



Civitas Academy

Summer Bulletins – Friday 30th April 2021

Message from Mrs Ducker – Executive Headteacher



The start of this summer term has been so exciting already. Miss Boman and I have started to meet with our different subject leaders so we can further develop our new curriculum for September for 'Our Civitas Child,' with a strong focus on Global Citizenship. And next week myself and Mrs Aram are meeting with our school council representatives so we can hear from them and add their voice around what helps us to be our best version as a 'Civitas Child.' We will share more of our new curriculum with you towards the end of the summer term.

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	🌟 Adarsh 🌟	For showing super sitting and listening and for trying hard with his learning.
Paddington	🌟 Sahasra 🌟	For trying hard with her learning and being a good friend.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	🌟 Yvie 🌟	For working hard in Writing and improving her reading fluency.
Pinocchio:	🌟 Vedhashruthi 🌟	For using her maths knowledge and skills to support her with multiplication this week.
BFG:	🌟 Dhruvi 🌟	For her wonderful character description in English and improving her handwriting.
Matilda:	🌟 Silvijus 🌟	For using his full stops and capital letters in his writing and independently self-correcting to ensure he has used them in the right places.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	🌟 Aida 🌟	For being kind and helpful to others.
Kinney	🌟 Daniel 🌟	For excellent participation and focus in lessons.
Richards	🌟 Nicoleta 🌟	For her resilience in learning and trying to achieve the best possible outcome.
Murphy	🌟 Moukthik 🌟	For trying really hard to improve his handwriting and using great listening skills.
Zephaniah	🌟 Jewel 🌟	For contributing to our English discussions and always trying her best.
	🌟 Manor 🌟	For the effort he is putting into all lessons

House Points

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

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Atmos	459	775
Terra	519	1079
Aqua	475	925
Ignis	628	1352

Times Tables Rock Stars

Every fortnight, KS2 teachers award two certificates per class - one is awarded to the 'Most improved Rockstar' based on how much their speed of recall has improved over the two-week period and the other is awarded to the 'Hardest Working Rockstar' based on a variety of factors, such as number of coins earned, number of questions answered correctly. Congratulations to the following Key Stage 2 children:

	Most Improved Rockstar	Hardest Working Rockstar
Rosen	Amaan	Ethan
Kinney		Dhikshitha
Richards	Matas	Matas
Murphy	Rayan	Rayan
Zephaniah	Manor	Manor

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%				
Year 1	93.3%	93.1%				
Year 2	97.5%	97.1%				
Year 3	99.6%	97.9%				
Year 4	96.0%	95.2%				
Year 5	96.2%	96.7%				

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

In reception this week we have been learning about the four seasons through the story "The Story Orchestra – Four Seasons in one day". We have been learning about what happens in each season and have made a class poster about each of the seasons.

In Maths we have been learning to recognise and count numbers to 20. We have enjoyed playing number games such as Bingo using numbers 11 – 20 and a number track game where we took it in turns with our partner to roll a dice and move a counter along the track the corresponding number of times, with the winner being the first to reach the number 20. We also practiced counting Numicon pieces by drawing around them to make a Numicon City.

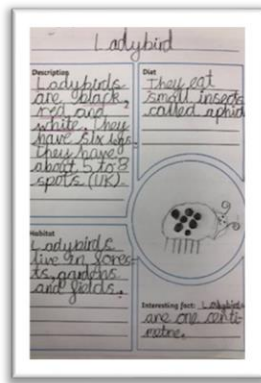
We made some fantastic vegetable characters and finger printed leaves onto tree branches.



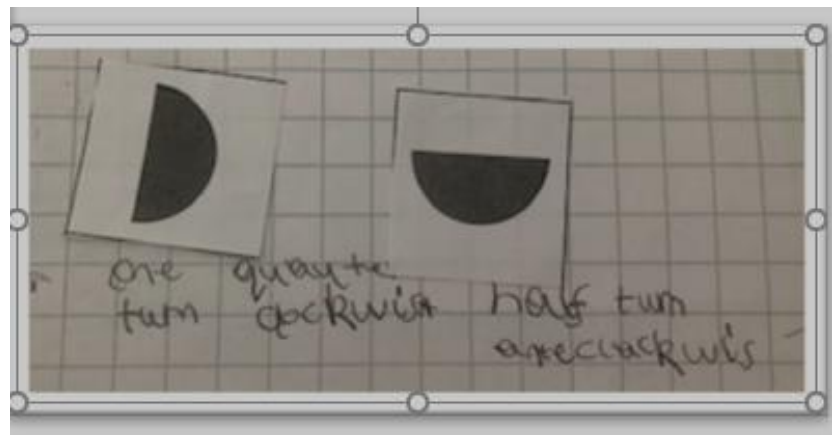
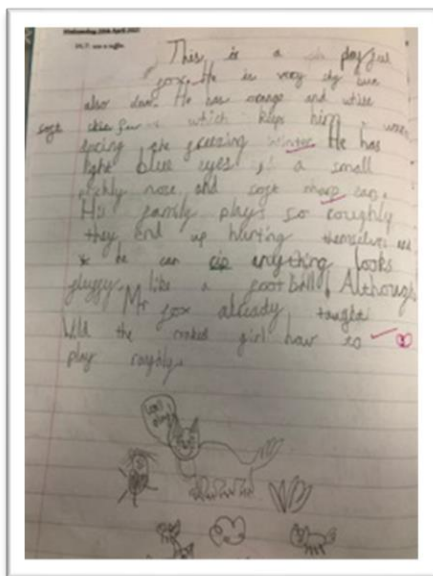
Key Stage 1

Year 1

In Maths, Year 1 have been using arrays to support their learning of multiplication. They have also been recapping number bonds as this is a vital concept of learning that they will need when transitioning to Year 2 in September. In English they have been writing fact files about minibeasts. Their topic is minibeasts. This week Year 1 have been learning about what plants need to survive and they have planted some bee friendly flowers. We look forward to seeing these bloom in the summer! In Art this week Year 1 have created still life paintings using water colours.



Year 2 are continuing to read the book 'Wild' by Emily Hughes in their English lessons. They have been writing character descriptions and challenging themselves to use suffixes. In Maths, Year 2 have been using directional language such as clockwise, anticlockwise, quarter turn and half turn to describe the movement and turns of objects. They have found this quite difficult so it would be great to practice this over the weekend using MyMaths. Year 2's science learning has been about how animals or plants are suited to their habitat and how they depend on each other for the basic needs for survival. They have also been learning about the features of an Indian jungle in Topic which has offered an opportunity for the learning to be linked between Science and Topic.



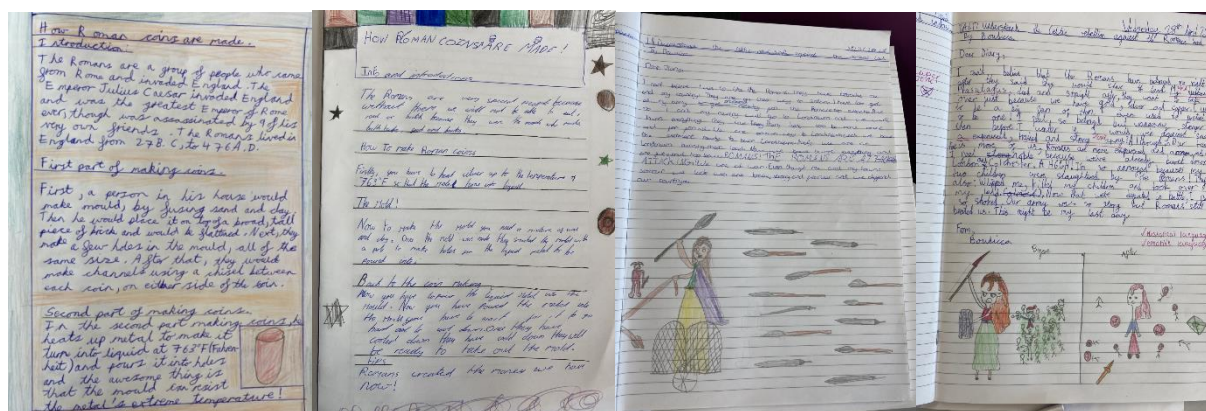
Key Stage 2

Year 3 have continued our "Meet the Artists" topic this week by learning about Yayoi Kusama. Yayoi Kusama creates paintings using polka dots and we created our own pictures inspired by her work. In English, we have been re-writing the story of "Matisse's Magical Trail, focusing on our use of punctuation and writing to entertain the reader. In maths, we have been learning how to measure length in centimetres, metres and millimetres. We now know that there are 10mm in 1cm and 100cm in 1m. In PSHE, we have been focusing on friendships and how to solve conflicts successfully.

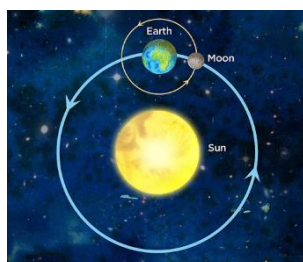
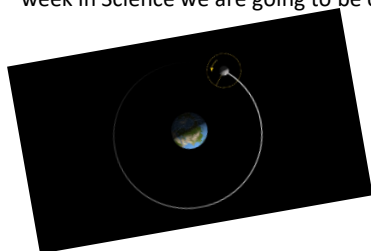


Year 4 have continued our Roman topic by learning about, the Queen of Iceni, Boudicca! The children have written diary entries in the first person using emotive language to describe how they would feel if they were Boudicca, and the Romans came to attack their land. Please see some examples below 😊 We have also published our writing from last week showing off our understanding of the process of Roman coins, some more examples below.

In Maths, we have learnt more about decimals and used our place value knowledge to help us round decimals to the nearest whole number. Another great week in Year 4 and we are looking forward to our **Roman Day next week (Wednesday 5th May)** where children and staff in Year 4 can dress up as Romans!



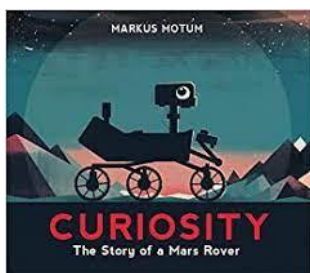
Year 5 - This week we have continued our Space topic and the children have been loving researching all about the Sun, Moon and Earth's orbits! We have learnt that the Moon and the Earth have identical rotation patterns and that we only ever see one side of the Moon! Next week in Science we are going to be creating our own Solar System orrery!



In Maths we have continued our topic of Decimals. The children have learnt how to work out decimal sequences and worked really hard when adding and subtracting a decimal from a whole number!

During our PSHE this week we were focusing on friendships and how to resolve conflict. It was great to see such mature discussions around what makes a good friend and how to solve any conflict you may have. Well done Year 5!

English this week has been great fun! We have explored Curiosity – the Mars Rover – and learnt how it landed on Mars and how dangerous the mission was! We watched videos of the sheer relief NASA had when it finally landed safely and used all our great vocabulary from our text to write a newspaper report explaining how everyone felt.



News items from this week

Data Collection Sheets: Please complete and return the data collection sheets given out this week by Tuesday 4th May. These can be returned to the class teacher. It is vital that we have most up to date contact and medical information for your child/children, so please amend any information that is out of date.

Be Internet Legends: Civitas Academy have signed up to the Be Internet Legends campaign from Google and Parent Zone to support your family with being safe online. We feel it is vital to have the opportunity to learn how to deal with certain things our children might have access to online.

You will be receiving a Be Internet Legend trophy which includes instructions and activities that you can carry out as a family. Please note they are designed for KS2 but we wanted to offer the activity to all our families as e-safety is part of the National Curriculum and our Curriculum Design.

The links below can be used to find out more information such as practical tips and online activities.

<https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendaryparent>

<https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/download>

<https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/dropins>



Roman Day: Wednesday 5th May – Year 4 children and staff can dress up as Romans to continue their Roman themed topic!

Number Day: Friday 7th May: We are taking part in Number Day! Number Day is a Maths inspired event, set up by the NSCPP, for children of all ages. Throughout the day, the children will take part in several maths activities and games, create posters raising awareness of Number Day and the NSPPC and even make their own fun maths based games! Some of the activities will include: number bowling, snakes and ladders, bingo, battle dice and more that your teachers have prepared for you!



Number Day will be a non-school uniform day... but there is a twist! Your clothes for the day need to be number themed – yes football shirts are allowed! In fact – anything with a number on them! You can either wear something ‘numbery’ you already have or you can get creative and make your own! Below are some fun/easy ideas that you can use for the day!



Football shirt with player name on back is ok!



As the day is for the NSPPC charity, we kindly ask for a generous donation (this will be via Tucasi) of £1.00 that we can send off on behalf of everyone here at Civitas!

We can't wait to see all your fantastic costumes next Friday!!



Date:	Activity:
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday Monday – School closed
Tuesday 4th May	Data Collection sheets returned to class teacher
Wednesday 5th May	Year 4 Roman dress up day
Friday 7th May	Number day – number themed non uniform