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HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had another exciting and productive week at St Oswald's! Our children have settled well into their new classrooms and new routines.

READING

Reading is a particular focus this year. Shortly, I will be resending our 'St Oswald's Reading Promise' for our parents, carers and children to sign. I can't stress enough just how important reading regularly at home with your child is. This term, we have introduced a brand new stamp chart for all children. How this works is that when children come into the classroom in the morning, whilst they are working on their tables/spellings at the start of registration, they should also have their home reading journals out on their desks. If the children have read the previous evening, and the journal has been signed, then children will receive a stamp. When their stamp card is full, they receive a special certificate and book mark in assembly. Periodically, I will check and countersign all reading journals and I may give you a call if I notice that your child has a few gaps in their home reading journal.

HOMEWORK

Please also check your children's book bags for homework menus which will be given out this week. This states the non-negotiable weekly tasks such as: reading nightly; learning times tables and spellings. We have a weekly tables and spelling test every Friday morning. Again, if we notice that your child is consistently scoring below average on the weekly tests, then you may receive a call from either your child's teacher or myself.

****MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS - PLEASE COME!****

17 th September	Year 6 and Year 2 at 9am and 5.30
18 th September	Year 1 and Year 5 at 9am and 5.30
19 th September	Year 3 and Year 4 at 9am and 5.30
2 nd October	Reception at 9am and 5.30

In these meetings, you will receive vital information about routines, the curriculum and general expectations for your child whilst they are in the year group. These are important and it would really help your child if you could attend please.

THIS WEEK'S PHOTOS FROM AROUND SCHOOL



Stay and Read started this week



....A few of our lovely parents



....Year 3 in a maths lesson



'The Arrival' - English topic in Year 4



...Lions roaming!!



Year 6 out and about on safari!

In the meantime, thank you again for your continued support.

Miss G Wilson
Headteacher

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

What we are learning in Nursery

Nursery have been settling into their new routines and have been doing extremely well.

What we are learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have been settling into our new setting. We have enjoyed making new friends and seeing our old friends from Nursery again. We have started our phonics, Maths and English lessons and are already learning lots! In Maths we have been learning how to count to 10, in Phonics we have learnt the sounds, s, a and t and in English we have started our work on our 'Everyday Superheroes' topic and have been talking about people who help us at home, in school and outside of school and how they are our superheroes!

In year 1 we have started to explore the story of Handa's Surprise. We have made houses for Handa using Lego, card and straw and enjoyed tasting some of the fruits from Handa's basket. We have started to learn about the features of instruction texts so that we can write instructions for Handa to make a fruit salad.

In maths we have been exploring numbers to 10. We have been learning about how to represent numbers in different ways and to sequence them accurately. We have also begun to practise mental maths skills counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

As part of our topic, we have been practising art skills, choosing suitable brushes and making brushstrokes in different ways for effect and printing with fruit. What we are learning in Year 1

What we are learning in Year 2

In year 2, we have been making predictions about our new book in English. We now know it is a story about the Queen and we are very excited to find out what happens next. We have started our plants project which we will continue throughout the year so that we can see how plants change in the different seasons. We have also been imagining that we are at the seaside and used this experience to compare life at the seaside with life in London.

In Maths, we have been learning about place value of two digit numbers and different ways numbers can be represented.

What we are learning in Year 3

As part of our topic, we have been baking biscuits and decorating them to represent animals. This is part of our Science work to use standard units.

As a year group, we have been looking at animal skeletons by viewing x-rays.

We have worked on Place value in Maths.

In English we have predicted what our new text will be and have completed our cold tasks.

What we are learning in Year 4

In Year 4, we have been researching important landmarks in Bradford following our walk around the city last week. We have also started to research important people who were born in Bradford.

In English, we have been making predictions about our new book. So far we know it has a historical setting and believe it involves a man and a journey.

In Maths, we have been reading and writing numbers using Roman numerals. We have also been reading and writing 4 digit numbers and representing them in different ways.

What we are learning in Year 5

In Year 5 we have made a great start to our topic on SPACE. We are really excited about our visit to the Media Museum on Monday.

The girls had their first swimming lesson. They were really nervous, but we were really proud of how hard they tried.

In English we have been begun to use our new text to develop our understanding of using a range of sentence types to construct paragraphs.

In maths we have been practising long multiplication and short division. We are continuing to develop our understanding of place value. Next week we will be rounding numbers to 10,000 and using negative numbers in real life problems.

What we are learning in Year 6

This week has been very exciting in Year 6! We had a fantastic trip to the Yorkshire wildlife park on Wednesday! We were able to see all the amazing different species we have been researching as part of our topic. The children had a great time and represented the school in a brilliant manner- we were very proud!

We have received a special message from the C.A.N detective agency to say our children have been accepted to investigate this half term! As a result, in science this week we will be learning to classify animals based on their physical features.

Garden of Eden Suite

In Eden this week we have started to explore our new book in English (the Umbrella). We have made predictions about it and have used items from the story such as: ice, an umbrella and a variety of animals to develop our vocabulary. We have just completed a walk-through of the story discussing who? What? Where? In maths we have started to explore numbers and counting, ordering and partitioning numbers in different ways. Our science has started with an exploration of our school garden, observing the trees and noting their similarities and differences.



THIS WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK ARE:

RECEPTION: Ash-

YEAR 1: 1 Pine –Sabaahat Naeem for always being ready to listen and learn.

YEAR 2: 2 Maple –2 Redwood – Amsah Butt for being absolutely amazing and having beautiful handwriting.

YEAR 3:– 3 Sycamore

YEAR 4:

YEAR 5:

YEAR 6:

EDEN: Vitus Daniel, for all his contributions in English.



SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING DATE

All main meals are accompanied with seasonal vegetables or salad and either potatoes, rice or naan bread.

Jackets, Cheese Panini, sandwiches, wraps and bread are available daily.
Fresh fruit and fruit yoghurts are available daily.

DATE	MAIN	DESSERT
MONDAY		Cheese/Panini/jacket potatoes/sandwiches & wraps Desserts
TUESDAY		Cheese/Panini/jacket potatoes/sandwiches & wraps Desserts
WEDNESDAY		Cheese/Panini/jacket potatoes/sandwiches & wraps Desserts
THURSDAY		Cheese/Panini/jacket potatoes/sandwiches & wraps Desserts
Friday		Cheese/Panini/jacket

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