Zephaniah	David	For his positive contributions in class.
Avery	Smyla	For having a great attitude towards problem solving
Draper	Rouba	Making excellent progress in reading, writing and maths.
Lewis	Kamarly	For starting the week with a different and great attitude towards learning.

House Points – Well done **TERRA** house for gaining the most house points this week.

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua		6829
Ignis		6824
<b>Terra</b>		6583
Atmos		6680

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Ishanvi
Paddington	Lila
Gruffalo	Ismatullah
Pinocchio	Edvin
BFG	Oladayo
Matilda	Enoch
Kinney	Wajiha
Rosen	Aairah
Murphy	Logan
Richards	Smyra
Avery	Flynn
Zephaniah	Kornelia
Draper	Davidas
Lewis	Kamarly

**Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 97% - let's work together to be in school every day. Each week we will share attendance for each Year group for that week.**

Year Group	13/01	20/01	27/01	03/02	10/02
Reception	96.8%	92.5%	83.8%	88.8%	
Year 1	93.7%	94.6%	96.9%	93.6%	
Year 2	97.1%	89.2%	92.9%	91.1%	
Year 3	94.3%	94.6%	97.0%	92.1%	
Year 4	92.1%	91.4%	92.8%	94.8%	
Year 5	95.0%	94.9%	93.9%	94.9%	
Year 6	98.3%	96.8%	97.8%	98.1%	

# What have we been learning this week?

## Reception

In Maths, we looked at the numbers 6, 7 and 8 and we have been learning about combining two groups. How many are they altogether? In Literacy we continued to read 'Little Red Riding Hood'. As Little Red Riding Hood did not follow her mum's two rules, we looked at some rules to help you stay safe from strangers. We also learned how to become peer mediators. We learned to help others to solve a problem without always going to the teacher. In our writing area, we have been making 'wanted' posters again. It was great to see great independent writing happening in this area!

## Key Stage 1

**Year 1:** In Maths, the pupils have started to explore addition and subtraction within numbers to 20. They have focused on doubles and comparing number bonds to 10 and 20. The pupils looked fantastic in their number day outfits – it was an amazing day! In English, pupils applied their previous knowledge to write their own narratives and alternative endings. In Computing, the pupils have explored using the toolbar and keyboards. In Science, pupils took part in an experiment to find out which materials were waterproof and which were not.

**Year 2:** In Maths, the children have looked at 2 step word problems with money. Lots of the children dressed up for number day and their outfits looked amazing! For number day the children took part in lots of different activities and produced some lovely maths crafts. In English, the children have written their own fact files all about Dr Barnardo. In geography, the children have looked at human and physical features. The children have also compared London to Mumbai. In science the children have continued looking at materials and feeling the different textures of certain materials.

## Key Stage 2

**Year 3:** This week in English the children have been exploring the features of a newspaper report. They have used their WAGOLLS to take notes on all of the features that make a great report. In maths we have focused on length this week. The children have been using centimeters, millimeters and meters to compare measurements and measure objects in the classroom. They have used estimated to make sensible guesses at what measurements we would be likely to use for small and large objects. In science this week the children made compost pots for our worms to live in. They looked at the process of how soil is made then used a step by step guide to create their own. In Geography this week the children used compasses to find North, East, South and West on the compass points in the classroom. They used Atlas' to compare the locations of different countries to each other. They are also looking forward to creating their own compasses!.



**Year 4:** Year 4 has had a great week of learning. In English, we have continued to explore features of a newspaper where we have learnt how to include the 5 W's (Who, What, Why, Where, When), how newspaper reporters include alliteration to grab the reader's attention as well as rhetorical questions to get the reader thinking. How fun does that sound? In maths, we began learning all about meters, kilometers and perimeter. We have been using our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 to convert meters to kilometers – multiply and divide by 1000! We have continued our geography learning on Volcanoes and learnt about the different types of volcanoes, including dormant, active and extinct. In Science this week, we continued our focus on classification and classified different British animals. In PSHE, we learnt how to create new goals after disappointment and how to demonstrate resilience. In RE, we learnt about the Jewish Festival of Passover and why this is important to Jews. On Thursday, we had a visit from a special visitor, Cathie Paine, who is the Reach2 CEO. We have been practicing the sound 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars and sung it to her during an assembly! On Friday, we dressed up in maths

clothes and played lots of fun maths games

**Year 5:** This week in year 5 we have begun exploring the skills needed to write our very own fact file. This has included analysing the features found in our WAGOLL and practicing using these features ourselves, such as bullet points and the present perfect tense. In maths this week we have been multiplying unit and non-unit fractions by integers, using our prior knowledge to create methods that work for us. In global learning we have been learning all about the water cycle and how this may affect some of the physical and human features we discovered in last week's lesson. In PSHE we have been thinking about good deeds and how we feel when we do a good deed or someone does a good deed for us. We have challenged ourselves to do some good deeds both in and out of school. Year 5 have been preparing for our special visitor this week, Cathie Paine, by practicing the song 'count on me' by Bruno Mars. We have really enjoyed our singing practice both in class and with the whole school!

**Year 6:** It has been a great week for Year 6 but a busy one! We have started our new book in English called "Stella by Starlight" and have been looking at writing diary entries. We are focusing more on the Maths we might struggle with in lessons ready for SATS and we are coming to the end of our Global learning lessons around Alabama. Next, we will be looking at the Nottinghill Carnival and why it is so important to the people in the UK.



It has also been great to see the Year 6s improve on their swimming throughout the week! Thank you to our parent volunteers who have helped us take the children to and from the Centre.

## News items from this week

**New PE timetable:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Avery am	Zephaniah am	Y6 – Swimming am	Y3 am
	Year 2 pm	EYFS pm	Y1 pm	Y4 pm

**Lunches:**

A reminder that lunches need to be ordered by midday on a Wednesday for the following week. This can be ordered via SCOPay. Those bringing a packed lunch from home – please remember this needs to be a healthy lunch, no NUTS and no fizzy drinks.

**Dates for the Diary**

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> –17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term – School closed
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school

Half term activities:



# Rockets Half Term Camps

@John Madejski Academy  
MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

<b>MICRO BALLERS CAMP</b> AGE: 4-7 YEAR OLDS TIME: 10AM-12.30PM COST: £15	<b>SENIOR SHOOTING MASTERCLASS</b> AGE: 8-10 YEAR OLDS TIME: 1PM-2.30PM COST: £10
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**TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY**

<b>MINIBALLERS CAMP</b> AGE: 8-10 YEAR OLDS TIME: 10AM - 1PM COST: £18	<b>SEN SENIOR SESSION</b> (FOR PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS) AGE: 14+ TIME: 1.30-3PM COST: £10
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**WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY**

<b>MINI SHOOTING MASTERCLASS</b> AGE: 8-10 YEAR OLDS TIME: 10-11.30AM COST: £10	<b>GIRLS SUPER SKILLS CAMP</b> AGE: 11-16 YEAR OLDS TIME: 12-1.30pm COST: £10
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**THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY**     **+**     **FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY**

**2 DAY COMMUNITY CAMP**  
(THURS AND FRI)  
AGE: 11-16 YEAR OLDS  
TIME: 10AM-2PM  
COST: £54  
(Players must attend both days)

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To View Camp details and to book your place. Please visit  
[www.readingrockets.co.uk](http://www.readingrockets.co.uk)  
Visit the "want to play" section and select  
"February half term camps"

Communication to the school:

Absence reporting still needs to be done via [office@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@civitasacademy.co.uk)

If you have a query and would like to contact your child's class teacher, please see the relevant emails below.

Reception: [earlyyears@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:earlyyears@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 1: [year1@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year1@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 2: [year2@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year2@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 3: [year3@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year3@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 4: [year4@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year4@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 5: [year5@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year5@civitasacademy.co.uk)

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