

Summer Bulletins – Friday 11th June 2021

Message from Mrs Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a fantastic half term and are ready for our final term of this most unusual year. The team have been planning away for the different subject areas and topics that need covering as well as ensuring transition arrangements are in place for our children getting ready to move into the next year group and for our new families that will be joining us in September. We have been liaising with some of our local secondary schools too and more information will be coming out to our Year 5 families in a couple of weeks about preparation for applications for Year 7!

Just a couple of reminders, parents' evening video calls will be scheduled in for the times booked next week via TEAMS.

PACKED LUNCHES – please ensure our children that have packed lunches have a varied healthy lunch. It's really important they have the energy to continue with their afternoon learning and feel READY. Thank you.



Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	🌟 Niriksha 🌟	For settling in well, showing good engagement in her learning activities and playing well with the other children.
Paddington	🌟 Afaf 🌟	For really working on her listening skills this week, engaging more with others and working hard on her writing.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	🌟 Romir 🌟	For working hard towards his target of using cursive handwriting.
Pinocchio:	🌟 Karen 🌟	For setting an excellent example for her classmates by being ready, respectful and safe.
BFG:	🌟 Rayan 🌟	For wonderful effort in Maths and English. Also, for encouraging others and respecting the school rules.
Matilda:	🌟 Lola 🌟	For recognising all the phase 3 sounds and the phase 3 and 4 tricky words.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	🌟 Arjun 🌟	For listening to and taking on feedback quickly, which improved his quality of writing.
Kinney	🌟 Vinney 🌟	For working hard and using his initiative before asking for support.
Richards	🌟 Meghana 🌟	For being a supportive and informative talk partner to her peers and for always following our school rules to a high standard.
Murphy	🌟 Asher 🌟	For having a great attitude in Maths and English and for always contributing to the lessons.
Zephaniah	🌟 Harry 🌟	For being considerate towards others and helping his peers.
	🌟 Weronika 🌟	For working hard and improving her focus in lessons.

House Points

Well done to **Atmos** house for gaining the most house points this week

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Atmos	651	1885
Terra	323	1921
Aqua	520	1920
Ignis	475	2455

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

Year Group	11/6	18/6	25/6	02/7	09/7	16/7
Reception	92.0%					
Year 1	95.7%					
Year 2	96.4%					
Year 3	96.5%					
Year 4	98.5%					
Year 5	96.6%					

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

Our topic this half term is "Under the Sea". We kicked off the week learning all about pirates and we read and discussed the story "Pirates Love Underpants". In literacy we sequenced the story, wrote a message in a bottle and wrote a 'Wanted Poster' for one of the characters in the story. In Maths we have been learning how to double a number. We played a matching pairs game looking for doubles, doubled the number of spots on a butterfly by painting and folding a paper butterfly in half and played a game with dice, rolling doubles. We have taken part in lots of pirate activities during Independent Learning Time this week, including making pirate hats, pirate ships and designing and labelling treasure maps. We were very excited to come back to school after half term to see that our butterflies had emerged from their chrysalides. We enjoyed looking at the butterflies and were very excited to release them. Some of the butterflies even landed on some of the child



Key Stage 1

Year 1 have been learning about writing a diary entry, talking about what we have done over the half term break with a focus on using the past tense. In maths we have been focusing on counting forwards and backwards within 100. In topic we have been introducing our new topic "Our Town" and have looked at all the local places in Reading. For art we have been using watercolours to paint a picture of Forbury Garden.

Year 2's topic is 'Land Ahoy!'. We started the week by creating a class pirate ship. We had to listen and share ideas, work together and problem solve. We are recapping place value in Maths, specifically how to represent numbers to 100 and solve place value problems. See if you can solve the problem below and explain your reasoning! In English we are reading 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris. We are writing postcards about a pirate adventure to a tropical island. We are challenging ourselves to use commas in lists.

Mastery GD Question

Miss Boman says "When I count in tens from any number the ones digit stays the same."

Do you agree? Explain.

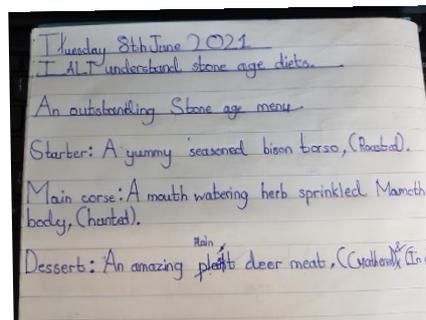
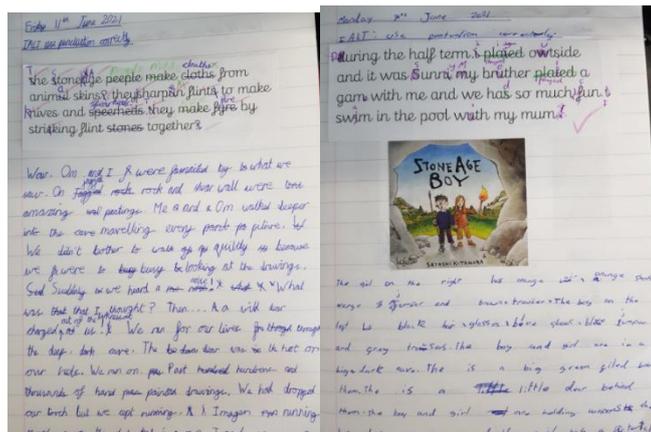


Key Stage 2

Year 3

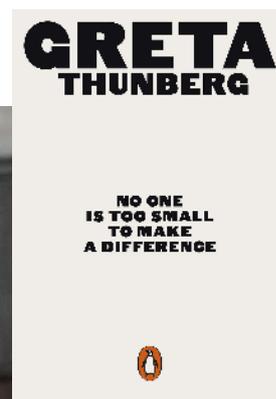
This week in Year 3, we have begun our new topic, The Stone Age! We learnt about the three different periods of the Stone Age, the Paleolithic, the Mesolithic and the Neolithic. We learnt that in the Mesolithic period, people were hunters and gatherers. They hunted animals and used all parts of the animals for food. They also gathered berries, seeds and plants to eat. We wrote a Stone Age menu and used adjectives to make our menu sound delicious to the reader. We began our science topic learning about rocks and learnt that there are different types of rocks which are formed in different ways. We learnt about igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks and got to feel and touch some of the rocks. In maths, we continued our learning about time and looked at finding the time to 5 minute intervals, to the minute

and learnt about am and pm. Telling the time would be a great activity to practice at home! In English, we began reading a story called "Stone Age Boy" which is about a boy who travels back in time to the Stone Age. We edited paragraphs and wrote sentences using a range of punctuation.



Year 4

This week, we have started our new topic of 'Climate Change Warriors'. The children have been very excited and inquisitive to start this learning and had lots of questions that we will be answering this term. In English, we have been exploring the text 'Greta and the Giants'. This text is inspired by Greta Thunberg, who is a key person in the Climate Change movement. The children then wrote descriptive pieces of writing about Greta and why is she important. Alongside this, in our guided reading learning we have been exploring another Greta Thunberg text, to expand our knowledge on Climate Change even further.



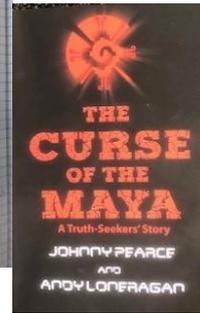
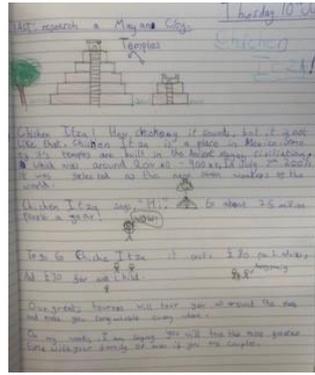
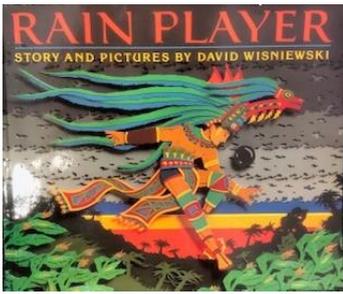
In Maths, we finished our learning on Time and have moved onto Statistics. It was great to see what the children could recall from their Year 3 learning on bar charts and pictograms. We will continue to deepen this knowledge over the next few weeks 😊

If you have any newspaper at home, please can you bring any into school for some artwork for next week 😊

Also, may we ask that Year 4 try to logon to their Teams accounts over the weekend to make sure you can still access the account. (The ones they used to access the online learning during the second school closure). Teachers will be contacting you for parents evening through your child's Teams account.

Year 5:

This week, year 5 kicked off their new topic – Ancient Maya. We will be using the Rain Player book as our stimulus in English. This mythical book is set in the Maya civilization and is an original tale of a boy who takes his fate, and his people's, into his own hands. The children had great fun producing freeze frames depicting the main events in the story. Over the next two weeks we will be writing our own mythical stories. In our Guided Reading lessons, we started The Curse of the Maya and have honed our predicting, inferring and retrieval skills.



In our topic lessons we discovered where the Maya civilization originated from and looked at Chichen Itza as well as the El Castillo. The children have thoroughly enjoyed Maths this week where they have been working hard on their Geometry skills. They used their knowledge of position and direction to plot coordinates in the first quadrant. They loved plotting their names using coordinates for each letter.

News items from this week

Drop off time – REMINDER – drop off in the morning is now between **8.40am and 9am**. School gates will close at 9am prompt.

Hot weather – Please remember to bring a labelled sun hat and water bottle for your child. Please also make sure your child has sun cream applied before coming to school. especially in this very hot weather.



Parents evening – Parent’s evening will take place next week, commencing 14th June **via TEAMS**. Your appointment will have been scheduled in your child’s TEAMS calendar. Please log on 5 minutes before your meeting to make sure you are on time. If after 2 minutes, nobody has joined the call, the teacher will end the meeting.

School Photo’s – On Thursday 17th June, we will have a photographer onsite to take class and individual photos. Please make sure your child comes to school in their smartest uniform. Year 2 children who have PE that day should come to school in uniform and have their PE in a bag to change in to.

Date:	Activity:
W/C 14 th June	Parent’s evening sessions available online via TEAMS
Thursday 17 th June	School Photos. Year 2 to come in uniform and bring PE kit in bag