



# St. Oswald's Church of England Primary Academy

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## HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents,

Next week is an important week for year 6 - they will be sitting their end of key stage SATs tests. It is really important that children in year 6 get a good night's sleep, and come to school early in time for our breakfast club. We all wish year 6 children the best of luck for next week - all children have worked extremely hard with their revision.

Around school, we have had many exciting things going on. All of our new topics are well underway (please see the snapshots below) and our children are working hard with their reading, writing and maths skills.



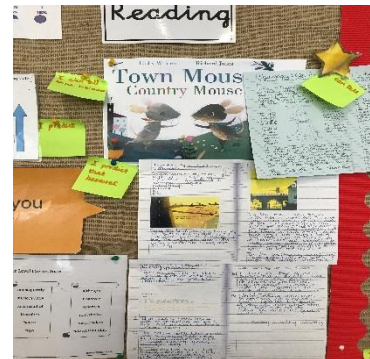
Nursery and their interesting, wriggly creepy crawly things!



Year 2 portraits of David Hockney



Year 4 topic looking at the town and the countryside.



Year 4 working wall

In year 5 Rosewood, Mrs Hebden and Mrs Carroll are due back from their maternity leaves on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June (straight after the Springbank holiday) and will continue to teach Rosewood class until the end of the year. They are both very excited about their return and have missed the children.



### *Our St Oswald's Community Garden*

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the morning, there will be a meeting held at the school about resurrecting our allotment garden, and turning this into a community garden for parents and children. If you are interested in becoming involved with this, you are more than welcome to join our meeting. Members of staff who are also interested in supporting this venture will also be present. Phil Lowde from Bear and Lapor Ltd will be leading the meeting. My vision over the next two years is to use our wonderful woodland garden and to create a forest school. Two members of staff will be trained as forest schools practitioners. Please come along - you are very welcome!

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards

Miss G Wilson  
Head of School

### **Thought for the week**



In Collective Worship this week we have continued to explore the core Christian value which is service and how we serve our community. Our story at the start of the week was around Ascension day.

***If your child wants to write down any of their thoughts or ideas, we will display them in our reflection book.***

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

We are still continuing with 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' story. We will be talking about our favourite fruits and making a pictogram. We will also be discussing the importance of caring for mini beasts especially any we may find in our nursery outside area. All our nursery children are looking forward to the Teddy Bear's picnic, where we will be eating lots of fruit and 'going on a bear hunt'. The children's fine motor skills will be practised when we explore folding strips of paper into a zigzag shape to make caterpillars. In the outside area we will be painting with coloured water to create beautiful butterflies. During our maths sessions we will be using fruit to count, add and subtract.

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

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

In English we are continuing our learning using the story "Little Red Reading Hood" by Lucy Rowland. We have begun to compare the original tale and this new story. We will be learning to write about the characters and settings and we will introduce the prefix -un (unkind).

In Maths we have almost finished our work on measuring capacity and we will be starting our new learning on multiplication and division.

In topic we will be sorting living and non-living things.

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

In English we will be focusing on Reading comprehension skills – please make sure you are reading daily at home. In maths we will be practising our arithmetic and reasoning skills through answering SATs questions. In topic we will be using and applying our skills to recognise human and physical features within our school setting. In science the pupils will continue to investigate materials that are suitable to make a kite and explain why this is the case.

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

In English we have been planning our hot write about our city in the form of a non-chronological report. We are working hard to include all the expected sentence structures and features that will make our writing age related.

We are all really striving to the challenge!

In Maths we have been applying everything we have learnt In our termly assessments.

In Topic we have now planted our cress seeds and are waiting eagerly to see what happens!

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

We have been doing our termly assessments this week in year 4.

We have looked at new vocabulary in our literacy sessions and have also looked at ordering and comparing decimals in maths. In our topic lessons we have been comparing city life to life in the country side. We discussed where we could prefer to live and why. We have also designed city and country backgrounds to display in our classroom.

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

In English, we have been learning about subordinating conjunctions and we have used many examples in our writing like if, even though and since when writing an introduction to a brochure about Ancient Baghdad. In Maths, we have been round to the nearest 1000 and 10,000. It has certainly been a challenge but we are now getting better. Some of us had to use a rounding mountain to help us. In topic, we have been learning about the history of the house of wisdom .

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

Year 6 have been working hard this week with their SATs revision.

#### **Eden Suite**

In Eden we have continued to look at our new story – The Disgusting Sandwich and identify the key features of it. We can find the verbs, nouns and adjectives that have been used in the story and have started to put these into our own sentences. We have continued to work on our phonics and handwriting.

In maths we have worked on our numbers, counting and some of us have moved onto using our times tables to solve difficult problems. Part of our maths work this week, has also included some quizzes and assessments to

see what we have remembered.



**THIS WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK ARE:**

**RECEPTION:** Ash Kamaya Compton

**YEAR 1:** 1 Birch - Hamza Tahir    1 Pine - Daniel Jaroch

**YEAR 2:** 2 Maple – Machala Briggs for a fantastic portrait of David Hockney. 2 Redwood – Ameera Nasir for excellent dancing in PE.

**YEAR 3:** Lina Kauser (3 Sycamore) for her excellent plan about her hot write. I'm very excited to read the first draft!

**YEAR 4:** Hasan Javid (4 Poplar) persevering with multiplication. Yusuf Satti ( 4 Olive) improved handwriting.

**YEAR 5:**

**YEAR 6:**

**EDEN:** Ousmani Diallo



**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 potatoes/sandwiches & wraps  Desserts
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