



Fortnightly Newsletter



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Once again, we have enjoyed a very busy couple of weeks since the last newsletter! Thank you so much for supporting and encouraging your child with their creative homework task. The deadline date was yesterday, and I am so impressed with the variety of ideas that the children have presented in so many different ways! We had power point presentations, videos of adverts and reviews, models, paintings and so much more – unbelievably amazing and a huge well done to everyone who made the effort to produce and research such fantastic exhibits. Mr Tomlinson was so proud! The children are also very proud of their efforts and rightly so! Photos are now available to view on the website in the usual place! We set up a very enjoyable 'history day' yesterday where all the children in Key Stage 1 were able to look at, handle and discuss different objects and artefacts (lent to us from the history museum) linked to the theme of childhood from both the past and present day. We set this up in the style of a museum and the quality of conversation and questions between the children was amazing! In addition to our museum, the children also had the opportunity to proudly share their homework efforts across the Key Stage. A very enjoyable day all round!

We have also been very busy just lately learning songs for our forthcoming Nativity 'Christmas with the Aliens' which will be performed on the afternoon of Wednesday 7th December at 2pm. The children are picking up the words to the songs very quickly and are excited about performing on stage – in fact this will be the second nativity this calendar year as we performed in January too!!

We kicked off our new science topic 'Human Senses' on Wednesday afternoon by working in groups to draw around ourselves on large sheets of paper. The challenge for the children was to then label as many body parts, muscles and bones as possible. The children loved the activity and there were some fascinating outcomes as you can imagine!!

The old shirts that you sent into school were well and truly put to the test last week when we enjoyed an art day. Our art topic for this half term is called 'Funny faces and fabulous features' and the children enjoyed mixing colours to then paint the features of a face in the style of Pablo Picasso – (see photos below) This involved some very fine motor skills using thin paintbrushes. I was so impressed with how much care every child took over their work. In fact, Mrs Marston (who teaches Year 5) could not believe the high quality of the work and said she would have been pleased with those results from the children in her own class!! The second activity of the day was to produce a funny face by adding different features in a comical way. There were lots of beards on heads and moustaches replacing ears! I am looking forward to displaying the work in the classroom to be admired by all.



We are looking forward to the start of the World Cup on Sunday. Every child's shirt is now on display on our football wall. The children are very proud of their shirts and are looking forward to seeing how far their team will progress.



Maths:

Our unit of work on addition and subtraction is continuing to progress well. We have spent several sessions writing fact families for different number bonds using the same three digits. The children found this quite tricky to begin with but soon got the hang of it after a day or two. This is an example: $6+4=10$, $4+6=10$, $10-6=4$, $10-4=6$, $6+4=10$, $4+6=10$, $10-6=4$, $10-4=6$. We then moved on to adding three digits together at speed by looking for pairs of numbers that would amount to ten first and then adding on the third digit e.g. $6+9+4$.

English:

The children have enjoyed reading and annotating various autobiographies – highlighting where there is evidence of writing in the first person. From this, they were then able to write a short autobiography about themselves based on the knowledge that they had gathered. We have also spent time focusing on cursive handwriting and letter formation along with a reading comprehension and some common exception word spelling practice.

Reading:

Please encourage your child to read at least three times a week and continue to sign it in the diary pages of their planner. As always, I am quite happy for children to record their own home reading into their diary under your supervision if this is easier. I will continue to be checking diaries every Friday and will award stickers as a reward for regular reading. If books need changing in between your child's nominated book change day, they will need to let me know and I can organise an extra book.

Additional Information:

I look forward to seeing many of you next week at our parent's evenings. By now, your child should have given you your appointment slip. I have tried to allocate times as close as possible to your request but as you can appreciate, there are certain time slots that are in high demand. If attending is a problem on the two evenings, I am happy to give you a call or see you after school on a different day at a mutually convenient time. Contact can be made by email via the school office.

- P.E. – Children will require an indoor kit for Tuesday sessions and a warm outdoor kit for Friday mornings.
- Tuesday 22nd November – KSI Trip to Sudbury Hall. (Information has been sent out separately about this)
- Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th November – Parent's evenings.
- Wednesday 7th December – Nativity 2pm in the school hall.
- Friday 9th December – trip to the pantomime.
- Wednesday 14th December – Christmas dinner day!
- Please keep checking my class page of the school website for all information, photos and updates.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Gilbey