

Spring Bulletin

Friday 8th March 2024



Message from Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher and Sean English, Deputy Head



Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been so much excitement to share from this week and I was absolutely blown away with all the effort our whole school community put into World Book Day this year, but I will leave Mr English to share the news on this one!

Following our recent Ofsted inspection, I am absolutely delighted to share with you that Civitas Academy continues to be a good school.

Key highlights from the report include:

- Pupils flourish at this school
- Pupils' behaviour is exemplary
- Pupils engage actively in their learning, valuing education, recognising the opportunities it provides them
- The extra-curricular club offer is extensive
- Provision for personal development is excellent
- Leaders have created an ambitious curriculum
- Pupils develop a thirst for reading from early on

To read a copy of our full report, please click [10296395 - Civitas Academy - 140379 - Final PDF.pdf \(schudio.com\)](#)

World Book Day

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to all of our families! The excitement around reading could really be felt, with all of the children being able to show their passion and love of reading in a way that suited them.

The day kicked off with us all getting a chance to see each others outfits for the day in our assembly. This was alongside our achievements for the week but also included a bit of a twist, where we were able to award some exciting reading material for some of the most creative outfits and unusual places, where children were caught reading. You could tell that the awards went to some of our most ferocious readers as one child came to me today to say that they've already managed to read through their awarded book! A huge congratulations to all of the winners but well done to everyone!

We ended the day with some guest readers in each of the classes. The staff were able to show off their outfits, be it Willy Wonka from Charlie and the Chocolate factory to the Queen of Hearts. The children really enjoyed hearing some of the staff's favourite texts so a big thank you to the staff for bringing these characters to life.

We hope this day has continued to inspire the children's love of reading and I encourage any child to let me know of any books that they would recommend.

PE Timetable – Spring 2

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	Luca	For working hard to remember his finger spaces in his writing!
Paddington	Diana	For working hard in her phonics writing!
KS1		
Pinocchio		
Gruffalo	Nirvani	For super progress in reading and writing through hard work at school and at home.
BFG	Tanish	For demonstrating that his hard work has reflected through his reading and writing lessons!
Matilda	Lacey	For settling in really well and producing a fantastic piece of writing.
KS2		
Rosen	Astera	For always focusing well in class and trying hard with her work.
Kinney	Alexa	For always working hard and trying her best.
Richards	Samaira	For being resilient and always working hard to learn her times tables.
Murphy	Thibigka	For always contributing to the class and coming in with a big smile.
Avery	Sanvit	For showing great enthusiasm for his learning, especially in English
Zephaniah	Rayan	For having a positive attitude and always working hard
Draper	Ethan	For his joy and enthusiasm for learning.
Lewis	Hriday	For his fantastic behaviours for learning

House	Total House Points this week	Total
Aqua	326	7033
Terra	369	6590
Ignis	275	6294
Atmos	243	6459

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

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Rishi
Paddington	Jeshvik
Gruffalo	Levi
Pinocchio	Arlor
BFG	Venba
Matilda	Junior
Kinney	Michael
Rosen	David
Murphy	Dimitra
Richards	Louize
Avery	Dhariya
Zephaniah	Lola-Jo
Draper	Daniel A
Lewis	Ana

Achievements outside of school

Name	Class	Achievement

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.

	23.02.24	01.03.24	08.03.24	15.03.24	22.03.24	29.03.24
Reception	94.1%	93.9%	94%			
Year 1	93.2%	93.2%	93.2%			
Year 2	93.1%	93.4%	93.6%			
Year 3	95.5%	95.4%	95.3%			
Year 4	95.1%	94.8%	94.9%			
Year 5	95.7%	95.6%	95.5%			
Year 6	95.3%	95.2%	95.2%			

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

In Reception, we have been reading "The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig", which is a twisted version of the Three Little Pigs traditional tale. We are exploring the stereotypes within the traditional stories and how characters may not be what they seem, which link nicely to our topic of 'Overcoming Prejudice'. Our challenges are based on making a 'Wanted' poster for the Big Bad Pig, creating structures using various materials and discussing building materials, sequencing a familiar story and the composition of numbers 9 and 10. In maths this week we have been exploring the vales 9 and 10, with a focus on addition and subitising bigger numbers. In phonics we have been consolidating our understanding of phase 3 sounds and focusing on blending longer and more complex words.

It is very sad to say that this has been Mrs Mortimer's last week with us as she is beginning her maternity leave. I am sure you would join us in wishing her all the best with her new little of bundle of joy! We will keep you posted on when Baby Mortimer arrives.

Key Stage 1

Year 1:

In Year 1 we have further explored our text about Grandad's Secret Giant and have focused on nouns, adjectives and conjunctions and how to use them correctly in our sentence writing. In Maths, we have learnt about how to use the number line to 50. We have also begun a new unit on length and height. Encourage your child to compare length and height using objects around the home. In Computing, we described objects in different ways. We looked at their size, colour and various other properties. In Science we focused on wild plants. It was amazing to learn that seeds of wild plants can be spread by wind and animals or birds. In PSHE we learnt how to keep our bodies clean and healthy, and why it is so important to do so. In DT, we built a paper bridge and used various folding techniques to make our structures stronger. In RE, we listened to the Easter story and thought about how we would feel if somebody important came to visit us. We had an amazing World Book Day together and enjoyed listening to a few new stories.

Year 2:

Mrs Alim and Miss Cole would like to thank Year 2 for their perseverance and determination during assessment week – it has been a busy but fun week! In English, we have continued writing our narratives

focusing on key features such as past tense, first person and including adjectives. In Maths, we completed arithmetic and reasoning assessment tests to demonstrate our knowledge learnt so far. In History, we compared modern day education to Victorian education; we discussed the similarities and differences between classrooms, teacher instructions and consequences. For Science, we explored how seeds can be dispersed through wind, water, animals and explosion and began drawing diagrams to represent this. In RE, we discussed and retold the story of Easter and how it is symbolised through hot cross buns and easter eggs! Thursday was World Book Day – we had a fabulous day sharing our favourite stories, comparing costumes and discussing famous authors. Friday was International Womens Day and we learnt about inspiring women within STEM. Year 2 learnt about Mae.C.Jemison - an American engineer who became the first African-American woman to travel to space!

Key Stage 2

Year 3:

In English this week, we have been writing our first and final drafts of a recount. The children have produced some lovely pieces of writing. In maths we have been learning about fractions. We have explored unit, non-unit and wholes of fractions. We have used lots of pictorals to support us with our understanding of numerators, denominators, and whole fractions. In History this week we were focusing on the Bronze age. We learnt about the earliest people of this time- 'The Beaker people'. The Beaker people were responsible for smelting to produce Bronze which was used to make items such as tools. They also created pottery, in particular, Beaker pots. We had a go at creating some of our own pottery which will be open for display during our Storacy assembly that we are arranging for the end of term (more information to follow soon). Thank you to all of your efforts for world book day. The photos sent in were fantastic as were the costumes.! Well done Phoebe for winning our photo competition and Tegjot for winning best dressed.



Year 4:

Year 4 have been working so hard this week, doing their Spring assessment. Everyone should be so proud of their achievements! As well as completing our assessment we have been busy celebrating 2 very special days, World Book Day and International Women's Day. To start the World book day celebrations, Year 4 had a zoom call from the British Library where Michael Rosen told us a new story called Goldilocks and the 3 crocodiles.



It was so funny and so great to see a real author at work! We enjoyed sharing our favorite books and

book characters with each other on Thursday. Everyone's costumes were amazing!



On Friday to celebrate International Women's Day we had the opportunity to learn about different significant females, such as Emmeline Pankhurst, Marie Curie, Harriet Tubman and Malala Yousafzai. In groups, we then presented the information we had learnt to our class.

Year 5:

Year 5 have had a fantastic week this week. We started the week exploring the skills we would need to write our balanced argument in English. We explored modal verbs and using commas for clear writing. We have also begun to plan and draft our balanced arguments, using the information we found during our research last week. In maths we have further developed our understanding of decimal numbers, introducing the thousandths column on our place value grid and comparing decimals. In history we discussed the Greek gods and the way in which they were worshipped, analysing statues and temples to support our ideas. Later in the week we celebrated World Book Day. It was wonderful to see all the lovely costumes year 5 wore and see their love of reading shine through.

Year 6:

This week in English we started our brand-new writing unit on explanation texts. Our WAGOLL has been taken from the amusing and informative nonfiction book 'Until I Met Dudley'. The year 6's started the week by carefully considering the purpose and audience of the explanation example, as well as learning how to 'think like a writer' by considering the choices behind the writing features used. In maths we have learnt how to calculate the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes and in science we continued our work on evolution and inheritance, exploring ways in which animals have adapted to suit their environments. In art we started our new photography project. We explored the work of the famous photographer Anna Leibovitz - discussing her portraits and how she has used composition, light and negative space.

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.

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Year 2: year2@civitasacademy.co.uk

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Year 5: year5@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 6: year6@civitasacademy.co.uk

KEY DATES

- Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
- Friday 8th March – International Women's Day
- Monday 11th March – British Science Week
- Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day