

Spring Bulletin – Friday 10th February – Message from Salima Ducker, Executive Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe this is our last bulletin before half term and what a jam-packed half term it has been! We had a record number of families attending our drop ins at the beginning of term, Y6 started their swimming programme, our brand-new clubs have begun for the spring term, many of which are oversubscribed; we have some fantastic 'fencers' in the making following our fencing workshop a couple of weeks ago, and we had a former Olympic athlete come and work with our children on some circuits, showing them different ways to keep physically healthy and to think about what they may want to aspire to be. There is still so much more to come in Spring 2 😊

Mrs. Hargrave-Hammond, our LKS2 Phase Lead and class teacher in Richards class begins her maternity leave after half term, Miss Woolridge who has been working in the school for over a term will take over as the class teacher. Mr. Williams will be our Acting LKS2 Phase Lead whilst Mrs Hargrave-Hammond is on maternity leave.

I am sure you will have seen the heart-breaking news coverage of the recent earthquakes that have killed thousands of people in Turkey and Syria. Following two big earthquakes and over 60 aftershocks, the scale of destruction is vast, and we can only imagine the fear and grief families are dealing with.

As a school community, together with the other academies in our REAch2 Trust family of schools we want to help get lifesaving supplies to people who have been affected. By donating to the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal, we'll help DEC charities provide vital medical care, emergency shelter, food and clean water. Donations through this appeal will be matched by the UK Government.

Our school will be taking part in a fundraising event in Spring 2, more details will follow, but, in the meantime, if you wish to make any donation, please do so directly to [Home | Disasters Emergency Committee \(dec.org.uk\)](https://www.dec.org.uk)

With many thanks for your support, even the smallest donation together can make a difference.

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Royal	For working so hard to improve in phonics.
Paddington	Filip	For working so hard in his phonics
Gruffalo:	Leandra	For her great contributions and effort in all lessons.
Pinocchio:	George	For trying hard to make better choices at school.
BFG:	Mahila	For her amazing writing
Matilda:	Aashna	For really trying her best with her handwriting and using her phonics to help her.
Rosen	Aleesha	For showing such attention to detail in her work and being ready to learn.
Kinney	Nikhil	For written some great catchy headlines for his newspaper report in English
Richards	Ishani	For demonstrating increasing confidence to share her ideas with the class.
Murphy	Zaid	For being ready to learn in all of his lessons.
Zephaniah	Soraya	For her acts of kindness towards others
Avery	Tessa	For making great contributions towards classroom discussions.
Draper	Moukthik	Ensuring he is on time for lessons, being organised and ready to learn.
Lewis	Jon	For settling into school so well and being and respectful member of the class.

House Points – Well done **ATMOS** house for gaining the most house points this week.

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua	255	7084
Ignis	205	7029
Terra	221	6804
Atmos	306	6986

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Revansh
Paddington	Jessiah
Gruffalo	Karim
Pinocchio	Mira
BFG	Khaled
Matilda	Layla
Kinney	Ronak
Rosen	Antonia
Murphy	Sai
Richards	Aarvi
Avery	Jayon
Zephaniah	Ethan
Draper	Brendel
Lewis	Minisa

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	13/01	20/01	27/01	03/02	10/02
Reception	96.8%	92.5%	83.8%	88.8%	85.6%
Year 1	93.7%	94.6%	96.9%	93.6%	92.8%
Year 2	97.1%	89.2%	92.9%	91.1%	92.9%
Year 3	94.3%	94.6%	97.0%	92.1%	89.7%
Year 4	92.1%	91.4%	92.8%	94.8%	90.4%
Year 5	95.0%	94.9%	93.9%	94.9%	97.1%
Year 6	98.3%	96.8%	97.8%	98.1%	95.6%

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

In maths, the children have been comparing height. We have been measuring height by comparing different animals with unifix cubes. We looked at those which were taller and shorter than the others. We also compared length, we looked at ribbons and looked at longer and shorter than. In Literacy we read the story 'The Wolf's Story, what really happened' by Toby Forward. This story replays the story of Little red Riding Hood from the poor maligned wolf's point of view. We have been discussing the wolf's side of the story in class and during 'hot seating' the children could ask the wolf questions. The children have been designing traps for the wolf. They drew their trap and have been writing about them. They have also made their traps using all kinds of materials. In our Art area, the children have been drawing wolf's eyes using charcoal. We have been learning how to use this media and how we can 'smudge' to create different effects.

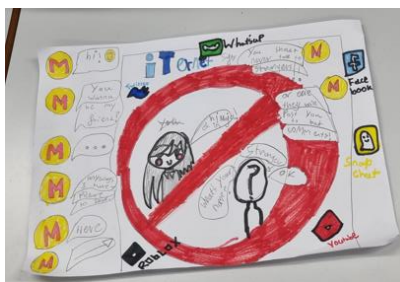
Key Stage 1

Year 1: In maths, the pupils have continued to explore addition and subtraction within numbers to 20. They have focused on word problems and number sentences. Year 1 are reading a new text in English called 'My Two Grannies' written by Floella Benjamin. The pupils enjoyed the story and discussed similarities and differences between their families. In Art, they finished creating their sculptures using tissue roll inners and painted them using a decorative technique. As part of Children's Mental Health Awareness week, the school celebrated Wellbeing Day on Friday – Year 1 pupils were tasked with acts of kindness and completed a range of activities.

Year 2: In maths, the children have started looking at multiplication. The children have been looking at equal groups and unequal. For example, the children have been looking at 3 equal groups of 4 and then realizing that this is 12. In English, the children have been looking at child labor and making a leaflet all about the child labor. In Geography, the children have compared London and Mumbai. The children have finished their science unit of materials, the children looked at John Dunlop and how he invented tyres.

Key Stage 2

Year 3: In English, the children have planned their own newspaper reports using their WAGOLL's, they have created newspaper reports on slavery and the underground railroad which has been our current theme. Lots of the newspaper reports were written about an incredible lady called Harriet Tubman. Harriet was a slave in the 1840's and escaped using the underground railroad, once she made it to a free state, she risked her life to go back and save around 70 others from slavery. In maths we have continued our focus of length and perimeter. The children have enjoyed activities such as lining themselves up and rearranging themselves into height order. Then they measured the tallest/ shortest people and then had to work out the difference in height. They have been learning to add measurements in cm's and mm's and to convert measurements to work out the difference between lengths. In Art this week, the children were able to make their spiral clay pots. They really enjoyed reading their own instructions then creating their pots. The pots will be left to dry then sent to be fired in a kiln. Once they have been fired the children will decorate them and bring them home. In science we revisited last week's lesson where the children made compost wormeries. They wrote up an evaluation with method and conclusion of how the lesson went with step-by-step instructions on what they needed to do to make compost. Here are some of the internet safety posters the children made on internet safety day!



Year 4:

This week in Year 4, we planned, wrote, edited and published our newspaper reports inspired by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of Pompeii. In maths, we finished our unit on length and perimeter. We learnt how to find the perimeter of different polygons and to use perimeter to make different shapes. We finished our geography unit on volcanoes by learning about why people live near volcanoes. We were surprised that people would choose to live in an area that was potentially very dangerous! In Science this week, we learnt how environments can change and how this can be harmful to wildlife in RE, we finished our unit on Judaism by summarizing our key question of how Jews show God that they are doing as he asks. In DT, we finished our quilt squares and used a range of colours and stitches to complete these. This week, we say goodbye to Mrs Hargrave-Hammond who is going on Maternity Leave after February half term. Mrs Hargrave-Hammond will miss Richards Class very much! Miss Woolridge is excited to begin teaching Richards Class after half term.



Year 5: In English this week we have planned and written our fact files all about life in Greece. We have used our research from our Global Learning lessons to fill our fact files with the key information we wanted to find out about Greece, such as their food, national religion, traditions and history. In our Maths lessons we have been using our knowledge of fractions to find the whole and find fractions of an amount. This has rounded off the end of our fraction's unit. In art this week we will be completing our sculptures using the materials we have studied, such as clay, cards and paper. It was Internet Safety Day; we enjoyed watching videos and reading more about how to be safe online.

Year 6: It again has been a busy week for Year 6 as we have finished our topic on Montgomery and look forward to our new topic focusing on London. We have sent home some revision packs in Year 6 over the half term. We asked the children if they could complete one activity from one of the four packs every day. The students can then self-mark as the answers which are available on the Civitas Year 6 page.

February Half Term revision answers:

Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Answers [click here.](#)

Reading answers [click here.](#)

Maths Set A answers [click here.](#)

Maths Set B answers [click here.](#)

This is on the school website for the students to mark their own revision.

News items from this week

New PE timetable:


Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Avery am	Zephaniah am	Y6 – Swimming am	Y3 am
	Year 2 pm	EYFS pm	Y1 pm	Y4 pm

Dates for the Diary

Friday 10 th February	Last day of term
13 th –17 th February	Half term – School closed
Monday 20 th February	Children return to school
Tuesday 21 st February	Pancake day
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book day – details to follow
Wednesday 8 th March	International Women's day
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose day
w/c 20 th March	Parents evening – details TBC
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term

3 rd April – 14 th April	Easter holidays
Monday 17 th April	Children return to school














Half term activities:



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KIDS EAT OUT FOR LESS

FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2023

Morrisons - Kids under 16 eat for free at Morrisons Café when an adult spends £4.99 or more on a meal.

ASDA Kids Free Hot Breakfast Between 8am-12pm every day during Half Term no purchase necessary.
Kids Eat for £1 with no purchase necessary until end of March 2023

Bella Italia - Kids Eat for £1 when an adult purchases a main meal between 4pm-6pm at Bella Italia.

Dunelm - Kids Eat for Free at Dunelm when an adult spends £4 or more at Pausa Cafe.

YO Sushi - Kids Under 10 Eat for Free at YO Sushi Between 13th - 24th Feb when an adult spends £10 or more.

Dobbies - Kids Eat for Free at Dobbies Garden Centre Cafes when an adult purchases a main meal.

Sizzling - Kids Eat for £1 at Sizzling Pub and Grill when an adult meal is purchased.

Hungry Horse - Free Kids Breakfast at Hungry Horse Pubs when an adult spends at least £3.49.

Farmhouse Inns - Kids Eat For £1 when you sign up to receive their email newsletter on their website.

IKEA - Pasta with Tomato Sauce and a soft drink for 95p or any other Kids Meal for £1.50. Available every day from 11am in their restaurants.

Beefeater, Brewer's Fayre & Table Table - Two kids under 16 eat breakfast for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased.

INFORMATION CORRECT AT TIME OF POSTING

Communication to the school:

Absence reporting still needs to be done via 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

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