

Autumn Bulletin – Friday 4th November 2022 – Message from Salima Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's fantastic to see you all again after our half-term break and to welcome our new families that have joined our Civitas family this term. We have only been back in school a few days and already there is a hive of activity going on with new learning in classrooms, trips being prepared, visitors due in this term to share opportunities with our children, parents' evenings and I'm sure there will be some Christmas decorating happening at some point towards the end of the year! 🎄

At the beginning of the term, we spent a lot of time as a whole school talking to our children about how we can be 'our best version.' Our children helped to develop the language around what being, 'ready, respectful and safe,' looked like.

Ready – good night's sleep, healthy balanced diet, correct uniform, being on time for school, being in the right place to learn, talking about any worries you may have, exercising and staying active.

Respectful – Celebrating each other's success, sharing our learning experiences, being respectful to our school community and property, celebrating our differences.

Safe - Following rules to keep yourself and others safe, talk to your trusted adults, being kind and caring to the people around you and listening carefully to the adults around you.

We will be reminding our children of this throughout the term, please support our children by making sure they are '**ready**' for school and talking to them about the importance of being **safe** and showing **respect**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a great weekend when it comes, enjoy the fireworks; remember to stay **safe** 😊



Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 97% - let's work together to be in school every day. Each week we will share attendance for each Year group for that week.

Year Group	31/10	7/11	14/11	21/11	28/11	05/12	12/12
Reception	90.0%						
Year 1	92.0%						
Year 2	91.4%						
Year 3	96.3%						
Year 4	94.1%						
Year 5	98.3%						
Year 6	88.1%						

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

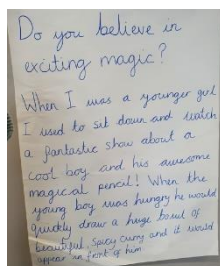
It was lovely to see the children coming back to school so confidently after half term! The children seemed to have remembered all the routines. In Literacy this week, we have been reading the book; Lunch at 10 Pomegranate Street by Felicita Sala. The book is about celebration of community and is filled with recipes from all over the world and has simple instructions perfect for young chefs. We have been learning about what ingredients are and how a recipe is written. The children have been sequencing pictures about how to prepare a sandwich. In the writing area they have been writing the initial sounds of ingredients on their shopping list. After learning about healthy eating, the children have been cutting out pictures of healthy eating and they have been sticking them on their plates. This week in Art, we have been looking at still-life paintings. The children have been using paint and crayons to paint and draw a still-life in the art area. As the pumpkin, which was part of the still-life was orange, we discovered by mixing colours, that red and yellow makes orange!

Key Stage 1

Year 1: In English this week, we have started reading our new book called Little Red Riding Hood. We thoroughly enjoyed the story and looking at the features of traditional tales. We also created our own story maps and added actions to each part of the story. In Maths, we have expanded our knowledge on subtraction. We used number lines to calculate our answers. In PSHE, we discussed the ways in which we are similar to our friends. In DT, we are learning about umbrellas and we will work towards creating our own umbrella by the end of the term. In Science we named and identified common animals. We looked at different pets, woodland animals, sea animals, farm animals and reptiles.

Year 2: We hope that everyone had a lovely half term, Year 2 have settled quickly back into routines and is very excited about our new core texts "Malala's Magic Pencil". We have explored the book, picking out many features of a narrative and exploring all the new vocabulary! The story is non-fiction and the author is Malala.

In Maths we have been exploring how resources can help us with our number sentences and word problems. We have used a variety of different resources to see which we find easier to use and the most helpful. We have looked at 10 more and 10 less using tenes and 100 squares to show our working out. In RE, we have begun learning about Christianity and why God gave Jesus to the world. The children linked this learning to real life superheroes and ones created for stories. We discovered that we can all be superheroes by showing kindness, being upstanders and doing some charity work. We created our own superhero who could help the world. Recycle man was one of our favourites!

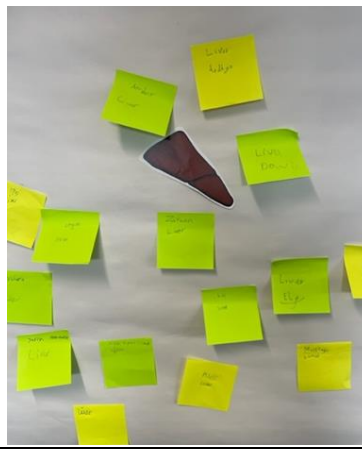
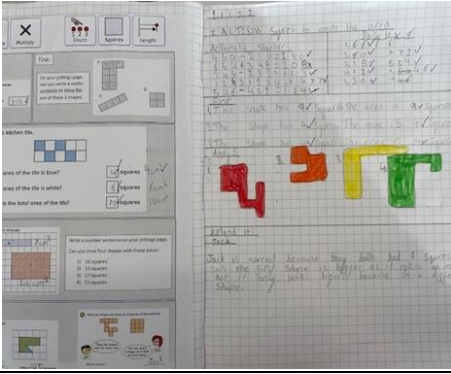


Key Stage 2

Year 3: This week in English we have started reading a new book called 'The first drawing' written by Mordicai Gerstein. It is a fascinating book which ties in with our current History theme - The Stone Age. The children predicted what they thought the story would be about then role-played scenes from the book after they had read it. They created their own cave drawings using oil pastels and water colours. In Maths the children have been exploring arrays, sharing between equal groups to create a variety of number sentences. In Science we have started to look at human and animals' bodies to see what nutrients and diet they need to grow, keep healthy and strong. The children enjoyed separating images into the correct food groups that we need to maintain a healthy balanced diet.



Year 4: What a great first week back we have had in year 4! We kickstarted our week by introducing our new History topic, The Romans, for our Humanities learning this half term. The children learnt about timelines and plotted the key events of the Roman Era on their very own timeline. We explored the meaning of AD (Anno Domini), BC (Before Christ), BCE (Before Common Era) and CE (Common Era). The children were tasked with sorting different events on one large timeline on their tables – they demonstrated fantastic resilience and teamwork to reach the end goal! We also started our new science topic – animals including humans – where we looked at the human digestive system. We learnt all about the different parts before finding them around the room and correctly labelling them with our post-it notes. In maths, we have started to explore finding the area using squares. The children had freedom to create their own shapes with a variety of different areas. In our English lessons, we looked at our new WAGOLL – a diary entry. We highlighted key features and explained the importance of them to the diary entry. We will continue to explore features of a diary entry as we build up to writing our very own Roman diary!



Year 5: This week in year 5 we have been exploring our new writing genre, narratives. We have been creating our own stories using random objects in our hook lesson and identified the common features of a narrative. In our maths lessons we have been exploring factors of numbers and prime numbers. We have used this knowledge to find common factors of numbers. In our global learning lessons Year 5 have further explored our unit of sustainable development by exploring sustainable energy resources. It's been lovely to have everyone back after the break!

Year 6: Year 6 enjoyed reuniting after the half term break and sharing our stories from Residential and the Enrichment week! It was great to see everyone back together again. This week, we have been looking at the order of operations in maths and in English we have been practicing parenthesis and using brackets, dashes and commas to show this. In PSHE, we have started our new topic; 'Celebrating Difference' and talked about our perception of 'normal'.

News items from this week

School Governor Vacancy: Would you be interested in becoming a school governor? Civitas Academy has a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our team of dedicated volunteers. The Local Governance Board is responsible for providing the best possible education for our children and is seeking a committed parent who has a genuine interest in education to be a part of our team. You will be joining a diverse group of people, bringing a valuable range of experience, skills and knowledge to the school. Please see the form attached to the email if you are interested.

Parents evening: For our autumn parents evening, this will be held online. Please see the dates below for the different year groups. Appointments will need to be booked via SCOPay/Tucasi. If you need any support with access to your account, please let the office team know.

Year 1	16 th and 17 th November
Year 2	16 th and 17 th November
Year 3	Kinney 7 th , 8 th , 9 th November Rosen 14 th and 15 th November
Year 4	14 th and 15 th November
Year 5	15 th and 17 th November
Year 6	14 th and 15 th November

Crazy hair day

On Wednesday 9th November, Children will be invited to have "Crazy Hair styles" in school for the day in exchange for a decorated jar filled with sweets/treats/small items/party filler/crafts. Can we ask that all sweets and treats are in the original packaging.

Examples of donation for Crazy hair day:



Winter festival:

Date for your diary: Winter Festival 8th December, 3.45pm - 5.45pm.

To make the event a success, we would appreciate **donations of any luxury items** that can be used in our hampers.

A list of suggested items is below:

- Unwanted gift sets – Adult and children.
- Unused toiletries

- New Arts and crafts
- Christmas treats, Hamper food item, Biscuits, chocolates, tinned goods.

Please hand all items into the school office for Mrs Aram to collect. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Contacting Class teachers – If you have a query and would like to contact your child’s class teacher, please see the relevant emails below. Absence reporting still needs to be done via office@civitasacademy.co.uk

Reception: earlyyears@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 1: year1@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 2: year2@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 3: year3@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 4: year4@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 5: year5@civitasacademy.co.uk

Year 6: year6@civitasacademy.co.uk

Bike/Scooter shed –Our bike/scooter storage shed is available at school; these will be left at the owner's risk. We advise all children travelling to school on Bikes/Scooters to be wearing a helmet.

Tuesday 8th November	School photos
Wednesday 9th November	Crazy hair day for a jar filled with crafts, small toys or sweets/chocolates.
14th and 15th November	Year 3, 4 and 6 parents evening
15th and 17th November	Year 5 parents evening
16th and 17th November	Year 1 and 2 Parents evening
24th November	Year 2 School trip
8th December	Winter Festival

