

## Summer Bulletins – Friday 21st May 2021

### Message from Mrs Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A couple of weeks ago, I shared with you that Mrs Aram and I met with the Pupil Leadership teams to gain their voice around what would help them to be their 'best version' of 'Our Civitas Child'. I should not have been surprised by some of the fabulous responses that our children came up with. Key phrases that were a thread from our youngest to our oldest children included:

'Ready' - feeling relaxed and having had a good night's sleep with a healthy breakfast before coming into school.

'Respectful' - celebrating our differences.

'Safe' - be kind and caring to the people around you.

As part of our personal development programme this term classes have carried out work on the awareness of safe people and safe places and identifying their trusted adults they could go to if they had a worry or a problem. Displays are being put up around the classrooms and corridors to highlight the importance of our children feeling safe and knowing who they could talk to, so that they are listened to and heard.



Staffing update – Today is the last day for our lovely Mrs Grant who has been part of our Civitas family since November 2019. Mrs Grant is starting a new chapter of her life and relocating to Wales. We are extremely grateful for all the time, support and commitment she has given to us as a staffing team and to all the children that we serve. You'll be deeply missed but we wish you the very best.

# Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	🌟Michael🌟	For developing his independence and for showing great engagement in his learning activities.
Paddington	🌟Ashvik🌟	For always being ready for learning and for following instructions so well.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	🌟Tayyab🌟	For challenging himself to excel in his writing.
Pinocchio:	🌟Mysha🌟	For working really hard on her sentence writing especially using finger spaces.
BFG:	🌟Reuben🌟	For always sharing wonderful ideas within class and inspiring others.
Matilda:	🌟Teni🌟	For excellent presentational speech when performing her poem to her class.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	🌟Mitradev🌟	For excellent contributions in class and demonstrating good oracy skills in presentations.
Kinney	🌟Dhikshita🌟	For consistently working hard in lessons and setting an excellent example for others.
Richards	🌟Tamzin🌟	For her amazing piece of writing on 'The Day in the Life of a Roman Child' and for always showing brilliant behaviour throughout the day.
Murphy	🌟Supreeth🌟	For working really hard through assessment week and getting full marks in Maths! Well done Supreeth!
Zephaniah	🌟Yousef🌟	For working hard and contributing in lessons.
	🌟Ayaan🌟	For having a positive attitude towards school life.

## House Points

Well done to **Ignis** house for gaining the most house points this week

House:	Points this week:	Total:
<b>Atmos</b>	490	2375
<b>Terra</b>	431	2352
<b>Aqua</b>	708	2628
<b>Ignis</b>	724	3179

**Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 97% - let's work together to be in school everyday. Each week we will share the attendance for each Year group for that week.**

Year Group	23/4	30/4	7/5	14/5	21/5	28/5
Reception	96.5%	94.5%	95.1%	86.7%	90.9%	
Year 1	93.3%	93.1%	94.4%	89.8%	100.0%	
Year 2	97.5%	97.1%	96.9%	89.4%	95.1%	
Year 3	99.6%	97.9%	96.6%	87.4%	91.7%	
Year 4	96.0%	95.2%	96.1%	93.1%	96.8%	
Year 5	96.2%	96.7%	95.3%	90.7%	92.8%	

# What have we been learning this week?

## Reception

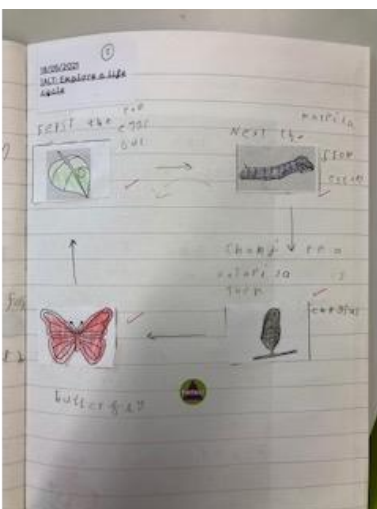
Our focus text this week has been 'The Growing Story'. In literacy we have been learning about how we change as we grow older, identifying the things that babies need and how these things change as we develop into adults. In Maths we have been learning to take away, using a ten-frame and number lines to help us. During Independent Learning Time we have been drawing self portraits using oil pastels, writing instructions on how to brush our teeth and in the finger gym we have been pulling out teeth with tweezers, as well as drawing cavities onto laminated teeth with a whiteboard pen and brushing them off with a toothbrush. We were very excited to discover that our caterpillars turned into chrysalides this week and are now eagerly awaiting the hatching of our butterflies!



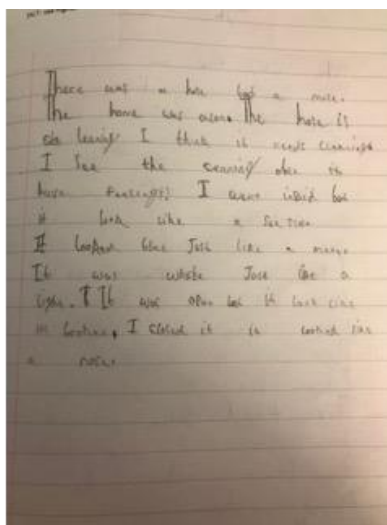
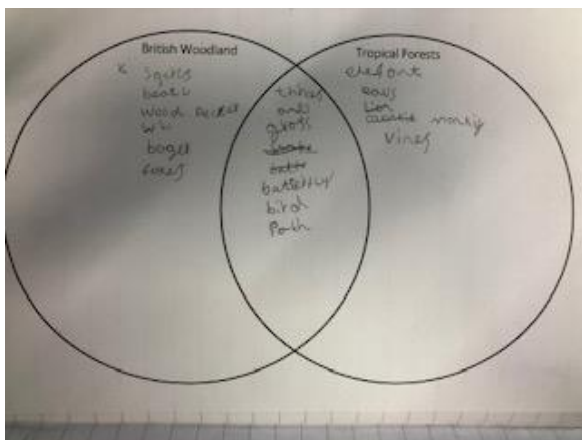
## Key Stage 1

### Year 1

In Maths, Year 1 have been finding a quarter of shapes and amounts. They have been understanding that 1 part is shaded out of 4 equal parts. In English they have been learning about time conjunctions and applying them in life cycle recounts about butterflies. This week Year 1 have been learning about tempo in music. They imagined what minibeasts would sound like. In art they created minibeast art from recycled materials. In science, Year 1 compared the life cycle of other animals to what they've learnt about minibeasts life cycles. They will be learning about Mexico today for Cultural Diversity Day.



**Year 2** are reading the book 'A House that Once Was' by Julie Fogliano in their English lessons. They have been learning about rhyming words and creating their own poems. They have been reading these poems aloud and practicing their presentational speech skills. In Maths, Year 2 have started learning about mass by recapping what they learnt in Year 1. In Music, they have learnt three poems linked to the forest. In Geography they compared British woodlands to all the other types of forests they've learnt this term. In PSHE, the children learnt about different types of secrets, when they should be shared and how it makes us feel to keep secrets.

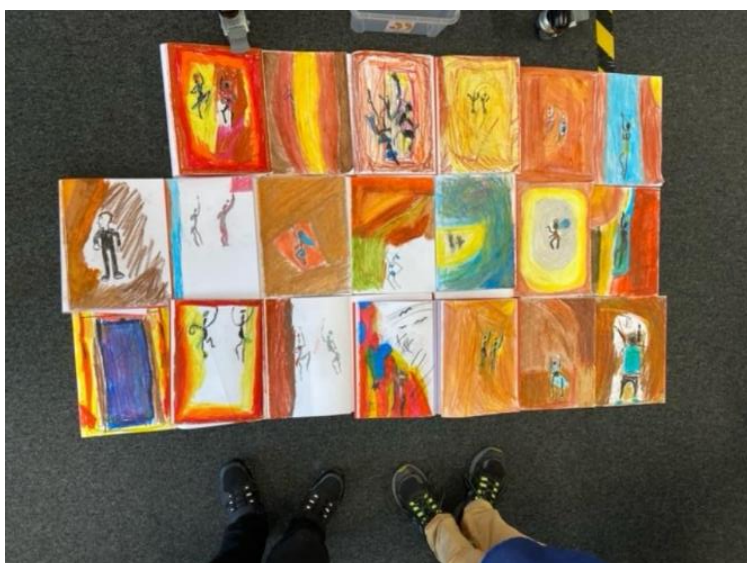


**Key Stage 2**

**Year 3** have been busy learning about Norman Foster this week and his innovative designs. We learnt that Norman Foster created buildings that were sustainable and environmentally friendly. We discussed the link between Norman Foster's green spaces and our learning about plants in science. We used his designs to inspire one of our own, ensuring that we drew sketches from different perspectives. We then built a building from either our Zaha Hadid inspired design or our Norman Foster inspired design. We have continued to learn about time in Maths and have learnt how to read the time to o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. In English, we created an independent piece of writing about the rainforest. We decided whether we wanted to write a description, a story, a letter or a diary entry. In science, we wrote up the results of our experiment and discussed the impact on plants of having either no water, no heat or no sunlight. We decided that having no sunlight had the biggest impact on how well the plants grew as they did not grow any taller and leaves became curled and fell off. We learnt that plants can grow tall without sunlight but that the stem becomes weak and snaps easily. They also lose colour and become yellow.

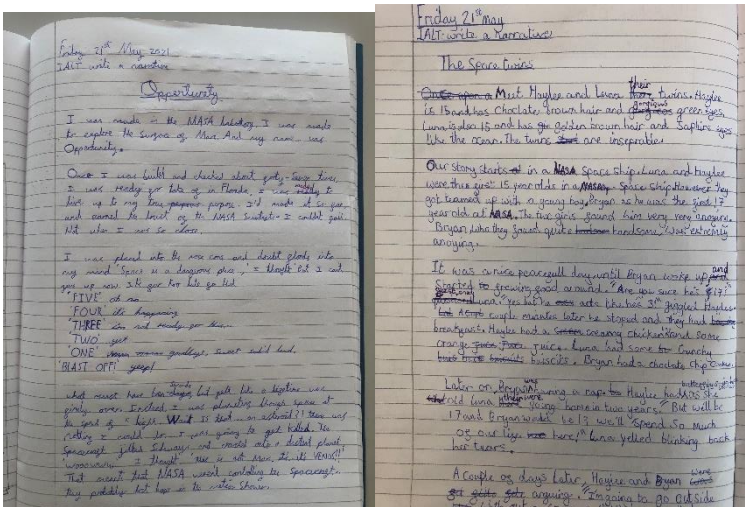
**Year 4** have had a busy week. We have been working hard to complete quizzes in English and Maths. Year 4 have worked super hard, and their teachers are very proud of them. Today we celebrated Cultural Diversity Day where we studied the continent of Africa. We investigated all the 54 flags of Africa and researched some facts about them. We also created some African inspired art, which the children really enjoyed 😊 Children also had the chance to share their outfits or special items from their cultural with the class. Here are some great pictures!

Next week in Topic we are making Roman shields – it would be so helpful if the students came in with any large pieces of cardboard if you have any laying around 😊





**Year 5** - In Maths this week we have continued our work on angles, specifically learning about angles on a straight line. We've been inspired by our Guided Reading book 'The Jamie Drake Equation' and have enjoyed writing our own space narrative (examples below). In our topic lessons, we've learned about the Big Bang Theory along with man's exploration of space. We heard from astronauts Helen Sharman and Steve Smith and were particularly interested to learn about the dehydrated food they consume as well as its storage. Today we celebrated cultural diversity by looking at the continent of Asia; we looked fantastic in our outfits.



# News items from this week

**Parents evening** – Parent's evening will take place week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> June via Teams. Appointments can be booked via Tucasi, this will open for bookings on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June and close on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm. Please make sure you have access to Tucasi in advance of this date and let the office team know if you have any problems.

**Morning Drop Off ONLY** – After half term, starting on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June** we will no longer have a staggered drop off. **The gate will open at 8.40 and close at 9.00am.** All our children are expected to arrive within this time, thank you.

**Healthy Packed lunches** – Please be reminded children bringing in a packed lunch, need to have a healthy, varied lunch.

Date:	Activity:
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	EduArts Festival and Last day of term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term Week
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupils return to school – Drop off – 8:40 – 9:00am