



Weekly Newsletter

Week ending 19/05/2023

‘Top Doodlers of the Week!’

A special mention for our highest scoring ‘Doodle Maths’ superstars in each class:

Reception – Nikara

Year 1 – Theo

Year 2 – Tom

Year 3 – Nova

Year 4 – Tristan

Year 5 – Neave

Year 6 – Molly

Doodle Class of the week: YEAR 5!

A message from the Headteacher;

As I type, I can hear our friends in Year 2 and 3 preparing for this afternoon’s ‘open assembly’ and I suspect those families coming to watch later today are in for a real treat ! We know finding time in the working day to attend such events can be tricky and we thank you, as ever, for your support and attendance.

Mrs Pear’s class weren’t the only ones preparing to ‘tread the boards’ this week and it has been nice to see Year 6 making the initial preparations for their July performance. Whilst in Year 4/5 there has been some lovely work based on the art of Hokusai and his Japanese landscapes. Reception and Year 1 however, have been going even further back in time to look at the dinosaurs !

One unfortunate theme that has been mentioned by a number of staff members over recent weeks has been an increase in pupils using inappropriate and offensive language. In subsequent discussions with pupils, many have said they have heard the words or phrases whilst accessing video content on the internet. We would just like to use this as an opportunity to remind everyone that it can be all too easy for children to stumble across such inappropriate content whilst using apps such as YouTube and TikTok and that vigilance and supervision is always recommended. We thank you for your support in this.

Assessment time does loom for our Year 2’s and next week sees them tackle their SAT exams. The class are well prepared and we know they will do a great job but we ask for your support in this. Punctuality for all pupils would be most appreciated next week. We will have groups of pupils accessing their tests across the school building and late comers on a morning do disrupt this. Please endeavour to be here on time to support their efforts.

Attached to today’s newsletter you will also find details of a very exciting event planned by our super PTA group. Immediately following our Sports Day, on Friday the 7th of July, we will be inviting family and friends to join us for an afternoon of fun, including a BBQ, bar and games. Please see poster for details ! In addition to this the PTA are also asking families to start having a dig in cupboards and toy boxes, to find any surplus ‘party bag’ type, small toys that perhaps you would be willing to donate to the event. Further details attached.

Have a lovely weekend !

Reception/Year 1 Class News;

The dinosaurs arrived in Reception and Year 1 this week! We received a 'letter' from a senior palaeontologist from UCL asking for the children's input into the university's dinosaur records, so the children have been busy researching and writing about dinosaurs they know! After reading the story 'Tyrannosaurus Drip', we found out about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

In phonics, Year 1 have been enjoying their reading, consolidating sounds and practising writing red words. Reception have learnt the new digraph /ay/ may I play and have been reading and writing words with the sound in.

In Maths, Reception have been exploring doubles, for example, 2+2. Year 1 have continued thinking about equal groups, but presented as arrays, which is a uniform pattern of equal groups, for example, eggs in an egg box or panes in a window frame.

You may have seen from our seesaw posts that the children have enjoyed Maypole dancing this week, which we will be continuing! They have also enjoyed their music session with Mrs Moulds and PE with Dan!

Home learning this week:

- Read your school reading book at least three times and record in your home/school journal.
- Stay in the yellow but reach for the green on Doodlemaths.
- Year 1s to complete the assignment on DoodleSpell.

Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2/3 Class News;

Our main drive of the week has been planning and preparing our Sharing Assembly. With just a little guidance, the children planned their topics in small groups and have put a lot of effort into rehearsals. There were a few chaotic Nativity flashbacks and some deep breaths taken but we're sure they'll make you proud! We'll see you at 3pm in the hall.

The sun shone as we had a fabulous afternoon of fresh air and exercise on Wednesday, followed (for many class members) by tennis at Dan's summer sports club. The children enjoyed using poster paints to mix colours and complete their versions of Hockney's 'A Bigger Splash'.

In Maths we've enjoyed learning about measuring liquid in ml and litres, understanding the terms 'capacity' and 'volume', and reading a variety of scales. The Y3 got quite wet whilst pouring and filling unscaled containers to calculate their capacity; luckily we made a pre-emptive decision to take this activity outside!

In English we've continued with our 'Charlie' playscript, practising using inverted commas and learning about brackets. The Year 2 have revised some of their grammar and spelling, looking again at past, present and future tenses as well as exclamation, statement and question sentences. They have begun their SATs and are taking it in their stride. Just another day at the office! However, if any children do feel worried at home, please reassure them that these tests are just like our termly ones, to show us what to plan next and are only seen by their teachers. A few good nights of sleep between now and Wednesday would be much appreciated, as there will be a few busy days next week!

A quick reminder to please provide a drinks bottle, sunhat, shorts and apply sun cream before school. We do have a selection of caps to borrow but not all children are keen to wear them! In addition, pack ups cannot be refrigerated and our busy classroom is warm, so the addition of a small ice pack or partially frozen drinks bottle would be ideal.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Pears and Miss Waddington

Home Learning this week:

Doodle Maths – stay in the yellow, reach for the green by next **Friday**

Doodle Spell – please complete by **Friday**

Reading recorded in the home-school journal 3xtimes but strive for 5! Books will be changed on Monday and another added at the end of the week.

Year 4/5 Class News;

In English this week we have enjoyed writing original, detailed similes. We used the word banks created last week to compose fantastic similes with an eerie feel. We then used these to compose our own poetry based on the sea. We have been exploring the 'i before e except after c' rule and the rules for adding the suffix -tion, -sion, -ssion and -cian to words to create nouns. We also practised our summarising skills in our reading comprehension and practised a range of skills using an interesting extract from the book 'One Million Insects'.

In Maths year 4 have been working with money and relating this to their previous learning on decimals. We have all been working on adding and subtracting decimals as well as ordering and comparing decimals.

Later in the week we started a unit on geometry, understanding angles as turns and types of angles such as obtuse, acute and reflex.

We have continued to work on our hurdle and relay techniques in PE and have created our own card mechanisms in Design and Technology.

We started a new Art unit this week, looking at the works of Hokusai and his 36 views of Mount Fuji. We discussed what we liked or disliked about his work 'The Great Wave', how we would describe the different elements of the artwork and began to discuss how we might create it ourselves.

In Computing this week we used 'Scratch' to program algorithms to make a 'sprite' dance! We explored how we can use loop blocks to repeat actions until stopped.

Using our investigative skills in Science we found out how temperature effects how quickly chocolate melts and used our knowledge of particles in solids, liquids and gases to explain this.

Homework this week:

Doodle Maths – stay in the yellow, reach for the green by next **Friday**

Doodle Spell – please complete by **Wednesday**

Reading recorded in the home-school journal 3xtimes and checked **Friday**

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Townend and Mrs Capewell

Year 6 Class News;

Hello, this week in year 6 we have been practising our production (I'm an 11-year-old get me out of here) we won't tell you too much about it because we don't want to give it away; let's just say it's going to be good. In French we have been learning how to order food at a café. Une portion de pommes frites, un paquet de bonbons, une limonade et un chocolat chaud means one portion of potato fries, a packet of sweets, a lemonade and a hot chocolate please. Have a lovely weekend. From Molly, Maiya and Lillie.

Y6 Homework this week:

Doodle Maths – stay in the yellow, reach for the green by next **Friday**.

Doodle English – stay in the yellow, reach for the green by next **Friday**.

Doodle Spell – complete your added extra by next **Friday**.

Reading – read 3 x weekly and record it in your home-school journal (checked **Friday**).

Production – please rehearse your lines. You are aiming to know your lines by **12.6.23** for dress rehearsals.

Dates for the Diary -

May 2023 Key stage 1 test period

Mon 29/05/2023 to Fri 02/06/2023 Half Term

Mon 12/06/2023 to Fri 16/06/2023 – Year 1 Phonics screening check week

Fri 23/6/23 – Rec / Y1 Open Assembly – Rec/Y1 families welcome !

Wed 5/7/23 – Y6 Leavers performance in school – 6.00pm / 7.00pm - All Y6 families welcome !

Thur 6/7/23 – Whole school trip – Filey – Pupils will return to school for 5pm.

Fri 7/7/23 – Sports Day – 1.30pm / 3.30pm

Summer Fair & Colour Run – 3.30pm / 6.00pm – All families welcome !

Wed 19/7/23 – Y6 Leavers celebration evening in school – [all Y6 pupils invited.](#)

Fri 21/7/23 – PM - Y6 Leavers Assembly- Y6 families welcome !

Mon 24/07/2023 to Tue 25/07/2023 Staff Training Day

Wed 26/07/2023 to Sun 03/09/2023 Summer Holiday