

# End of Half Term Round Up!

26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Well - here we are at the end of the first half of the summer term with only seven weeks left until your children become juniors!

As you know, we have spent the last two weeks administering SATs in Key Stage 1. All I can say is that I am really proud of how well every child conducted themselves through all of this and by the time you receive this newsletter, SATs will be over. The children have completed two reading assessments and two maths assessments over the last couple of weeks. Each paper has been fairly lengthy and has required a huge amount of concentration from your children. Furthermore, the seating arrangements have been very different to what they are used to. You will not be surprised to learn that they have taken all this in their stride and have simply got on with it! Every child performed to the very best of their ability and you will be informed of their outcomes on the end of year school report. The children have enjoyed a few little treats along the way...



Thank you so much for supporting your child with the creative homework task that was set a few weeks ago. The quality and creativity of work always amazes us and today has been no different. We have really enjoyed looking at each other's fantastic achievements across Key Stage 1 and all the children should be extremely proud of their efforts.

When we have not been preparing for or completing SATs assessments, we have tried to make the afternoon sessions as much fun as possible through our topic work. As with all the topics this year, the children have thoroughly enjoyed 'Plant Parts' and we have a range of seeds and plants growing in our classroom. In addition to these, our experiment with food colouring worked a treat – the white carnations turned slightly blue and green as the water worked its way up the stems. The children were delighted!

Over the last weeks, the children have enjoyed sketching and labelling various plants, trees and leaves. We have now finished this topic and look forward to beginning our work about animals and animal parts after half term – this will begin with a visit from an outside provider and we are excited to see what sorts of animals and creatures will be visiting our classrooms!!

We were very proud to show off our 3D James Rizzi pieces of art in achievement assembly recently. These pictures are now hanging on string across the classroom and look amazing! You can view these on my class page of the school website.

The children have enjoyed their outdoor P.E. sessions with Nick this half term – building on precious tennis skills. Nick is always so complimentary about our class and absolutely loves working with these children. He is always amazed by their listening skills, teamwork and excellent behaviour.

This week, I will be sending your child's wonderful taxi home with them along with their tomato plant as this will need some attention at home now for it to thrive.

Homework:

The children have worked so hard over the last few weeks, therefore other than regular reading, there will be no homework activities to complete over the half term holiday – they deserve a break. The children have been given a paper copy of spelling lists for the final half term and this can also be found on my class page under 'spelling lists'.

Additional Information/Useful Dates:

- P.E. – Children will require an indoor kit for Tuesday and an outdoor kit for Friday sessions.
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Animals Visit!
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – PTFA Father's Day breakfast bags
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Key Stage 1 sports day (from 1.15pm)

Please see the main school calendar or weekly newsletter for other dates and events that are coming up for the whole school.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a relaxing half term break whatever you are doing. Hopefully some lovely weather so that we can all enjoy some outdoor activities. I look forward to hearing all about your children's experiences when they return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gilbey ☺