

Summer Bulletin – Friday 29th April 2022

Message from Salima Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we go... our first bulletin of the Summer term, I cannot believe how quickly this academic is flying by. So much has already been going on this first week back, the children have been sharing with me the new project outcomes they are working towards, Y4 have been out on a trip and the Y6's mentioned they have some 'tests' coming up soon!

At Civitas Academy you will know we are part of REAch2 Academy Trust, and this term also saw the start of our new CEO, Cathie Paine.



April 23rd, 2022 is also the 10th birthday celebration for REAch2 Academy Trust. As part of the 10th birthday celebrations our Trust is launching a competition to design a logo to mark this special milestone in REAch2's history. Please see the attached flyer on how to enter the competition, where to send your entry and to see what great prizes are on offer!

With the Holy month of Ramadan coming to an end shortly, we wish all our families and friends who will be celebrating a very special 'Eid Mubarak.'



Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Aribatise	For settling into his new class so well!
Paddington	Aaeesha	For engaging in learning and working hard in writing
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Renemay	For coming into class so well in the mornings and being ready to learn.
Pinocchio:	Tanvi	For making good progress with her sentence writing.
BFG:	Tayyab	For wonderful effort in English and for working hard on his handwriting.
Matilda:	Zeon	For working hard in maths.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Ann-Marie	For demonstrating a readiness to learning about fractions and working hard
Kinney	Lola-Jo	For having a great attitude towards maths and her learning
Richards	Jenisha	For showing an excellent attitude towards her learning and contributing answers with confidence
Murphy	Kornelia	For being respectful to all adults within our school.
Zephaniah	Inayah	For her contributions and engagement in all lessons.
Avery	Yash	For still working respectfully, showing the class you are ready for learning and being safe in lesson and outside. Well done.
Draper	Alicia	For her diligence and hard-working attitude

Weekly Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 96+% - let's work together to be in school every day. The attendance shown is weekly for each year group.

Year Group	25/04	03/05	09/05	16/05	23/05	
Reception	81.4%					
Year 1	88.3%					
Year 2	94.3%					
Year 3	91.1%					
Year 4	97.0%					
Year 5	90.2%					
Year 6	94.3%					

House Points - Well done **AQUA** house for gaining the most house points this week

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Atmos	269	14431
Terra	148	12610
Aqua	390	14689
Ignis	195	14478

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

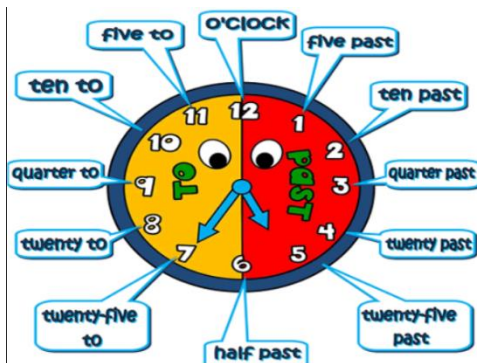
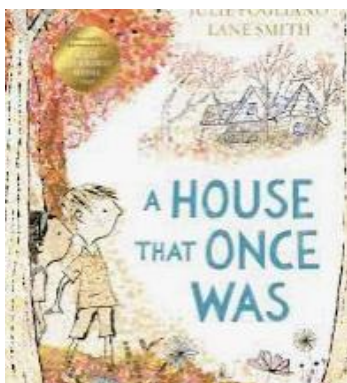
In Literacy, we read the story of The Three Little Pigs. We have been doing different activities around this book this week such as creating a story map, which the children used to retell the story. We also used the tuff tray to retell the story using props. The children had fun doing hot seating, where a child is chosen to be a character from the story. The character is questioned by the group about his or her background, behaviour and motivation. In art, we made pigs masks and pig water colour paintings. We also made houses from various materials. Outside we used the construction area to cooperate to build a strong house that the wolf could not blow over. There was some fantastic team work! In Maths we have been building numbers beyond ten. We used the number tiles outside to play various Maths games with.



Key Stage 1

Year 1: This week in English we have been learning about the features of fact-files. We made a class text map for a fact-file, which we used to recite the fact file and we learnt lots of new vocabulary about slugs, which we then used in our writing. In Maths we have been recapping counting in 2s and 5s and have been learning to count in 10s. In Geography, we talked about where we live and described some of the physical features. In Science, we talked about the different seasons and the types of clothes we would wear in each season. In RE, we have started to learn about Judaism and learnt about the days of the week and the things that we typically do on each day. In Music, we started to learn a new song about using our imagination and talked about how the music made us feel and we engaged in some activities which involved us finding and following the pulse of the music. In DT, we talked about what our bodies need to stay healthy. We learnt about smoothies and then tasted a smoothie, predicting which fruits and vegetables it contained. In PSHE, we talked about families and about how our families are all different.

Year 2: We hope you all had a restful half term! The children seemed very excited and happy to be back and sharing all their stories about what they have been up to. This week in English, year 2 have started to read a new core text by Julia Fogliano. The book is called "A house that once was". The children have really enjoyed predicting what might happen and finding out if they were correct. This book has beautiful illustrations which the children spotted straight away. As well as reading and exploring our new book, the children will be writing formal letters about the book. They have already started to explore the key features of a formal letter. In maths, Y2 have started to learn how to tell the time. We started with O'clock before moving on to half past, quarter to/past and to the nearest 5 minutes. The children have found this a little tricky but are progressing very well. I am sure they would love to show you what they know at home. As it is a new half term, we have also started a new whole class reading book. The children were very excited to learn that that our new book is Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl. We have only read the first 2 chapters so far, but the children have really enjoyed getting to know the characters.

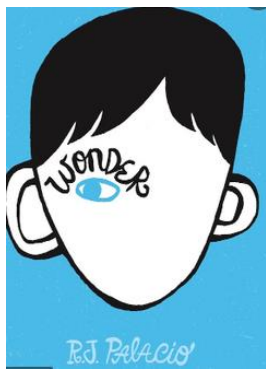


Key Stage 2

Year 3: Welcome back! We hope everyone had a restful break was had by all. In Maths we have revised fractions. Children made equal parts, recognised, and found a half, a quarter and a third of a number and a shape. They revised unit fractions, non-unit fractions. In English we have explored the features of writing a letter of complaint. In Science we have started the topic: Forces and magnets. This week has involved identifying forces acting on objects. In Spanish we have started to learn all the colours in Spanish. In guided reading we have started reading our brand-new book 'Secrets of a Sun King'. It is already very mysterious! PSHE has involved looking at stereotypes by evaluating gender specific roles. . In Art we have learnt about the artist Kimmey Cantrell. We have started planning our mask creation with his masks as inspiration. Everyone is going to look for empty cardboard boxes (cereal/tea/etc) and other recyclable items that we will use in this project.

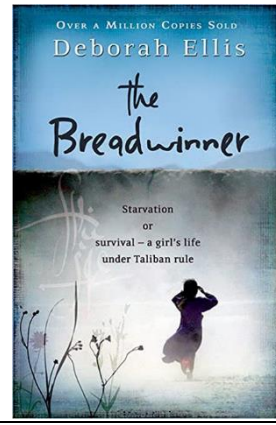
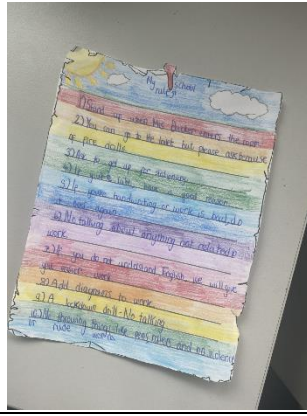


Year 4: We hope everyone had a (hopefully) restful couple of weeks off. In year 4 have hit the ground running with our learning. We have completed our decimals topic and maths and are prepared to test our knowledge next week! In English, we have started looking at our new book, Fish in a Tree. We have had some lovely classroom discussions surrounding how Ally (the main character) is feeling during certain situations. It was fantastic to see the children bring personal experiences to help understand these feelings and to relate to Ally. Our Global Curriculum topic this half term is Identity and Diversity, and we will be looking at visible and invisible needs. We have introduced the book and the children are very excited to read more next week. To finish our week, we are going to The Living Rainforest on our trip! We are all super excited and will post pictures in next week's bulletin. We hope you all have a great long weekend!



Year 5: Well back to Year 5 after (we hope) a restful 2 weeks off. We have welcomed the students back who have shown us they have used this holiday for resting and are ready for learning. In English this week we have started to plan our explanation text on Victorian crime and punishment. Our hook on Monday for our writing was that the students had to follow the rules of a Victorian school child and a lot of the children did not like the rules, so they made their own Victorian rules which was fun to read. The children had great fun writing a playscript then acting out a Victorian crime and issuing a punishment. In Maths this week we have started our new unit focusing on addition of decimals which involves place value and decimals number which are greater than one.

Our Global learning was started this week; we had our first lesson on human rights – we have completed a module on human rights before, so we were recapping what rights humans had and why we have them. We also linked it to our lesson about Victorian punishment and questioned whether Victorian children had that before.



In science this week we have started to look at forces and on Friday we will be completing an experiment on gravity and how it works; we look forward to showing you these pictures next week. We are really excited about our new guided reading book called "The Bread Winner". It is about a girl in Afghanistan under Taliban rules and her daily struggles just to survive, we look forward to finding out more about our character Parvana.

Year 6:

It has been so lovely to see the children back refreshed and ready for the Summer Term. It is full systems go in Year 6 as we prepare for the SATs. The children have taken ownership of their learning over the next two weeks and told us where they feel they need more practice. This has taken real maturity and understanding on their behalf.

Mr Bond took a survey of children who like ice cream in Year 5. 80% of the children said they liked ice cream. 50% of the children who liked ice cream also said they liked chocolate.
What percentage liked both ice cream and chocolate?

Whilst on Holiday, Mr Bond read a book that had 376 pages. on the Monday, he read $\frac{2}{3}$ of the book.
How many pages did he have left to read?

Mr Bond and Miss Frain had a competition to see who knew more about Pokemon. Mr Bond scored 30 out of 60 and Miss Frain got 30%. Who scored higher?

$\frac{30}{60} = 50\%$
 $10\% = 6$
 30%

VV Winner

In Maths, our focus has been on fractions, decimals and percentages, while our Reading skills have all been around applying their skills to three mark questions.

The children have worked incredibly hard over the year and now we are making sure they are fully equipped with everything they need to show their best version in the coming weeks. As parents, please do not feel you need to do anymore with them than you already do. My suggestion would be that you take some time to ensure the children feel happy and relaxed. Spend time with them, get outside and enjoy the weather.

News items from this week

School lunches: Please be reminded that lunches need to be ordered by midday on Thursday the week before. We have a new summer term menu, as a reminder the only meat on the menu that is Halal is the chicken and the lamb.

Clubs: Please see email sent today regarding extra-curricular clubs starting from the 16th May. Places allocated via your ScoPay account. Deadline for expressing an interest in a club is Thursday 5th May. Please contact the office if you need support with your ScoPay account.

Monday 3.30-4.15pm 16.05.2022-04.07.2022 Collection from Main office	Tuesday 3.30-4.15pm 17.05.2022-05.07.2022 Collection from Main office	Wednesday 3.30-4.15pm 18.05.2022-06.07.2022 Collection from Main office	Thursday 3.30-4.15pm 19.05.2022-07.07.2022 Collection from Main office	Friday 3.30-4.15pm 20.05.2022-08.07.2022 Collection from Gate/Playground
Buddy Book Club Year 1,5,6 Top floor Library	Agility, Balance and Coordination Club Reception Main Hall		Mindfulness and Yoga Club Year 3,4,5,6 Main Hall	Singing Club Year 3,4,5,6 Gruffalo Classroom
Chess Club Year 3,4,5,6 Rosen Classroom	Nature Club Year 1,2 Ground Floor Library			Book Club Year 2,3 Matilda Classroom
				STEM Club (Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths) Year 3,4,5,6 Year 5 classroom
BASports – Football 09.05.2022-11.07.2022 Year R,1,2 Main Hall (cost involved, book directly through BASports)		BASports – Football 06.05.2022-13.07.2022 Year 3,4,5,6 Main Hall (cost involved, book directly through BASports)		BASports – MultiSports 08.05.2022-15.07.2022 Year R-6 Main Hall (cost involved, book directly through BASports)

Dates for Diary:

Monday 2nd May	Bank holiday – school closed
Thursday 5th May	MTC Parent workshop for Y4 parent/carers
9th – 12th May	KS2 SATs Week
w/c 16th May	Clubs begin
16th – 20th May	Walk to School week – children encouraged to walk
20th May	Cultural Diversity Day – dress up
30th May-3rd June	May Half Term

Contacting Class teachers: If you have a query and would like to contact your child's class teacher, please see the relevant emails below. Absencereporting 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

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