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Dear Parents / Carers

## HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

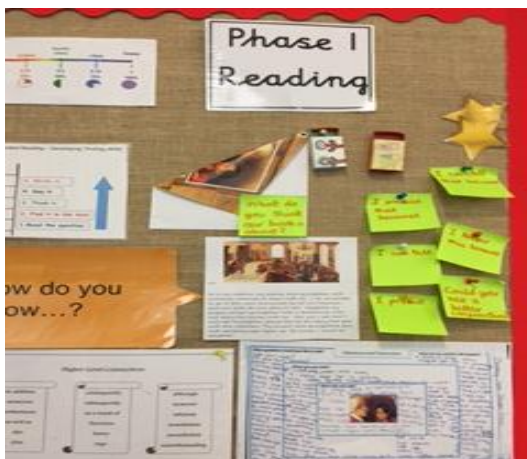
I can hardly believe that we are at the start of week 3 already! The new half term has got off to a good start, with lots of exciting science projects and topics on the go. One of my focus areas for this year is geared around driving forwards reading in the school. Children are enjoying using the new reading scheme we purchased in September, and we now have plans to extend this down into nursery (*coming very soon!*) From my focus walk around school this week, I have just included some photos to share with you which show some practical examples of what our reading focus looks like at the moment.



*Books to buy in school - please come in and have a look.*



*The St Oswald's staff reading challenge! Children have to guess who the mystery readers are!*



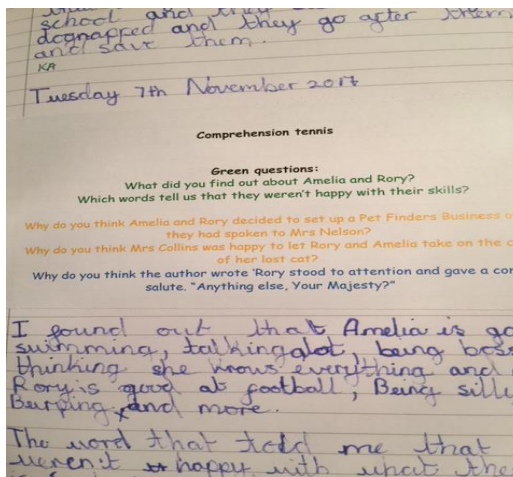
*Teaching of specific guided reading skills on our working walls in the classrooms.*



*Reading comprehension colour coded questions.*



*Topic webs with links to key texts the children are studying. These are displayed on the main corridor for all year groups and are available to download from our website.*



*Sample page from a year 4 child's guided reading book, showing the colour coded reading questions.*

Please also remember our weekly 'Stay and Read' sessions which now happen every Thursday morning. We are also still running our 'caught reading' strategy, whereby children are given 'reading tickets' to post into our lucky dip box if they are caught reading over lunchtime in our Kid's Kingdom. Lucky winners are selected in our Friday celebration assembly and receive a book prize.

*Miss Wilson  
Head of School*

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

### Anti-Bullying Week

13-17th November 2017

This week is anti-bullying week and at St. Oswald's we are working with our children to celebrate our differences and understand how important it is for us to work together and appreciate how those differences help us all to be a better community; one that works together to prevent bullying.

We will be asking everyone to think of one thing that they can do this week to make someone they know in school feel valued, respected and part of the school community. We will be asking people to share some of the ways that others made them feel valued and unique. It doesn't have to be very big – it is the small acts that often mean the most.

If you would like more information about anti-bullying week in schools, please visit the following website - [www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week)

## CHILDREN IN NEED

On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** we are having a non-uniform day for Children in Need. Children can come into school in non-uniform for a donation of 50p. The theme for the day is, of course, Children in Need and children can wear anything yellow, spotty or bright coloured.

Also, some of our children will be baking Pudsey biscuits and buns and selling them after school – charging from 20p – 50p. Please come along and support our fantastic bakers and this worthy cause.



## **BOOK FAIR - TRAVELLING BOOKS**

We are holding a Book Fair after school each day this week. Books will be available to buy in the reception area of school. Prices vary. All classes will have the opportunity to view the books during the school day and can either purchase during school or after school.

## **WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL**

### **What we are learning in Nursery**

In maths we are learning about counting to 3 and different sizes. You can help at home by ordering objects in sizes from smallest to biggest. In Literacy we are learning about Goldilocks and the Three Bears. You can help at home by reading stories about bears. In topic we are continuing our learning about Goldilocks. You can help at home by making porridge and weighing the different ingredients.

### **What we are learning in Reception**

In maths we are learning about 2d shapes, one more than and number order. You can help at home by going on a shape hunt and name shapes you and your child see around you. Count as you walk together; stop and ask them what comes next? Play games counting objects. How many will I have if I give you one more? In Literacy we are learning about 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. We have been looking at repeated sentences and the children have been writing their own. We have also focused on story order and retelling the story. You can help at home by reading with your child each night. Encourage them to talk about the story and the pictures. Look for any letters they recognise. Can they sound out the sounds to read the words? In topic we are learning about the night sky. We have been looking at animals that come out in the night time. You can help at home by finding books or information about nocturnal animals. What are they called? What do they look like?

### **What we are learning in Year 1**

In maths we are learning about addition and subtraction calculations and using the skill of counting on and counting back to find the answer.

You can help at home by writing simple calculations such as  $3 + 5 =$  and  $5 - 3 =$  and encouraging me to solve the calculation by using pictures, objects on counting on or back. Also you can ask me how I chose to solve the problem and why. In Literacy we are learning about non-fiction texts and the features of non-fiction texts such as contents pages, Index's, facts, photographs etc. We are also practising writing sentences using capital letters, word spaces and full stops.

You can help at home by reading non-fiction texts with me and helping me spot the features that make it a non-fiction text. Also I could write a fact that I have learnt from the non-fiction text. This will help me practise my sentence writing. In topic we are learning about aircrafts. We are learning to make paper aeroplanes and we will test the aeroplanes and record how far they fly.

You can help at home by helping me to make a paper aeroplane and plan an experiment to see how far it could fly. In science we are learning about Autumn and the changes that occur in Autumn.

You can help at home by spotting and talking about seasonal changes.

### **What we are learning in Year 2**

In In maths we are learning about subtraction. You can help at home by counting backwards from 100 to 1. You can also help by counting backwards in tens from any number. In Literacy we are learning about non-fiction texts. We have written about London. You can help at home by looking at our spelling lists and encouraging us to use joined handwriting. In topic we are learning about fire fighters looking at firefighters in the past and firefighters now. We have had a visit from a fire fighter explaining all about his job. You can help at home by talking to our grandparents and finding out what is the same and what is different.

### **What we are learning in Year 3**

In maths we are learning about addition and subtraction. We have practiced mental methods and have moved on to formal column methods. You can help at home by counting backwards and forwards in tens and hundreds and practicing the formal column methods. In Literacy we are learning about non-fiction features and researching lots of interesting facts about African animals. You can help at home by helping the children to research lions, cheetahs, rhinos, elephants and giraffes. In topic we are learning about food and nutrition. You can help at home by talking to your children about the types of food they eat and what a healthy choice could be.

### **What we are learning in Year 4**

In maths we are learning about addition and subtraction. You can help at home by making sure that your child understands the place value of each digit and lines up the numbers in the correct place value when laying out the calculation. In Literacy we are learning about apostrophes for contraction and possession. You can help at home by getting your child to use contracted word forms in sentences e.g. didn't, should've etc. In topic we are learning about the different foods that are available in Bradford. You can help at home by talking about the different foods that are available in Bradford and why they are found in Bradford and talking about how some of these foods are made. In science we are learning about sound and how it travels. You can help at home by encouraging your child to notice the sounds around them.

### **What we are learning in Year 5**

In maths we are learning about interpreting line graphs by answering questions that require children to use addition and subtraction. We are focusing on key vocabulary that relates to addition and subtraction to compare two sets of data. You can help at home by talking about key words in word problems that relate to addition and subtraction. In Literacy we are in the reading phase of our adventure story unit. We have been working on the different question types which have been based on the book Cosmic. The children were very excited to find out about the storyline of the book! As part of our reading phase, the children have also been writing as Liam who is the main character in the book. They have used the different sentence types to write predictions and diaries. You can help at home using bug club to access the adventure stories we have allocated for your child. You can also help your child with the English homework writing tasks which are based on different adventure stories. In topic we are learning about our new unit which is about Earth and Space. We are only a week in our topic and have already using different techniques in art to create a display of space using watercolour paints to create our planets. We have also added salt to create a bumpy texture to make the planets more realistic. We have been busy writing descriptions of space and what it would feel like if we were in space. You can help at home by encouraging your child to log onto bug club and read the space books that have been allocated for your child. A visit to the National Media and Science Museum would be strongly recommended to view to the Tim Peak Soyuz Capsule!

### **What we are learning in Year 6**



In maths we are learning about fractions, in particular ordering and simplifying them correctly. You can help at home by getting your child to access some fractions questions to revise on Sumdog online. Continue to practice their times tables and core calculations. In Literacy we are learning about Paris! We are learning about the key landmarks in Paris and buildings and writing our own articles to describe. You can help at home by ensuring the children have completed their project about Paris that was set in the holidays. Research Paris and France and find interesting facts to add to our fact file display! In topic we are continuing our learning about Paris! We have been studying the world map- learning about countries and continents and their capital cities. We have studied which countries are located around France. We have also been doing an Art project – sketching and creating the Eiffel Tower. You can help at home by looking at a map with the children and study some of the features of Europe.

### Star Learners

R Oak – Harisa Ashraf.

R Ash – Gracie-Mai Hayden.

1 Pine - Marianna Sugarova - for settling well in to school.

1 Birch - Kakozi Christians – for writing lots of facts about hot air balloons.

2 Maple – Lana Ali for making sure her sentences are custard creams.

2 Redwood – Fizah Khuram for always trying hard.

3 Beech - Kadie Butters for putting in extra effort in lessons.

3 Sycamore - Abdullah Butt – for making a huge effort with his handwriting and earning his pen license.

4 Olive – Romesa Noor for working hard in English.

4 Poplar - Kacey Lund for having a great learning attitude.

5 Rosewood - Dawud Yousef for a fantastic non-chronological report.

5 Willow - Faizan Baig for a fantastic work attitude!

6 Cherry – Dennis Gabor for trying hard to improve his work this week.

6 Rowan – Yasmin Khan for detailed answers in English.



### **SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

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.

	MAIN	DESSERT
MONDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017	Pork sausage (gluten free) Halal Chicken Kofta Veggie Soya Shepherd's Pie	Pineapple Upside Down Cake Fruit Cheese Cake
TUESDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017	Roast beef dinner Halal Pasta Bolognese Vegetable Roll	Apple Crumble Oat Cookie
	Beef Lasagne	Orange Drizzle Cake

WEDNESDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017	Halal Chicken Tikka Masala Quorn Burger	Fruit Jelly
THURSDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Chocolate and Mandarin Sponge Fresh Fruit Salad
FRIDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017	Fish Fillet (Gluton free) Vegetable Soya Bolognaise	Jam Sponge Decorated Bun