

Autumn Bulletin – Friday 9th December 2022 – Message from Miss Taylor - Humanities Lead



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to share our history curriculum here at Civitas.

We have developed our curriculum to educate our children – the next generation - about the planet they live on, its past and its challenges. We want all our children to be passionate about history and to develop a love of learning for this subject.

History is woven into our global curriculum so that children contextualise their learning and make connections to their prior knowledge. This encourages children to become conscious and connected global citizens.

Embedded throughout the curriculum are opportunities for children to explore their local history. Children are also exposed to 'hidden and untold' stories' of individuals and groups of people from a range of time periods such as the forgotten queens of Ancient Egypt in year 3 and the Windrush generation in Reading in year 4.

This allows children to learn about diverse cultures, and people who are similar and different to them. As a result, the children see their cultures and ethnicities reflected in history. To enhance our curriculum even further, we regularly loan items from Reading Museum, which gives our children the opportunity to explore real-life artefacts, engaging their interest and feeding their curiosity.



Reading Museum Loan – An Evacuee boy's suitcase - Year 6 WW2

You are AMAZING! Thank you to all our children, families, staff, governors and community for supporting our Winter Festival this year! We made £2,600 which will go towards some great resources for the school.



Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Aarna	For an improved attitude to learning. Keep it up!
Paddington	Nadia	For being able to retell the Naughty Bus story so well!
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:		
Pinocchio:	Akram	For always being ready, respectful and safe.
BFG:	Yousuf	For being an amazing role and for always being ready, respectful and safe.
Matilda:	Wolfie	For working really hard on improving his behaviour.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Ruhaan	Working hard in Maths and giving of his best.
Kinney	Avyaan	Working hard on his cursive handwriting
Richards	Ana-Marie	For being helpful around the class
Murphy	Franklina	For working hard in maths and helping others.
Zephaniah	Sneha	For a consistently high standard of work
Avery	Hassan	For being an amazing and supportive friend and helping around the classroom.
Draper	Abdullah	For helping others around the school prepare for the winter festival.
Lewis	Saketh	For always being a kind member of the class. Mrs Wareham has seen you help people in the class. Thank you!

Class	Sports star of the week
Elmer	Dhruvan
Paddington	Trae
Gruffalo	Amuragga
Pinocchio	Illia
BFG	Jamila
Matilda	Kyla
Kinney	Amelia
Rosen	Mysha
Richards	Nevayah
Murphy	Milosz
Zephaniah	Kaua
Avery	Stela
Draper	Jayden
Lewis	Isabelly

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua	721	5413
Ignis	732	5405
Terra	756	5074
Atmos	683	5190

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

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	31/10	7/11	14/11	21/11	28/11	05/12	12/12
Reception	90.0%	94.6%	80.4%	85.0%	91.3%	94.1%	
Year 1	92.0%	95.4%	85.5%	86.0%	91.1%	87.5%	
Year 2	91.4%	95.1%	88.5%	85.9%	93.9%	93.1%	
Year 3	96.3%	97.3%	96.1%	91.6%	94.9%	87.1%	
Year 4	94.1%	97.9%	94.6%	96.1%	96.3%	92.1%	
Year 5	98.3%	96.5%	93.2%	91.5%	95.5%	90.2%	
Year 6	88.1%	88.7%	92.7%	94.0%	95.4%	90.9%	

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

We had such a lovely week in Reception! The children have been working so hard to get ready to perform the Nativity Story on Wednesday and it was great to see so many parents coming to watch them. The children loved dressing up and singing songs together. On Thursday we enjoyed the panto and the children have been drawing the story after. This week we have been looking at maps. We have been creating and labeling our own maps. Some children have been drawing maps of their classrooms and others have made maps of their journey to school. In maths, we have been looking at shapes. We looked at the difference between rectangles and squares, and we have been making shapes with four and five cubes. We have also looked at time. What comes first, next and last. The children have been sequencing pictures from things we do during the day.

Key Stage 1

Year 1: This week In English, we have written our fact files on 'Gender Equality'. We focused on using capital letters and full stops in our writing. In Maths, we have revisited addition and subtraction, using part-whole models, number lines and ten frames. We thoroughly enjoyed the Cinderella Panto!

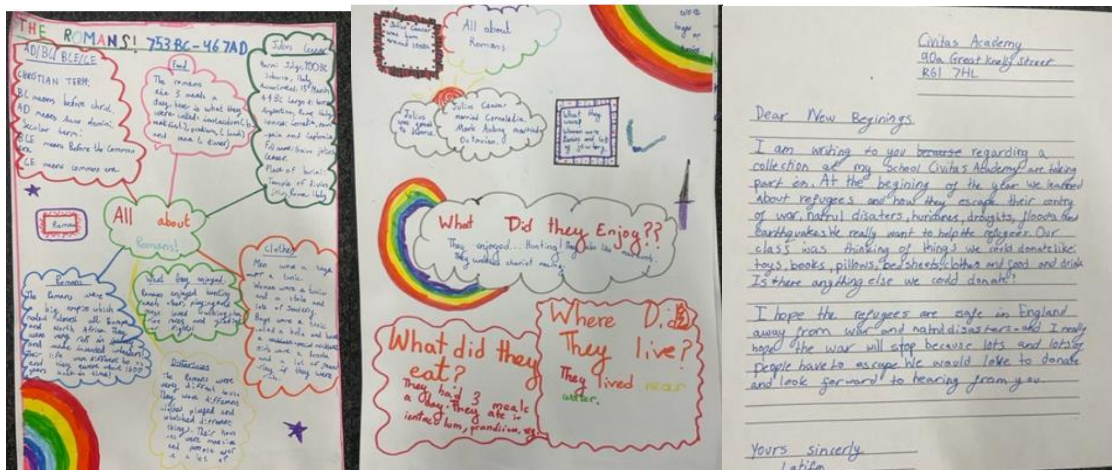
Year 2: This week in English, we have written our diary entries on 'The Journey'. We have focused on writing in chronological order and 1st person in our writing. In Maths, we have looked at 2-D and 3-D shapes. The children have been looking at faces on 3-D shapes. Year 2 really enjoyed the panto and getting involved with the booing of bad characters!

Key Stage 2

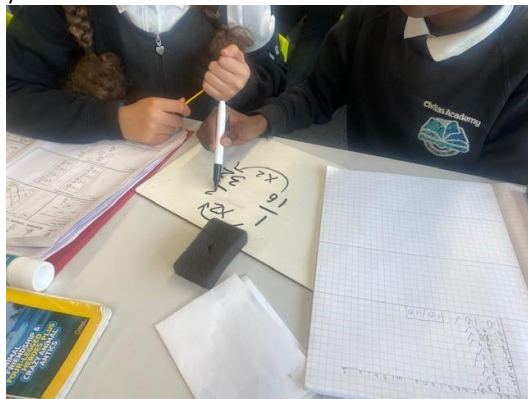
Year 3: What a fun week we had in Year 3! The anticipation has been building for our trip to the Living Rainforest and finally it was our trip. This was our first trip in a coach. We had a tour around the facility and our tour guide explained about the carnivorous plants, poisonous animals, camouflaged creatures, and how the animals had adapted to their environment. We enjoyed our lunch outside and then played on the fun playground. We had some free time to look around and found the mudskippers and armadillos to be very interesting. Some of us were lucky enough to see the sloth. The day proved exhausting, and many children had a nap on the bus on the way back to school.



Year 4: This week year 4 have been very creative! We started our week by finishing painting our egg cartons for our Christmas tree competition. We also had the opportunity to make sustainable decorations for our tree out of recycled milk caps and scrap paper/card! For our English this week, we have started to write letters to local charities asking to donate items of clothing to the people of Reading. Across the term, we have learnt all about warfare and families who may be affected by this – many of whom have settled in Reading. We have started to create welcome posters and write some positive postcards to send off with our donations. In maths, we finished our multiplication and division topic by applying our skills to an end of unit quiz. After, we re-capped our 4 topics from this term: Multiplication and Division, Place Value, Measurement and Addition and Subtraction. We created a large information poster on everything we have learnt! We also brought together all our knowledge of Romans to create an information poster for a display and to use next year for the new year 4 children to help them learn about the Romans! To end our week, we enjoyed helping prepare for the Christmas Fayre. A busy but super fun week in year 4!



Year 5: In year 5 this week we have begun planning and drafting out public service announcements. We have used the facts and statistics we found in our research last week to include some real-world examples of why climate change is so important. In maths this week we have been adding and subtracting fractions using bar models and cross multiplications. It was fantastic to see a number of our students confidently share their learning and teach others. We have also worked hard on our year group Christmas tree display for the hall! We made lots of paper snowflakes and used this to create a tree shape. In our science lessons we have been exploring the human life cycle and comparing where we are to our family and teachers. We have had lots of fun this week in year 5!



Year 6: In Year 6 this week we have a great week creating our recycled Xmas tree which you hopefully all saw at the fair –clear who the winners are right? We have started to create our Podcast for the Global Learning outcome and it will be about the Peace and Conflict in the Congo and will be available online in the last week.



We were really lucky this week as our other Year 6 teacher Mr. Barrett was able to bring in his guitar and teach us some Xmas songs which we could sing along. It was nice to sing along with an actual instrument.

News items from this week

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Therefore, look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin, the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.



What to do if you suspect your child has Strep-A

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection.

If your child has scarlet fever, **keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic** treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others. Please use the schools normal reporting process to report absences, please however do let us know specifically if you have received a positive diagnosis with Strep-A

Contacting Class teachers – If you have a query and would like to contact your child’s class teacher, please see the relevant emails below. Absence reporting still needs to be done via office@civitasacademy.co.uk

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

Bike/Scooter shed –Our bike/scooter storage shed is available at school; these will be left at the owner's risk. We advise all children travelling to school on Bikes/Scooters to be wearing a helmet.

Thursday 15th December	KS1 Show 2.00pm - Details to follow
19th December	Christmas lunch day
20th December	Last day of term –school finishes at the normal time. - Wellbeing Day