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HEAD'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending the Ofsted/School Development plan update meeting on Tuesday. It was lovely to share the school's successful journey of improvement with you, and to give you the opportunity to look at classrooms.

Just a reminder that next week (Tuesday 8th May) will be the SATs meeting for year 2 parents. I hope to see you there.

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- Service.

We used the story of The Poor Widow to explore this theme in the bible.

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT DINNER MONEY WILL INCREASE IN JANUARY TO £1.70 PER DAY, £8.50 PER WEEK.
NURSERY DINNER MONEY WILL INCREASE TO £1.50 PER DAY.

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING IN SCHOOL

What we are learning in Nursery

Our mini beast focus this week is caterpillars. We are reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. There will be lots of opportunities to learn about the days of the week, eating healthy food and the life cycle of a caterpillar. Our special snack this week is making a caterpillar out of cucumber, tomatoes, peppers and lettuce. We will also be ordering numbered caterpillars, making caterpillars using lollipops sticks, pom poms and googly eyes and using our new wood work station to gain experience in using one handed tools and equipment.

What we are learning in Reception

We will be reading Farmer Duck. We will be retelling the story sequencing the pictures and constructing sentences from the story. In maths we are learning about data handling. We will be comparing favourite food and pets. We are making pictograms and learning how to tally. In science we are looking at farm animals. We are learning about where they live and what their babies are called.

What we are learning in Year 1

In English we will be starting our work on the story "Little Red Reading Hood" by Lucy Rowland. We will be re-writing the story but changing parts of it to make our own story. In Maths we have started our new learning about measuring weight and mass. We are learning to use balance scales and non-standard units to weigh different classroom objects. In topic we have been sorting animals in to different groups such as birds, amphibians, mammals, reptiles and fish. We are also continuing to talk about things we like and do not like in our local area. Using our trip to St. Ives we have been labelling the parts of a tree and plant and finding Bradford and St. Ives on a map.

What we are learning in Year 2

In English we will be focussing 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 Science we will be looking at materials and why they are suitable/ unsuitable for different objects, explaining why.

What we are learning in Year 3

We are continuing with our non-fiction work on cities and are now cracking on with our writing phase. We are working hard to include complex sentences, compound sentences, expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials (to name but a few) in our work.

In Maths we have been working on Fractions and there have been some great challenges this week, particularly ordering fractions on a number line. We're rising to the challenge which is great! You'll be pleased to know that our celery experiment was a success; it was very exciting when we saw all the blue food colouring that had travelled through the celery as it had absorbed the water, meaning we could see the path the water had travelled. Onto our next science experiment of observing and investigating what a plant needs to grow. We are going to see whether not giving the plants water, light or heat makes a difference to their growth. Wish us luck!

What we are learning in Year 4

We will be working on subordinating conjunctions as we start the grammar phase in English.

In Maths we will be working on decimals in relation to fractions.

In Topic we have completed our engagement days for our new theme of 'The Great Outdoors.' We will be looking at the differences between town and country life

What we are learning in Year 5

In English, we have started our reading phase. Our end goal is to create a brochure about Ancient Baghdad. As part of our reading phase, we have been using the WAGOLL brochure to help us understand the features of a brochure and find facts about Baghdad using the WAGOLL brochure.

In Maths, we are learning how to count in steps of 10, 100 and 1000. It has been a real challenge for many of us but we persevered and got through it! It was particularly challenging when counting back to the next hundred or thousand. Some of us had to use base 10 to help us.

In topic, we have started learning about the Ancient city of Baghdad. We have started learning about the importance of Baghdad in the early Islamic empire.

What we are learning in Year 6

Year 6 have been busy preparing for their upcoming SATs. They have been setting exemplary learning behaviours this week and have done well with their mock SAT papers. Please continue to work hard revising at home.

Eden Suite

In Eden, we have finished off our writing on instructions using all the features that we have discussed. We have started to look at our new story, made predictions, picked out the different word types and talked through the story. Alongside this, we have continued with our phonics and spellings.

In maths, we have worked on our number work, counting and ordering whilst others have worked on their times table facts and used these to help solve problems.



THIS WEEK'S STARS OF THE WEEK ARE:

NURSERY:

RECEPTION: Ash

Oak (Isabella- Rose Hartley)

YEAR 1: 1 Pine – Yahsfa Bashir 1 Birch –Emmanuel Ferreira

YEAR 2: Lana (Maple) for thinking carefully through reasoning problems independently. Jannat (Redwood) for writing an excellent book review.

YEAR 3: Atif Shabir (3 Sycamore) – for working hard despite the challenge he's had of breaking his writing arm! Luckily it hasn't stopped him from producing super work!

YEAR 4: Olive: Michaela for persevering with fractions. Poplar: Nela for showing great progress in her writing.

YEAR 5:

YEAR 6:

EDEN: Khansa Bibi



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