

# Spring Bulletin

## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

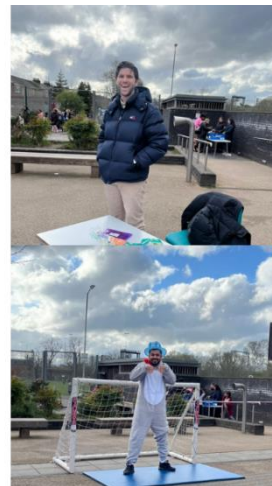
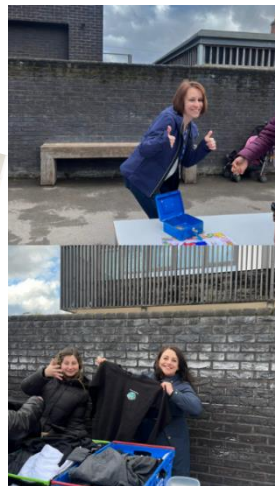


### Message from Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful way to end our Spring term, it was fantastic that so many of you could join us for our Easter Eggstravaganza to have some fun and to raise some money to ensure we can continue to have some fantastic resources that the children can use outdoors, thank you. We are busily counting away and will let you know the final figure when we return. Have a great break!





Thank you to our students who took part in our first Rocksteady concert – it was a wonderful effort from parents and pupils! The children demonstrated their ability to learn how to play a brand-new instrument and perform for an audience. If you'd like your child to join in Rocksteady Music School lessons, please visit: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents/>

If you are interested in private music tuition, please visit: <https://www.thomasheppell.com>

## PE Timetable – Summer 1

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	Mayar	For working hard to improve her letter formation.
Paddington	Agrim	For being a kind and helpful friend to Yuvaan.
KS1		
Pinocchio	Haadiya	For writing a great letter in English this week.
Gruffalo	Sai Aashrith	For always doing his very best learning in all lessons. Well done!
BFG	Adiel	For a wonderful start to Civitas as he is always ready, respectful and safe – a great addition to BFG class!
Matilda	Maya	For always working so hard in all her lessons and always being happy to contribute. Well done!
KS2		


Rosen	Tadei	For working hard writing instructions in English this week.
Kinney	Rosi	For always being a kind and caring friend and looking out for others
Richards	Dhrithi	For consistency working hard and being a great example of a civitas child.
Murphy	Atiksh	For being so resilient in school after being under the weather for a while. Well done.
Avery	Keya	For amazing contributions to group work in DT
Zephaniah	Ini	For being resilient, respectful and kind throughout the week.
Draper	Sneha	For making great progress in writing.
Lewis	Umamah	For the valuable contributions she makes in all lessons

House	Total House Points this week	Total
<b>Aqua</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>8429</b>
<b>Terra</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>8493</b>
<b>Ignis</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>7468</b>
<b>Atmos</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>7540</b>

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

Class	Sports Stars of the Term
KS1 (Year1)	Lila
KS2 (Year 2)	Abhinav

**Achievements outside of school**

Name	Class	Achievement
Ezekiel	Matilda	<p>Congratulations to Ezekiel for gaining a yellow belt in Muay Thai! Keep it up!</p> 

**Well done to all our super duper KS2 Spring award winners**



### 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%	93.4%	95%	92%
Year 1	93.2%	93.2%	93.2%	93.4%	89.5%	85%
Year 2	93.1%	93.4%	93.6%	94.6%	91.5%	93%
Year 3	95.5%	95.4%	95.3%	92.2%	89.3%	86.7%
Year 4	95.1%	94.8%	94.9%	98.1%	94.4%	92%
Year 5	95.7%	95.6%	95.5%	92.6%	91%	90%
Year 6	95.3%	95.2%	95.2%	92.0%	94%	96.4%

# What have we been learning this week?

## **Reception:**

In Reception, we have been learning the traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk', we have been focusing on the characters and exploring the stereotypes seen within the story. The children have really been divided as to whether they think Jack is 'good' or 'bad', they have been using their oracy skills to explore their reasons. Our rainbow challenges have been creating a story map for the familiar story, designing and writing about a plant and creating beautiful beanstalk number lines. In maths this week we have been consolidating our knowledge of 3D shapes and repeating patterns. We have loved watching your child's progress over this term! We have provided some Easter Homework for you to do with your child over the Easter break, we hope you enjoy doing this with them.

## **Key Stage 1:**

### **Year 1:**

This week has gone so quickly as we have been so busy. We learnt about the Hindu traditions of celebrating Holi on Monday and how some Christians celebrate Easter in RE. We thought about how we keep clean and safe at different times of the day, consolidating the PSHE learning of the term. In English, we wrote individual letters to all the residents of a local care home as our project outcome. This is part of our global learning theme, "Social Justice and Equity". There are more residents than our children. We couldn't bear the thought of some residents not receiving a letter so some children wrote several to ensure everyone was included. In Maths, we consolidated our understanding of mass and capacity leading to an end of unit assessment. We completed a fun quiz about plants and loved watching the time lapse of a seed growing. Our stamina for writing, learning and presentation has really improved this term. Thank you for your support over the whole term. We wish you and your family a lovely break filled with lots of stories and reading.

### **Year 2:**

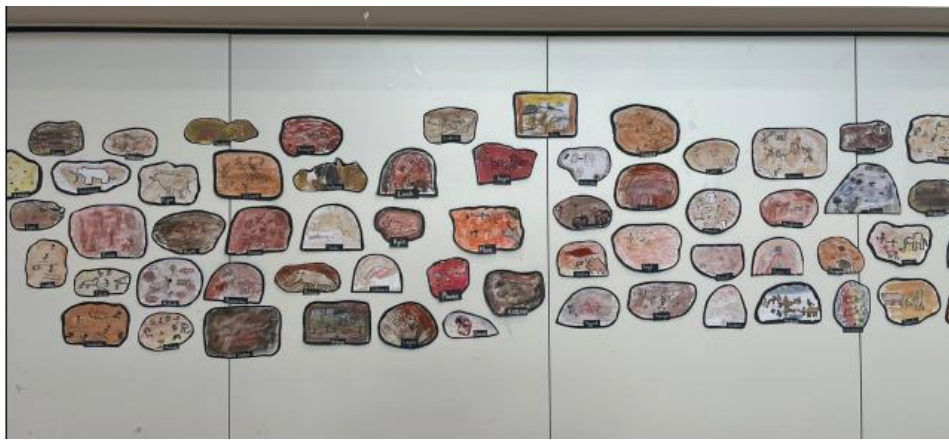
What a fabulous final week to a super busy and fun spring term! This week in Year 2, as part of our project outcome, we planned and produced leaflets about child labour to link to our global learning theme of 'peace and conflict'. In Maths, we learnt about the different measurements of capacity and temperature, followed by an end of unit assessment. In Science, we learnt about the different conditions of plant habitats and then sorted out plants to find the most suitable habitat. In Art, we used watercolors to finish painting our still life sketches based on the work of Morandi. As part of our RE lessons this week, we learnt about the importance of Easter to Christians followed by making Easter cards. Similarly, we learnt about the Hindu festival Holi as some of our staff and students celebrated Holi on Monday. Thank you for your continued support with Phonics, reading books and homework. Please continue to practise with your child over the Easter break.



## Key Stage 2:

### Year 3:

Thank you to all the parents who attended our oracy story-telling presentation on Tuesday. It was great to see so many of you in school. The children loved showing you their Stone Age cave paintings and Beaker pots. It was great to see the confidence of the children while sharing their story. We have had a busy week in year 3, the children have written their first and final drafts of their instructions with some lovely informative pieces being produced. In maths, we have continued exploring mass and equivalent masses. We have been using scales to support our learning. In Geography, the children were finding out the impact that volcanoes have on humans and discussed the pros and cons living near a volcano would have on humans. We have had another wonderful term in year 3 and we look forward to welcoming you all back after a restful half term!



### Year 4:

In Year 4 this week, we have started to come to an end to our Spring Term learning and end our topics, we have learnt about peer pressures in PSHE, The Easter story in RE, William Morris and his designs in art and for our Humanities we have learnt about tsunamis and earthquakes. In English we have focus on our writing and completed a lot of work around narratives. In Maths, we have finished topics like fractions and decimals and have made great improvement in are times tables ready for the MTC in Summer.

We are so proud of the children who have worked so hard this term and can't wait to celebrate more of their successes in the summer term. We hope you have a restful and peaceful half-term break!

### Year 5:

In year 5 this week we have started out new maths topic – area and perimeter. We have been calculating the perimeter of rectilinear shapes, including some with missing lengths. In English we have been writing our very own newspaper reports inspired by the book *The Breadwinner*. We have used our editing skills to perfect these ready for our final write. We have spent our afternoons completing our pinball machines, some groups even adding a winning ticket machine! We then evaluated our machines to consider what went well and what we may change if we were to do this project again. We have spent some time this week completing our gender stereotypes exhibition activities, including some discussions around toys and clothing that are gender stereotypical.



### **Year 6:**

In English we wrote our final piece - our explanation text; we included parenthesis as an aside and made links between paragraphs. In addition, we learnt about passive and active voice and the functions of a colon. Colons can be used to introduce a list or to separate two clauses (replacing a conjunction). Our maths lessons focused on pie charts – how to read, interpret and draw them. In science we learnt how human behaviour effects other animal’s evolution for example the African elephant which was hunted for its long tusks and now only ones with smaller tusk remain. Our history lesson focused on Covid-19 where we discussed our real-life experiences and how we felt about being in lock down. We debated whether it was the right decision for the Prime Minister to shut schools.

### **Communication to the school**

Absence reporting can also be done via [office@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:earlyyears@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 1: [year1@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year1@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 2: [year2@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year2@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 3: [year3@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year3@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 4: [year4@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year4@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 5: [year5@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year5@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 6: [year6@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year6@civitasacademy.co.uk)

## KEY DATES

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school – 8.40am