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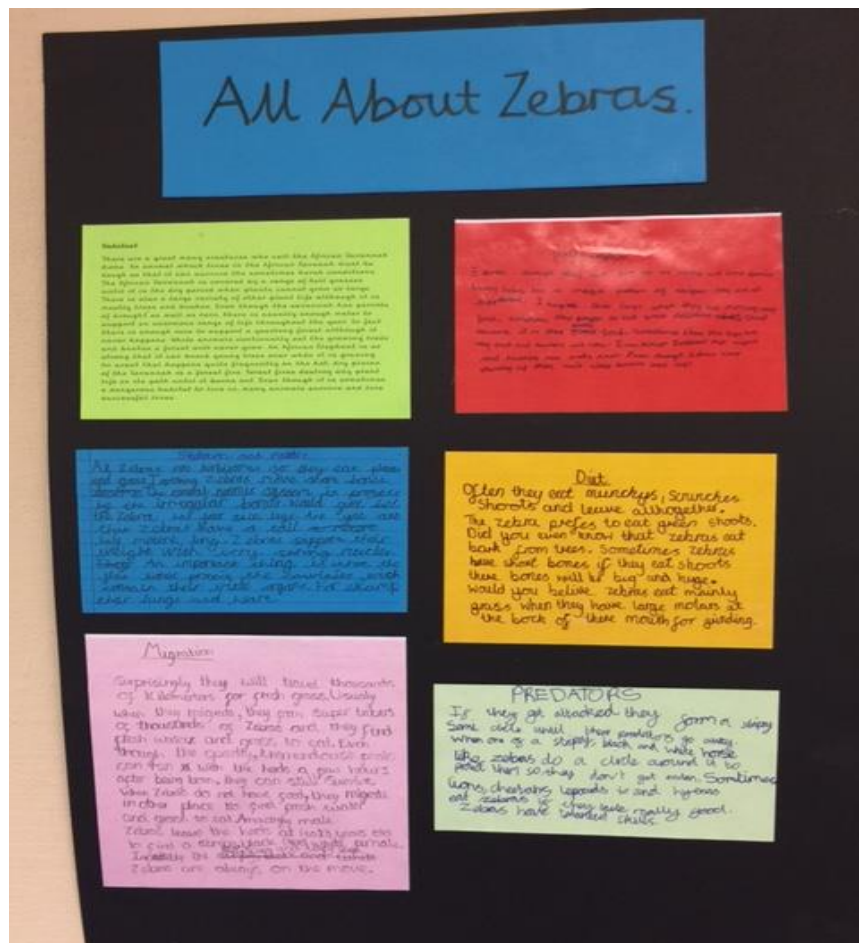
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Dear Parents / Carers

HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

It was a pleasure to see so many parents sign up for our New to English parent classes on Friday. If you didn't manage to register, there are still places left and we are now running two sessions per week due to popular demand. These will be held in the community room at the far end of school. If you have any questions, please see Neil Johnson, our parental liaison officer. Many thanks for your support for Children in Need on Friday. The children had an enjoyable day and we will keep you informed as to how much money we raised!

Around school, I am seeing children work very hard to improve their writing skills. Several 'hot writes' have taken place this week and I'm looking forward to seeing the results displayed on our 'flip up' writing walls around school. Below, I have included a snapshot of year 3 writing. In reading the paragraphs, I have been particularly pleased with the children's use of grammatical structures and subject specific vocabulary – well done year 3!



Children learnt how to write paragraphs effectively. Mrs Gilmour's first green paragraph was given as an example for children to follow and to set high expectations in terms of quality sentence structures.

.....And don't forget our weekly **Stay and Read sessions!**

These take place at 9am every Thursday morning. Please check your phone for a text reminder. Our new key stage 1 reading area is almost ready – Myself and Mrs Elam, our Deputy Head, spent a late evening last week getting our new area ready for use. Mrs Spivey and Miss Whiteley have now set up the phonics areas and displays in the reading area and these are now in use daily. Come and have a look when you next visit for 'stay and read' – you won't be disappointed!

We also have Claire Holt, a curriculum planning consultant from 'Teach from the Heart' visiting for four days this week. Claire will be helping our teachers plan the Spring term – there are many exciting topics and projects in the pipeline for our children – they'll love them!

I am usually around on the playground most mornings before school so please feel free to ask any questions about our school. Towards the end of this term, I plan to hold another parent's meeting to update you on our school development plan and our journey forwards. The first meeting in early September was well attended. Copies of the abridged school development plan for parents are on display in our reception area – please feel free to take one.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss G Wilson
Head of School

CHILDREN IN NEED



Last Friday 17th November we held a non-uniform day and sold biscuits and buns in school for Children in Need. Thank you for your support – we raised a fantastic £322.47.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

What we are learning in Nursery

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

What we are learning in Reception

In maths we are learning about comparing heights. You can help at home by comparing everyday objects with your child. In Literacy we are learning about initial sounds and cvc, segmenting blending and writing caption. You can help at home by practicing writing and reading simple cvc words. In topic we are learning about the night sky. You can help at home by talking about the animals that come out at night. In science we are learning about the freezing and defrosting of water. You can help at home by making buns, different textures, runny to sponge.

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 maths we are learning about money. You can help at home by showing children money to help them recognise coins. Give children money to use at the shop. In Literacy we are learning about Samuel Pepys' diary. You can help at home by encouraging your children to write diary entries, remembering to use joined handwriting. In topic we are learning DT. You can help at home by allowing your child to design and build their own London house and bring it to school. In science we are learning about materials and why they are used. You can help at home by recognising materials and why we use them.

What we are learning in Year 3

In maths we are learning about addition and subtraction. In particular, we are consolidating our learning of the formal methods and estimating and checking answers. You can help at home by practicing the methods regularly. In Literacy we are learning about complex sentences, articles and prepositions. You can help at home by asking your child to extend their sentences in their homework using subordinating conjunctions. In science we are learning about human muscles and skeletons. You can help at home by discussing what their skeleton and muscles are doing during different activities.

What we are learning in Year 4

In maths we are learning about perimeter and measure. You can help at home by encouraging your child to discuss how far they are travelling home using the measures km and m. Working out the perimeter of various rectangles and squares including rooms. In Literacy we are learning about writing letters. You can help at home by looking at the format of letters; encouraging your child to write a letter to a relative. In topic we are learning about the different cultural foods found in Bradford and keep food safe. You can help at home by talking about the food they are eating and coming to our food stall and buying food next Tuesday after school. In science we are learning about sound. You can help at home by encouraging your child to listen and sometimes be still and silent. Think about how they hear sounds and discuss high and low sounds.

What we are learning in Year 5

In maths we are recapping multiplication and division. We are looking more at reasoning and links between numbers and multiples. We will not be focusing much on method as we have covered this already. You can help at home by ensuring children are practicing their time tables. This is essential for children to access the learning. In Literacy we are moving on to our grammar phase of writing where we will be digging deep into the text of Cosmic and analysing the grammatical features of the text. We will then see if we can use the grammatical features in our own writing! You can help at home by reading with your children every night – ask them if they can identify any grammatical features in their home reading books! You'll be impressed with how much they know! Our topic is getting really exciting now! We are learning about the heliocentric and geocentric models of how the planets move in our solar system. We are going to look next week at how volcanoes and earth quakes occur!

What we are learning in Year 6

In maths we are learning about finding fractions and percentages of amounts. You can help at home by Practicing multiplying and dividing 10/100/1000. In Literacy we are learning about persuasive techniques in writing in particular persuading readers to come to Paris. You can help at home by researching information about Paris – we only had a number of children return their Paris project last week. We are extending the deadline to the end of this week. In topic we are learning about the geography of France and Paris. We are looking at their locations, rivers, mountain ranges and cities. You can help at home by looking these features and discussing what they are and where to find them both here and abroad.

Star Learners

R Oak – Emily Wysocka

R Ash – Anna Marie Gorolova

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 –Sedra Said for super sentences.

2 Redwood – Amaar Askari for showing great commitment.

3 Beech - Igor Miker – much improved effort in literacy as well as beautiful handwriting.

3 Sycamore - Aiza Ebad - always setting a good example for the rest of the class.

4 Olive – Talal Tabassum for his Christmas card entry.

4 Poplar - Mariam Iqbal for improved handwriting.

5 Rosewood - Payton Wheldon; for becoming a more independent learner.

5 Willow - Sabiha Khanun – always helping others.

6 Cherry – Shahida Hannan for excellent effort and detailed art work.

6 Rowan – Courtney Jones for creating a beautiful picture of the Louvre museum in 3D.



SCHOOL MENU – WEEK COMMENCING 20th 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 20 th NOVEMBER 2017	Pork meatballs (Gluten free) Halal Beefburger Vegetable Soya Lasagne	Pear and Vanilla Sponge Oat Cookie
TUESDAY 21 st NOVEMBER 2017	Meat & Potato Pie Halal Shepherd's Pie Cheese & Onion Quiche	Peach Oaty Crumble Strawberry & Vanilla Mousse
WEDNESDAY 22 nd NOVEMBER 2017	Pasta Bolognaise Halal Lasagne Quorn, Spinach & Potato Curry	Mandarin Sponge Decorated Bun
THURSDAY 23 rd NOVEMBER 2017	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Pineapple Upside Down Cake Fresh Fruit Salad
FRIDAY 24 th NOVEMBER 2017	Harry Ramsden's Fish Fillet Quorn Sausage	Chocolate Sponge Flapjack