

Summer Bulletin

Friday 26th April 2024



Message from Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

Some of you may have already had the chance to have met Miss Lauren Mason, who has joined our Operations team. Miss Mason is our new Office Coordinator, sadly, Mrs. Maura Ammundsen will be leaving us at half term. Although she has been with us a short time, she has been a great support to our Civitas team over the last two terms and we would like to thank her for all her hard work.

PE Timetable – Summer 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Year 4	Year 3	Year 6	Year 5
PM	Year 1	Reception	Year 2	

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception		
Elmer	Idris	For working incredibly hard to improve his writing in phonics.
KS1		

Pinocchio	Mivaan	For writing good sentences using his adjectives.
Gruffalo	Hassan	For outstanding reading, wonderful writing and super multiplication.
BFG	Salon	For making fabulous improvements in his speech and phonics. Keep it up!
Matilda	Illia	For creating an amazing advert about the Reading Abbey in History.
KS2		
Rosen	Juliana	For excellent writing in English this week, using prefixes and suffixes.
Richards	Mark	For settling into Civitas well and working hard on his phonics to support to his English vocabulary.
Murphy	Dhananjay	For becoming more independent in class and has started to complete 3BE4ME before coming to the Teacher.
Avery	Elif	For gaining confidence and contributing to class discussions
Zephaniah	Dhruvi	For consistently showing great behaviours for learning and supporting others within the class.
Draper	Dorian	For his fantastic menu in DT
Lewis	Sabal	For always demonstrating he is ready to learn at the start of the day

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Divisha
Paddington	Ibrahim
Gruffalo	Priyanka
Pinocchio	Mia
BFG	Yousuf
Matilda	Akram
Kinney	Adi
Rosen	Lara
Murphy	Jasmine
Richards	Mark
Avery	David
Zephaniah	Aarvi
Draper	Jenisha
Lewis	Pranav

House	Total House Points this week	Total
Aqua	252	8928
Terra	307	9265
Ignis	259	7900
Atmos	287	9214

Well done **TERRA** house for achieving the most house points this week.

Achievements outside of school

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Achievement</u>
Venba	BFG	Venba and friends led a performance to showcase Indian dancing - well done for being so brave! 

Attendance

Our overall school target for the year is 96% - let's work together to be in school every day.

Each week we will share attendance for each Year group for that week, this is **not** accumulative from the beginning of the year.

	19.04.24	26.04.24	03.05.24	10.05.24	17.05.24	24.05.24
Reception	88.64%	92.73%				
Year 1	88.17%	93.1%				
Year 2	89.83%	90.18%				
Year 3	87.33%	88.98%				
Year 4	89.49%	90.85%				
Year 5	93.33%	94.11%				
Year 6	95.83%	98.47%				

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

In Reception, we have been learning all about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', this week we have been paying more attention to the life cycle. Children have been drawing and writing about the life cycle of the butterfly for their literacy task and making life cycle wheels for their finger gym activity. The children loved making their pasta life cycle representations and have been growing in confidence using vocabulary like: 'chrysalis', 'pupa' and 'metamorphosis'. In maths we have been continuing to work on numbers 11-20 and have been learning that these numbers are made of two parts, for example "10 and 4 make 14". In PSED, we have been looking at relationships and maintaining positive friendships and how to support your friends.

Key Stage 1:

Year 1:

In Year 1 we have enjoyed exploring adjectives in our new text, 'Dougal's Deep-Sea Diary'. We have also been learning about adding suffixes such as -ing, -ed and -er to verbs. In Maths, we have identified and added equal groups. We also created our own arrays. In Computing, we have typed up a poster by using the skills that we have learned on the keyboard. In PSHE, we explored friendship and identified the qualities that make a good friend. We also identified the qualities in ourselves that make us good friends. In Science we discussed, the 4 seasons and the types of clothes that we wear each season. In RE, we continued to explore the ways in which Jewish families celebrate Shabbat. In History, we looked at what London was like before the Great Fire happened. In Art, we had our first attempt at manipulating clay. Please ensure that your child comes to school with their coat and a reusable water bottle.

Year 2:

Year 2 continued learning about fractions in Maths this week and were introduced to recognising and finding thirds. To support your child, please practise their x3 times tables. In English, we have explored language features such as suffixes, first person and conjunctions and then highlighted these in an example narrative. For History, we investigated the history of the Reading Abbey and created advertisements to entice visitors to explore the Abbey. Our RE question for this term is "How special is the relationship that Jews have with God?". We recapped any prior knowledge about Judaism and then discussed the meaning of respect and trust. For Science, we investigated how wind travels and built our very own windsocks! In DT, we learnt about famous designers/architects who helped design popular bridges, Tower Bridge and Golden Gates Bridge. Thank you for your continued support - keep up the phonics practise!



Key Stage 2:

Year 3:

This week Year 3 have been very busy within all of their learning. In Maths the class have been exploring Volume and Capacity and it's been great to see how the children have applied their knowledge and understanding within the four operations to solve some of the extended questions! In our English lesson we've been learning about Suffixes and Prefixes and this has been great for our editing of our Writing.

Year 4:

Year 4 has been very busy this week! We have continued working extremely hard to practice our times tables. Our Timestable Rock Stars battle of Year 4 Girls vs Boys! We have until Monday 29th April 2024 until the battle ends, the winners will be announced next week. It has been great to see so many

people logging on to TTRS at home. In English, we have continued reading *Windrush Child* by Benjamin Zephaniah. During our lessons we have been exploring the features of a diary entry, these include fronted adverbials, adverbials of frequency and emotive language, in preparation for writing our own diary entries next week. In Maths we are still learning about decimals, we have explored partitioning decimals and ordering decimals. We are excited to start our new topic of money next week.

Year 5:

Year 5 have had a very exciting week. We continued our English playscript genre by practising skills needed to create our own playscripts - using semi-colons and possessive apostrophes. We then began to plan our own playscripts based on a Victorian court scene. In maths, we have been exploring our new topic of angles by introducing the different types of angles and estimating the size of angles. On Tuesday, we celebrated Shakespeare Day. We spent the day learning all about William Shakespeare – who he was and the plays he wrote. We also had a go at performing a scene from *Macbeth* using Shakespearean insults to add to our own scripts.



Year 6:

In English we have looked at the skills needed to write our persuasive letter. We learnt how to structure the introduction and first argument. In maths we finished our unit on shape and have begun looking at geometry focusing on the 4 quadrants, working out missing coordinates on shapes, translating and reflecting shapes. Next week we will revise areas of maths that we find more challenging. We were introduced to the topic of the Vikings in history where we analysed a source which provided of the raid on Lindisfarne monastery. In science we investigated what happens to the bulb and buzzer when we add more batteries to a circuit.

Communication to the school

Absence reporting can also be done via 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

Year 1: year1@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 2: year2@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 3: year3@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 4: year4@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 5: year5@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 6: year6@civitasacademy.co.uk

KEY DATES

Monday, 29th May – Clubs Begin

Monday, 6th May - Bank Holiday

Wednesday, 8th May – Year Five Trip to Milestone Museum

Monday, 13th May – Year 6 SATs week

Friday, 24th May – Last day of school before half term

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Half Term

Monday, 3rd June – INSET Day

Tuesday, 4th June- Children Return to School