

Spring Bulletin

Friday 26th January 2024



Message from Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Friday 2nd February we will be sharing with our children why NSPCC Number Day is an important day that is highlighted at Civitas. NSPCC Number Day is an engaging, learning day where children are encouraged to embrace numbers and mathematics in a creative way while supporting the NSPCC.



Children are invited to come into school in their own clothes **but with a number on it**. This can be designed on, a football shirt, or an outfit with a certain number of dots on it. These are just some ideas for our non-school uniform day - we look forward to seeing you all in your outfits!

PE Timetable – Spring 1 – Please note the change in day for Y5 and Y6

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	Kaiya	For working extra hard in all areas and making wonderful progress
Paddington		
KS1		
Pinocchio	Aitan	For being resilient and trying his best.
Gruffalo	Maanvi	For being an outstanding learner at school and at home.
BFG	Omari	For demonstrating great discussion and questioning in Science lessons.
Matilda	Aribatise	For his positive attitude and resilience despite any challenges.
KS2		
Rosen	Angel	For his improved concentration this week and trying hard with his work.
Kinney	Khaled	For working hard on his writing in English
Richards	Wajiha	For returning to school ready to learn and always being resilient.
Murphy	Shanmukha	For always being a role model in class and being ready, respectful and safe!
Avery	Varun	For supporting peers in class and always showing positive attitude towards learning.
Zephaniah	Lacey	For putting 100% effort in her narrative writing.
Draper	Aida	For putting in 100% effort in all that she does.
Lewis	Vova	For his improvement in maths as demonstrated in the recent SATs.

House	Total House Points this week	Total
Aqua	545	5233
Terra	562	4662
Ignis	531	4183
Atmos	522	4675

Well done Terra house for achieving the most house points this week.

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Idris
Paddington	Aiden
Gruffalo	Dorian
Pinocchio	Mivaan
BFG	Ivan
Matilda	Purvi
Kinney	Amina
Rosen	Azeena
Murphy	Umair
Richards	Artjoms
Avery	Santhosh
Zephaniah	Sabrina
Draper	Erioluwa
Lewis	Smyla

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%			
Year 1	94.3%	94.1%	93.2%			
Year 2	89.9%	91.9%	90.2%			
Year 3	96.6%	95.5%	94.8%			
Year 4	85.8%	88.1%	92.7%			
Year 5	96.9%	97.5%	96.7%			
Year 6	94.9%	94.8%	96.5%			

What have we been learning this week?

Reception:

In Phonics lessons this week we covered the sounds **ur (surf)**, **ow (owl)**, **oi (soil)**, **ear (year)**. Children have continued to focus on ensuring they are writing on the line and using their phonics to independently sound out words in their morning writing books. This week we have been reading 'What Happened to you?', a story about a disabled young boy who is sick and tired of being asked questions about his missing leg. The children have really enjoyed completing their Rainbow Challenges exploring weight and capacity, creating zig zag books, reading, and spelling their tricky words **my**, **by** and **all** and improving fine motor skills by practising using small tools. In maths this week we have been focusing on comparing weight (heavier/ lighter) and comparing capacity (full, empty, half full, nearly full, nearly empty). Thank you to all the parents who have continued to read and post learning on Tapestry each week. Any parents who need support to set up their eBooks and how to use Tapestry, please come and speak to the EYFS team and we will sit and help you! Thank you for your ongoing support, we are very grateful!

Key Stage 1

Year 1:

In English this week, we have been focusing on using capital letters and full stops in our writing. We reviewed nouns and searched for them in sentences. We learnt the rules for spelling plural nouns (adding -s and -es). In Maths, we have been comparing numbers to 20, using the words greater than, less than and equal to. Thank you to the children who consistently complete their Maths homework in their CGP book. Please ensure that you show your homework to your teacher every Monday. In Geography we are learning about England and the four seasons that we experience in the UK, being Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. In PSHE we learned how we can work well with a partner. We created colourful drawings of 'wellies' together. In Science, we had great fun exploring objects in our playground and describing their properties. In Art we continued our learning about self-portraits and created portrait collages using magazine cut outs. In RE we learned about being a good friend even when things are difficult.

Year 2:

In English this week, the children began writing their own narratives based on the story of Hermelin. They enjoyed writing about a mystery that their character then had to solve using clues. We look forward to completing these and publishing them next week! In Maths, the children used their addition and subtraction knowledge to solve two-step money problems. They completed their end of unit assessments to consolidate their knowledge of money. As part of our Science, we explored the meaning of 'suitability' and began discussing the properties of different materials. Year 2 then debated the suitability of different materials for various items and users. During History, we are learning about the Victorian Era. The children explored a timeline dating back to the reign of Queen Victoria and created their own version. For RE, we continued learning about Islam and how they perform their prayers.

Key Stage 2

Year 3:

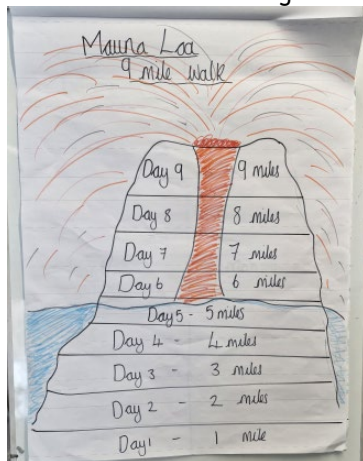
This week in English we have been writing our first drafts, editing and publishing our narratives. The children have produced some fantastic pieces of work that will be displayed in the corridor at the end of term. In Geography this week we explored the layers of the Earth, we created labeled diagrams of what we had learnt. There were some fantastically creative diagrams created which again will be displayed at the end of term. In Science we were learning about soil. We made our own class compost pots; we have added fruit peels to our pots to see the process of making soil. In maths we have been continuing with multiplication, we used number lines to use addition and subtraction to support with our multiplication methods.

The children had the chance to experience a virtual reality volcano in class this week. It was a great



experience for everyone.

We are excited to begin our 11b411 promise next week where we walk 9 miles over 9 days.



Year 4:

We have been very busy this week! In Maths, we've been practising our column method of multiplication using 2 digits x 1 digit. Everyday we've also been working very hard to practice our times tables. This week in English, we have planned, written, edited and published our play scripts based on our book 'A fish in a tree'. In whole class reading have continued reading the book The James and the Giant Peach. James has just met his new gigantic insect friends; we're really looking forward to finding out what adventures they will go on together. In Geography we've been learning about how tectonic plates move and these movements can cause earthquakes in parts of the world. As part of our 'Animal and their habitats' topic in Science, we have been investigating what makes an animal endangered. We carried out our own research and published 'mini fact files' about our own chosen endangered animal. We are very excited to be taking part in Number Day next Friday (Friday 2nd February). Our day will be full of times table challenges and we'll even get the opportunity to teach other year groups their times tables.

Year 5:

This week in English, we embarked on a thrilling writing journey inspired by the Greek myth of Theseus and the Minotaur. It was an exciting experience utilising all the writing techniques we had been working on for the past three weeks in order to craft engaging and impactful narratives. We discovered that the essence of any myth is its underlying moral message. We are eagerly looking forward to next week, when we will be wrapping up and sharing our stories with one another. In math, we delved into the world of short division and have been practicing every day, challenging ourselves with more complex problems and honing our skills through word problems. Over in Science, we have been studying the fascinating process of plant reproduction, exploring how these organisms give birth to their offspring.

Year 6:

This week Year 6 have worked extremely hard on their mock SATs and definitely deserve a well-earned rest! On Monday, in science, we explored ways of distinguishing between organisms that have similar characteristics; we can now identify the features that mammals have in common as well as name five things that are different. We explored the characteristics and features of desert biomes in geography. In Design Technology we found out about famous milliners Philip Treacy and John Stetson. In addition, we learnt different ways of constructing hats.

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

- Friday 2nd February – NSPCC Number Day – (Wear something number related)
- Wk beginning 5th Feb – Children's Mental Health Week – My Voice Matters
- Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 9th February – Wellbeing Friday (Non- uniform)