

Spring Bulletin

Friday 9th February 2024



Message from Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

How fast has this Spring 1 term whizzed by! It's been a super Spring term and the children have been involved in so much learning and have been able to share so much of this across the whole school. Even today, on our wellbeing day, the buzz around the school as our children have been sharing the different types of birds, they have seen has been fascinating!



Apologies to those of you that didn't receive last week's bulletin, we had a few technical issues which meant there was a disruption during the send. We will resend it this week.

Have a restful break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19th February when the gates open at 8.40am.

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	Lakai	For an outstanding piece of independent writing!
Paddington	Jeshvik	For a great discussion on how people help us in the community.
KS1		
Pinocchio	Lila	For being a kind and friendly member of our class.
Gruffalo	Mohammed	For settling into school beautifully and super progress with reading.
BFG	Venba	For challenging herself in all lessons and being a wonderful role model!
Matilda	Kwasi	For focusing on his handwriting with his independent write.
KS2		
Rosen	Benjamin	For making great choices this week and for trying hard with his work.
Kinney	Levi	For sharing his reasoning and understanding of things with the class during group discussions.
Richards	Dharshan	For always challenging himself and using fantastic oracy to respectfully share his idea and contribute to discussions.
Murphy	Romir	For keeping up an excellent standard of behaviour and learning in the classroom.
Avery	Keya	For always having positive attitude towards learning.
Zephaniah	Ismail	For recognising his voice matters and showing positive attitude towards learning.
Draper	Soraya	For 'using her voice' by contributing more in maths and reading lessons.
Lewis	Pranav	For articulately using his voice to explain what it is to be a Civitas child

House	Total House Points this week	Total
Aqua	779	6012
Terra	642	5304
Ignis	521	5150
Atmos	655	5330

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

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Mayar
Paddington	Yantra
Gruffalo	Shaheer
Pinocchio	Aitan
BFG	Avie
Matilda	Mira
Kinney	Alexa
Rosen	Oladayo
Murphy	Adit
Richards	Adaeze
Avery	Farhan
Zephaniah	Alaiyah
Draper	Idrees
Lewis	Teodor

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.

	12.01.24	19.01.24	26.01.24	02.02.24	09.02.24	
Reception	94.5%	93.2%	93.7%	94.8%	90.0%	
Year 1	94.3%	94.1%	93.2%	91.7%	92.6%	
Year 2	89.9%	91.9%	90.2%	91.6%	91.4%	
Year 3	96.6%	95.5%	94.8%	95.8%	95.9%	

Year 2:

What a wonderful half term we have had in Year 2 - although it was only five weeks, we have been extremely busy! The pupils have finished writing their fact files and created lovely portraits of Thomas Barnardo. In Maths, they have been introduced to the division symbol focusing on sharing and grouping equally. In Science, we learnt about the term 'biodegradable' and explored different forms of recycling. In Geography this week, we investigated ariel maps and located famous landmarks of London on the map as well as the River Thames! In History, we discussed the differences between the lives of rich and poor families during the Victorian Era. Thank you to all the parents who have continued to read with your child and practise phonics, we would love to see any activities you do over the half term. Any parents who need support to set up their eBook, please come and speak to the KS1 team and we will sit and help you! Thank you for your ongoing support, we are very grateful!

Key Stage 2

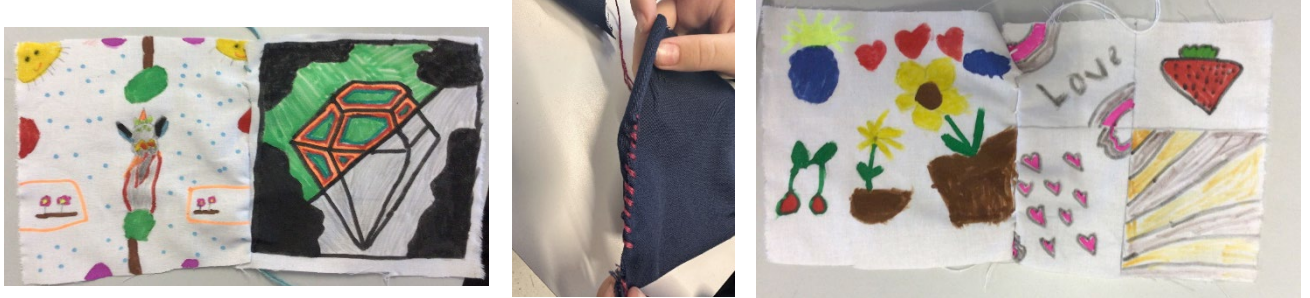
Year 3:

I would like to say a huge well done to the children in year 3 who took part in their 11b411 Hiking heroes promise over the last 2 weeks. The children accomplished a fantastic 9 miles in 9 days! Unfortunately, we were unable to do our local walk for two days, but with the help of an activity tracker, the children were able to accumulate an average of almost 10,000 steps in one P.E lesson which took them over their 9mile target. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are proud of every child who took their hiking role seriously, was safe, responsible and respectful while out on our daily walks.



Year 4:

Year 4 have had a very busy week. In English we have been researching charities as part of our Goble Learning Theme, Identity and Diversity. We have focus our research on the Mind, Mental Health Charity and the Hidden Disability Sunflower Scheme. After researching we then planned, drafted, edited and published fact files about our chosen charity. In Maths we have started our new topic of length and perimeter. We started the week learning about meters and kilometers, and practices converting between these measurements. We ended the week learning about how to work out the perimeter of a shape, we are looking forward to continuing this learning after half term. In DT we have been working hard toward our project outcome to creating a quilt. Over this half term we have learnt about the history of quilting, we designed our own square and have been learning how to sew fabric together. This week we created our own patch of a quilt and work in groups to sew them together.



Year 5:

In English this week, we completed our final write and produced fact files all about life in Greece. We have used our research from our Global Learning lessons to fill our fact files with key information such as their food, national religion, traditions, history and lifestyle. We also included some physical and human features of Greece in our fact file. In our Maths lessons, we have been using our knowledge of fractions to find the whole and fractions of an amount. In art this week, we completed our photography unit by capturing images and creating a collage inspired by David Hockney. We were so impressed with our outcome. This week highlighted the importance of children's Mental Health, and we learned to voice out things that matter to us. On Tuesday, it was Internet Safety Day; we enjoyed watching videos and reading more about how to be safe online.

Year 6:

This week year 6 read a high-quality example of a diary entry and identified its features. In maths we learned how to find decimal, fraction and percentage equivalents; we can even order them! We enjoyed our geography lesson as we learnt more about the tundra biome including the wildlife that's found there, what the climate is like and what threatens its existence. As it was Safer Internet Day, we considered the positive and negative impact that influencers can have on us. In addition, we thought carefully about comments that we post online or in chat groups. For Children's Mental Health Week we drew a swirl and wrote, drew or stuck what matters to them inside of it. We are hoping we can create an eye-catching display with all the children's artwork.

Communication to the school

Absence reporting still needs to 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 12th Feb – Friday – 16th – Half -Term
- Monday 19th February – Children return to school