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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the school year it has been! I have been incredibly impressed by the excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and enthusiasm shown by our children each day. It has also been a real pleasure to begin getting to know our families, and I would like to thank you for the warm welcome I have received.

We have lots of exciting opportunities and events planned for the months ahead, so please do watch this space for updates!

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Payne, Mr Burrows and Mrs Pickard for all of their hard work in organising and delivering our Meet the Teacher sessions. Thank you, too, to

all the families who have attended so far. We look forward to welcoming our remaining parents to next week's sessions.

Once all Meet the Teacher meetings have been completed, the presentations and key information will be uploaded to our website, providing a useful point of reference for all parents throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to an exciting and successful term ahead.

Mrs Rebecca Fitts

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Learning Focus



EYFS

In EYFS this week we have been learning and applying the 'ear' and 'air' sounds.

In English we have been focussing on writing captions and simple sentences based on The Gingerbread Man. The children continue to enjoy traditional tales especially the repeated refrain, 'Run, run as fast as you can. You can't catch me; I'm the gingerbread man!'

Year 1

We have had an amazing week in Year 1!

In English, the children have been busy finishing their rewritten versions of Little Red and The Very Hungry Lion. They worked hard on drawing pictures to match their stories, adding

exclamation marks, and applying new spelling rules we have been learning, such as adding -ed to show past tense.

In Maths, we explored equal and unequal groups. The children practised sharing amounts equally and explaining their thinking, for example, "There are ____ equal groups and each group has ____."

In Art, we created beautiful seaside collage pictures. The children enjoyed layering different materials and adding paint to bring their artwork to life.

In Geography, we looked at a map of Scotland together and located key features such as Ben Nevis, Loch Ness, and the capital city.

As we approach the phonics screening check, you should have received a new phonics pack. This check helps assess your child's ability to read and decode words. Over the next month, regular practice at home will make a big difference. Please encourage your child to read daily, practise sounding out words, and revisit the materials in the pack.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Year 2

What a great week in Year 2!

In English, the children edited and performed their stories from last week. We have started a new unit about instruction writing. We have ordered instructions on how to wash our hands and written our own.

In Maths, we have finished learning about times tables. We learnt to divide by 5 and compare the overlap of the 5- and 10-times table. We have started our new unit on measure, we have measured different objects in cm and m.

In Science this week, we have been looking at life cycles of different animals. We enjoyed creating our own life cycles of different animals.

In PSHE we spoke about how we can tackle disagreements with our friends and how to resolve the problem.

In Geography we explored how the world moves which created the different seasons throughout the year.

Year 3/4

A wonderful week in year 3 and 4. In English this week, we have been writing persuasive letters on matters that are important to us such as littering and deforestation. We have used emotive language and anecdotes to ensure that our messages are impactful to our readers. In Maths, year 4 have been exploring decimals and how to make a whole with parts of decimals. Miss Hayden's group have been using real life experiences at a makeshift market to explore money. Mrs Wakefield's group have secured their knowledge of using column method with addition and subtraction including exchanging. In science, we have continued our investigations into the digestive system and how our bodies break down food to absorb the nutrients and dispose of waste products. In Geography, we investigated reasons as to why rivers flood including human influences. We hope you have a fantastic long Bank holiday weekend.

Year 5

Well done to Year 5 for their hard work this week. In Maths, we have been exploring angles, estimating using our knowledge of acute, obtuse and reflex angles. In English, we have been writing explanation texts about camping in the wild, focusing on how to safely build a campfire. In Geography, we have been learning about North and South America. In PE, we continued developing our netball skills, practising how to receive and pass the ball using pivoting. In Art, we have been progressing with our plaster vases and have begun decorating them. In Science, we have continued our work on forces, with a focus on air resistance. It has been wonderful to see the excellent progress children are making, along with their fantastic effort in Atom Learning, extra fluency work and spelling.

Year 6

With only 5 more school days left until SAT's year 6 have been working hard on revision and practice questions. We have focused this week on spellings and each day we have looked at 20 different spellings, and I am very pleased to see what an impact this has had.

We welcomed Mr Sagoo into our classroom on Tuesday, and he talked to us about the Sikh religion. He explained to the children about Sewa and how this is the core principle of Sikhism, "selfless service" is performed without expectation of reward or recognition to promote humility, equality, and devotion to God.

In English we looked at the differences in formal writing and informal writing, and the children have started to write their informal pod broadcast.

On Wednesday the children loved "drop everything and dance" and it was a lovely opportunity for them to dance with their little buddies.

A great week all round in year 6.

Seeing the hard work and dedication that the children are displaying in ensuring that they are prepared for their SAT's is making me a very proud teacher.

A massive thank you to you the parents and carers, who I know are also working hard to support your children with extra learning at home.

Attendance Focus

Diary Dates

Thursday 7th May- EYFS Parents Evening

Monday 11th May- SATS WEEK

Wednesday 13th May- EYFS Knebworth House

Wednesday 17th June- Sports Day

Thursday 18th June- EYFS Parents Meeting

Wednesday 24th June- Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 8th July- Reports Out

Thursday 9th July- Open Evening Year 7 Transition Day

Friday 10th July- Year 6 Leavers Party

Thursday 16th July- Year 6 Production

Wednesday 22nd July- Year 6 Leavers Assembly

More dates to follow....

Messages from the Office



Please can all parents remember that the staff car park is not to be used by parents without the expressed permission of Mr Douglas

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