

# Autumn Bulletin

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023



## Message from Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

This World Mental Health Day, 10th October 2023, ITV's Britain Get Talking and YoungMinds' #HelloYellow are collaborating to help children across the country open up. They've created a piece of homework like no other. A conversation starter for children to take home, designed to help them talk about the hardest subjects on their minds with their parents or trusted adults. Because sharing worries can help ease stress and reduce anxiety. Hopefully you'll find that this has come home with them tonight. Next Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October we will spend additional time in school focusing on work around our trusted adults and sharing worries.



This week we'd like to welcome our new Office Coordinator, Mrs. Maura Ammundsen to our Civitas team. I am sure at some point you will get a chance to meet her, we are delighted she has joined our team 😊

## PE TIMETABLE – Autumn Term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Year 4	Year 3	Year 5	Year 6
PM	Year 1	Reception	Year 2	

## Celebrations and Achievements

Reception		
Elmer	Divisha	For being a fantastic role model to her classmates.
Paddington	Sami	For doing some wonderful Phonics work in class and at home. Well done!
KS1		
Pinocchio	Zamira	For being kind and polite to everyone.
Gruffalo	Hamoor	For doing great homework
BFG	Aaeesha	For demonstrating passion and positivity when learning about female voting rights.
Matilda	Junior	For trying hard in all his lessons, staying positive and asking for help when needed.
KS2		
Kinney	Jamila	For continuously setting a fantastic example to the rest of the class. Always Ready, respectful and safe.
Rosen	Mahila	For helping others in class.
Richards	Tayyab	For consistently following instructions and showing a strong work ethic and always challenging himself.
Murphy	Karen	For always being kind, respectful and listening to other children and staff.
Avery	Arfa	For great contribution to class discussion and learning.
Zephaniah	Abhijay	For being brave and trying out a new skill.
Draper	Saviir	For being focused and engaged in lessons.
Lewis	Jayon	For his positive approach to his learning.

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Olaf
Paddington	Sami
Gruffalo	Nirvani
Pinocchio	Mia
BFG	Aaesha
Matilda	Akram
Kinney	Leila
Rosen	Oladayo
Murphy	Karen
Richards	Anish
Avery	Amber
Zephaniah	Lacey
Draper	Jasleen
Lewis	Tessa

### House Points

Well done ... house for gaining the most house points this week! .....Coming soon

	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua		
Ignis		
Terra		
Atmos		

### Attendance

Our overall school target for the year is 96% - let's work together to be in school every day.

Each week we will share attendance for each Year group for that week, this is **not** accumulative from the beginning of the year.

	08/09	15/09	22/09	29/09	6/10	13/10	20/10
Reception		84%	92.9%	93.4%	95.7%		
Year 1	83%	87%	90.2%	92.6%	92.7%		
Year 2	90%	90%	93.9%	94.4%	94.5%		
Year 3	95%	97%	98.8%	94.1%	94.4%		
Year 4	88%	91%	93.5%	94.2%	95.1%		
Year 5	94%	93%	94.5%	96.8%	95.8%		
Year 6	90%	91%	92%	93.3%	94.1%		

## What have we been learning this week?

### Reception:

In Reception, we had a wonderful week filled with exciting learning experiences. In Maths we have been learning how to count to ten and number formation for numbers to 5. We have also been exploring the chronology of seasons, days of the week and months of the year. In Phonics we have now learned ck, e, u and r and have focused on the tricky words 'I' and 'is'. In Literacy and Global Learning we have been continuing our learning about our families, our emotions in various situations, painting our houses and improving our cutting and gluing skills to make houses using junk modelling materials. We have seen some fantastic cutting work as they children worked hard to label features of a house. Our new book we have been looking at in class is called 'Five Minutes Peace', this book explores the busy nature

of families as a busy mum tries (and fails) to get 5 minutes to herself. We have been continuing writing about what makes us special in our literacy books.

### Key Stage 1

#### **Year 1:**

This week we have continued reading our text 'All about Diversity'. We have learnt about past tense and present tense, as well as singular and plural. We are excited to be writing fact files about ourselves next week. In Maths we have revised started exploring part-whole models. This will help us to write addition number sentences. In Geography, we explored our local area by going for an exciting walk around our school. In Computing, we have learned to add text to our work by using the paintz app. In Art we created various tones of a colour by adding white paint. Your child will come home with a Phonics letter; please help them revise the content taught in Phonics this week. A reminder that children only need to complete the specific pages of the week in their Maths homework book.

#### **Year 2:**

In Year 2, we began our new topic in Maths learning about addition and subtraction. We used our number bonds to 10 to support us when learning number bonds to 100. In English, we explored a new text about a famous figure from the past – Emmeline Pankhurst (little people, big dreams). Our History lesson became very heated this week as only the boys were allowed to take part in a vote! This connects to learning about fairness and the history of voting rights for women in the UK. This links to our English lessons as we investigate the Suffragette Movement. For Science, we researched Jane Goodall, an expert who is known for her research about chimpanzees. We are excited to learn about the impact of her research! In PSHE, we discussed the strategies required to self-regulate and the importance of listening to people to show that we care. As it is Black History Month, we have explored the life and work of the eighteenth-century anti-slavery campaigner Olaudah Equiano.

### Key Stage 2

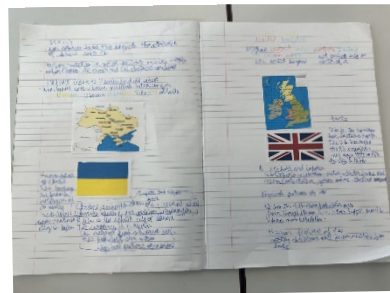
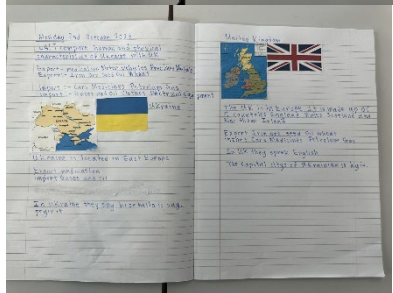
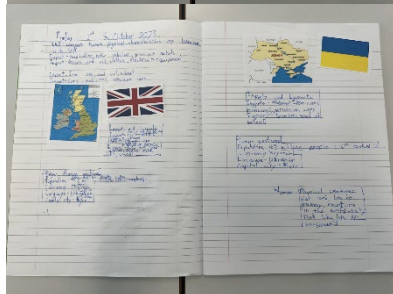
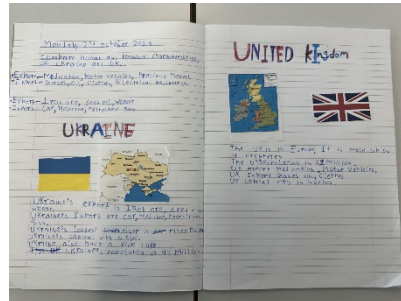
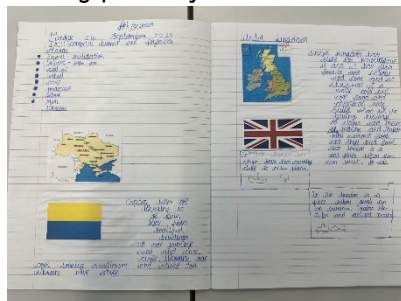
#### **Year 3:**

In English this week we have started exploring the features of a newspaper report. We have looked at various texts to support our learning. We will write our own newspaper reports next week on Slavery. In maths we have continued with addition and subtraction, with the main focus this week of adding and subtracting ones, tens and hundreds from a number. We have continued to use base 10 and place value charts to support our learning. In Geography, we spent time looking at human and physical topographical features. We identified the difference between the two and created posters in our books of all the features we discovered and have discussed. In Spanish, our focus has been counting to 10. In science we have continued to look at light and dark. This week's focus has been shadows. The children have learnt how and why shadows are made and used different lighted areas to explore their own shadows.



**Year 4:**

In Year 4 this week we have been starting to plan our letters in English where we have put ourselves in the situation of a character in a war-torn country. In maths this week we have finally finished our topic on place value and will start to look at addition and subtraction next week for 2 weeks. In Humanities (Geography) this week we have been comparing the similarities and differences of Ukraine and the UK by investigating their physical and human features. Here are some of the Year 4 work which we are very proud of:



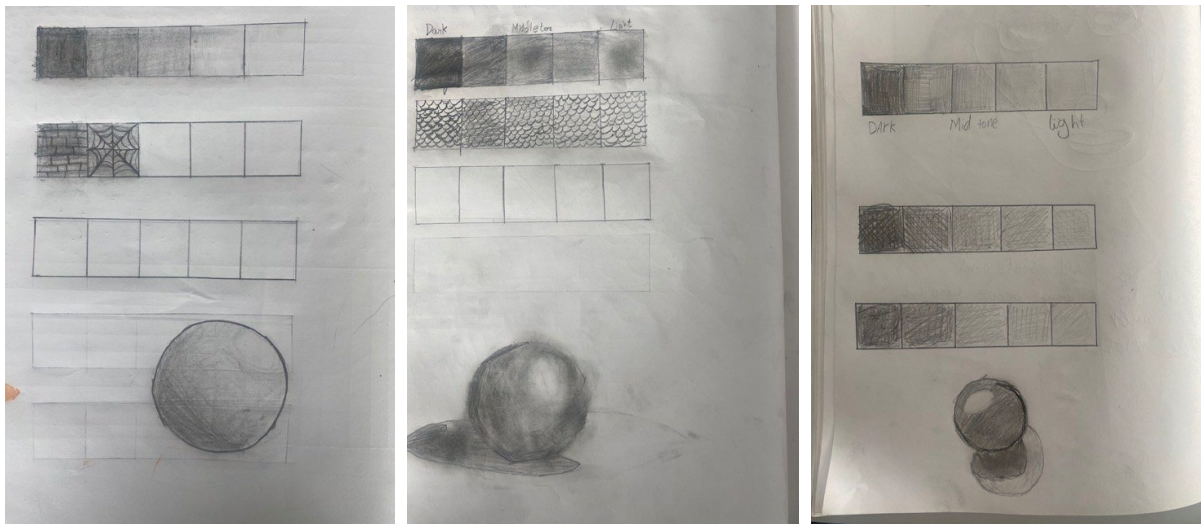
**Year 5:**

In our math lessons, we have been solving multi-step problems to further our understanding of addition and subtraction. We have been reviewing various strategies such as inverse operations, column methods, bar models, and number lines. In our writing, we have been focusing on using parenthesis and fronted adverbials. These skills are essential for our upcoming biography writing. In our geography lessons, we have been learning about the rainforest layers and the animals that inhabit them. We explored how each

animal adapts to its environment.

### Year 6:

In maths this week, year 6 have been learning about prime, square and cubed numbers. We then applied our new learning to answer a number of reasoning and problem-solving questions. In English we continued our writing unit on reports focusing on the skills required such as passive voice, defining and non-defining relative clauses as well as parentheses. In history we looked at the first and second British Empire and the similarities and differences between them. In art, we investigated the effect of light on objects - and people - from different directions. We learnt how important the use of tone is and achieved this through the amount of pressure we applied to the paper with our pencils. We then tested our skills by drawing a sphere.



### Dates for the Diary:

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Wellbeing Wednesday
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term Break
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – INSET Day
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Children return to school

### Communication to the school

Absence reporting still needs to be done via [office@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@civitasacademy.co.uk)

If you have a query and would like to contact your child's class teacher, please see the relevant emails below.

Reception: [earlyyears@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:earlyyears@civitasacademy.co.uk)

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