

Summer Bulletins – Friday 23rd April 2021

Message from Mrs Ducker – Executive Headteacher



We cannot wait for the time when we will be able to welcome our families and carers back into Civitas. Both the children and staffing teams have been working so hard to create fantastic learning environments around the school and we really look forward to the time we can share these with you in person. Until then please can I remind all our families to continue keeping a safe distance outside the gates when waiting for children to come into school in the mornings and to wear face coverings unless exempt when collecting from the playground at the end of the day. Please remember to follow the one-way system and to not use mobile phone when on the school site.

Thank you for the tremendous effort that has gone into ensuring school uniform is being worn correctly, if you are unsure about anything regarding uniform, jewellery or hairstyles, please refer back to the school prospectus which can be found on the website or feel free to contact the school office.

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	✨Alexandra✨	For challenging herself every morning to write a sentence in her morning challenge book, and for using her phonics so well when writing her sentence.
Paddington	✨Rosiyana✨	For showing increased focus on the carpet this week and for growing in confidence to answer questions, particularly during whole class Maths.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	✨Angela✨	For following the school rules – ready, respectful and safe, trying her best in her learning and being an enthusiastic friend in class.
Pinocchio:	✨Max✨	For following the school rules – ready, respectful and safe and making his teacher proud.
BFG:	✨Tessanne✨	For working hard in English this week, learning about adverts, plus being ready to learn.
Matilda:	✨ Baboucarr ✨	For applying his learning of prefixes and suffixes in his advert writing this week.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	✨ Fatima ✨	For working well with others and consistently being ready and respectful and safe throughout the year.
Kinney	✨ Bruna ✨	For showing an improved attitude to learning.
Richards	✨ Shazain ✨	For an improved learning attitude and focus in all lessons.
Murphy	✨ Trish ✨	For always being ready, respectful, and safe in all lessons and being a kind and polite member of the class.
Zephaniah	✨Nathan✨	For having a good attitude towards his learning.
	✨Jakub✨	For returning to school with a good attitude and working hard.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Every fortnight, KS2 teachers award two certificates per class - one is awarded to the 'Most improved Rockstar' based on how much their speed of recall has improved over the two-week period and the other is awarded to the 'Hardest Working Rockstar' based on a variety of factors, such as number of coins earned, number of questions answered correctly. Congratulations to the following Key Stage 2 children:

	Most Improved Rockstar	Hardest Working Rockstar
Rosen	Amaan	Abdulmalek
Kinney		Umaimah
Richards	Jude	Amrutha
Murphy	Rayan	Prema
Zephaniah	Manor	Dhrithi
	Miruna	Miruna

House Points

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

House	Points this week	Total
Atmos	316	
Terra	560	
Aqua	450	
Ignis	724	

Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 97% - let's work together to be in school everyday.

Year Group	23/4	30/4	7/5	14/5	21/5	28/5
Reception	96.5%					
Year 1	93.3%					
Year 2	97.5%					
Year 3	99.6%					
Year 4	96.0%					
Year 5	96.2%					

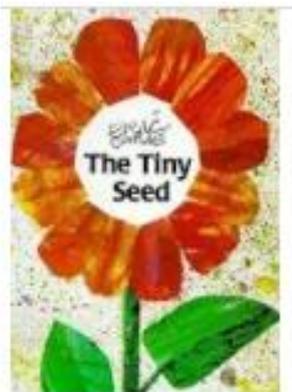
What have we been learning this week?

Reception

In Reception this week we have begun our new topic of 'Growing and Changing'. This week we have been reading the story "The Tiny Seed" by Eric Carle and through this story we have been learning about the life cycle of a flowering plant. We enjoyed planting sunflower seeds this week and we look forward to seeing these grow! After we planted our sunflowers we wrote instructions for how to plant a flower and we learnt about and labelled the different parts of a flowering plant.

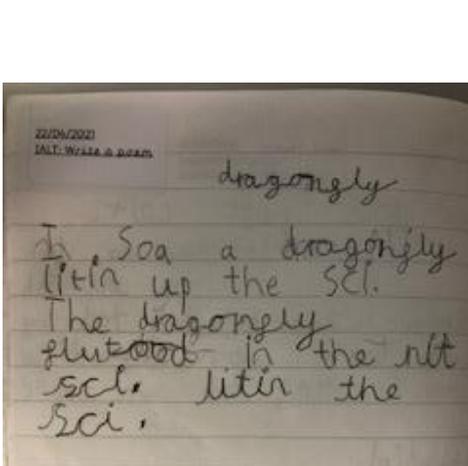
In Maths we have been learning to use ten frames to count numbers beyond 10. We have been identifying teen numbers as such 10 and more. We have also practised estimating this week.

We have enjoyed making and painting fruit and vegetables out of salt dough and have worked on our fine motor skills by picking up peas with a peg.



Key Stage 1

Year 1 have started reading the book 'Slug Needs a Hug' by Jeanne Willis and have learnt about rhyming words. They used these rhyming words to form their own poems just like the book.



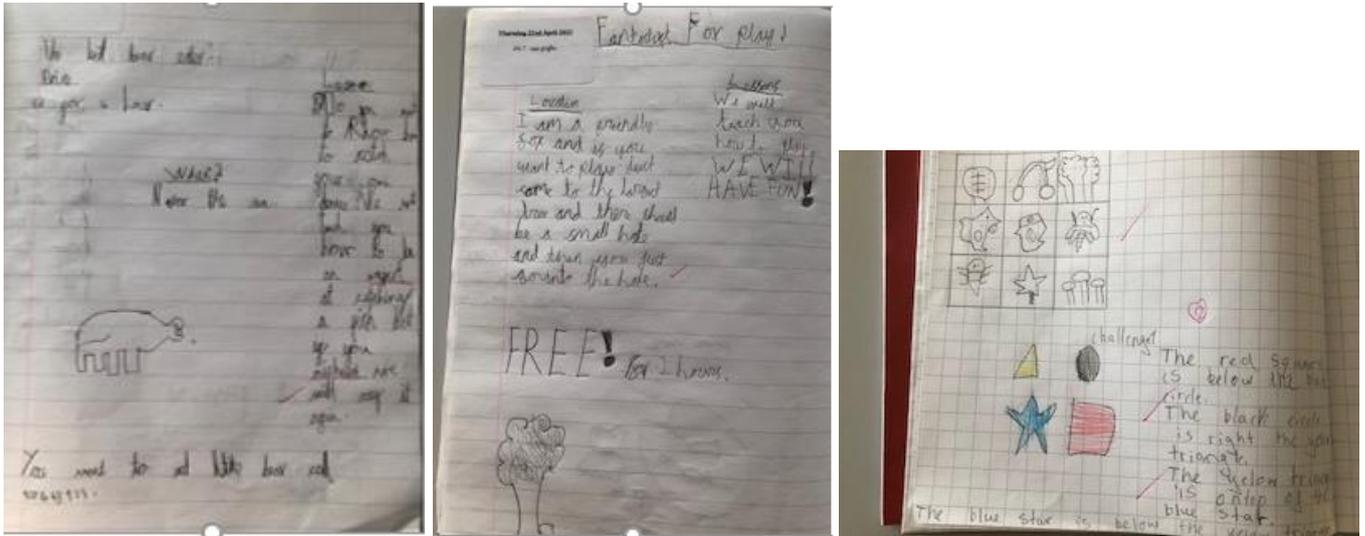
In Maths, they have been practicing their counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. This will help them learn how to do multiplication and division. This is a picture of Miss Pearse's lovely display to support the children's learning.

Their topic is minibeasts. This week they learnt about David Attenborough, a significant person who teaches us about the creatures on Earth. In art they learnt how to make symmetrical butterflies using printing techniques.

Year 2 have started reading the book 'Wild' by Emily Hughes. They have found out that the different animals in the forest have taught a little girl how to speak, eat and play. They have been writing adverts from the animals and challenging themselves to use prefixes.

In Maths, they have started learning about position and direction. This has involved lots of practical activities such as directing friends around the class and playground and making board games.

Year 2 have also started learning about the location of jungles around the world for their 'Forests' topic.



Key Stage 2

Year 3 have begun our "Meet the Artists" topic and learnt about two different clothes designers. These were Ann Lowe and Edith Head. We also learnt about the different parts of the flowering plants and the functions of these. We now know that the roots are for absorbing water/nutrients and keeping the plant anchored to the ground. The stem is for transporting water to the leaves and for holding the plant upright. The leaves use sunlight and carbon dioxide to make food for the plant. The flower is brightly coloured to attract insects.

Year 4 have started our Topic on the Romans this week! We were lucky enough to explore some real Roman coins, please see attached pictures. This has been linked to our English writing, which the children have been really excited about. During topic lessons, we started to explore the Roman Empire and their soldiers. We really enjoyed exploring maps of Europe to analyse the spread of the Roman Empire through 800BC - 305AD.



Year 5 - we kicked off our new topic – Space - finding out the relative sizes of the Earth, Sun and Moon and their distance from each other. We were shocked to learn that the Earth is approximately 7,900 miles in diameter whereas the Sun is a whopping 880,000 miles in diameter! We've taken a tour around the International Space Station with Tim Peake and investigated how shadows are formed and why they move. The weather must have known we planned to investigate shadows as it shone brightly...anyone for more shadow investigations next week?



News items from this week

Uniform: We have had a really successful start to the second hand uniform sale. Second hand jumpers, cardigans, t-shirts, skirts, trousers and dresses are available to purchase through Tucasi, with prices starting from £1. Please let the office team know if you have trouble accessing your Tucasi account.

Lunches: We had nearly 500 dinners ordered this week. Please remember the cut off for ordering a hot school lunch is 12pm on a Thursday for the following week. Again, speak to the office team if you need support with this. The new summer menu can be found on the school website.

Updating parent/carer information: Next week we will be sending out a parent/carer contact details update form. Please keep an eye out for this and return back to the school by the date given.

We hope you all enjoy a lovely weekend!