

Summer Bulletin – Friday 10th June 2022

Message from Salima Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone, I cannot believe this is our final term of this academic year, time really does fly!

It's already been a really busy first week back, our Y5 children visited Station Hill as part of a time capsule art project, our Y6 children have had an Amnesty International speaker talk to them via TEAMS and on World Oceans Day, we had our very own Mayor of Reading, Rachel Eden visit our school. She said 'It was a real privilege to visit Civitas Academy today and see how World Oceans Day fits with your global citizens curriculum. Your school is full of wonderful young people who will make Reading a better place.' A day full of pride for our whole Civitas family.



Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Zoraiz	For amazing independent writing this week!
Paddington	Abdullah	For settling well to Paddington class.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Aleeza	For always taking great care with her work.
Pinocchio:	Aryon	For sharing his wonderful ideas during our Geography lesson on littering.
BFG:	Mishika	For always trying her best during Maths lessons.
Matilda:	Vedhashruthi	For challenging herself independently and seeking ways she can improve her own work.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Zarish	Always helping anyone with any book related task with a smile.
Kinney	Baboucarr	Always being ready, respectful and safe and for being a great role model for his class.
Richards	Syeda	For consistently working hard and showing her best version.
Murphy	Lucas	For showing an improved readiness to learn.
Zephaniah	Leksha	Strong work ethic and always on task.
Avery	Abdullah	For being kind and respectful to all children in class and being ready for learning.
Draper	Anika	For showing great confidence and self-belief during auditions

Weekly Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 96+% - let's work together to be in school every day. The attendance shown is weekly for each year group.

Year Group	10/06	17/06	24/06	01/07	08/07	15/07
Reception	92.7%					
Year 1	92.8%					
Year 2	97.4%					
Year 3	95.6%					
Year 4	94.5%					
Year 5	96.9%					
Year 6	94.4%					

House Points - Well done **TERRA** house for gaining the most house points this week

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Atmos	313	16130
Terra	367	14519
Aqua	214	16387
Ignis	244	16118

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

This week in maths, Elmer and Paddington have been learning that doubling is 'twice as many'. They have been using language of doubling while building representations, for instance 'double 2 is 4'. They have been painting dots on one wing of their butterfly, then while the paint was still wet, folded the butterfly and noticed they had doubled the number of dots. In Literacy this week we continued reading and exploring the book 'King & King' by Linda de Haan. After looking at different castles in different countries, the children have been drawing castles and labelled their pictures. In the Funky Fingers area, they made cupcakes for the wedding using playdough and buttons to decorate them with. We had some wonderful looking cakes! Outside the children have been building some fantastic castles using the wooden blocks in the construction area. The children have had a great first week back after the half term and settled back into the school routine very quickly.

Key Stage 1

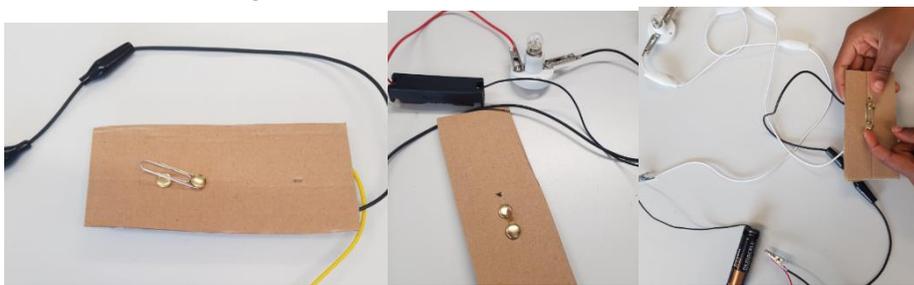
Year 1: In English this week, the year 1 children have enjoyed writing their own food adverts. They have had some fantastic ideas for catchy titles and slogans and have used lots of persuasive language; they certainly have persuaded the teaching staff to buy their food products. In Maths, the children have been using language to describe position and direction. They have learnt how to describe turns (which will be helpful when they move onto their time topic), and they have learnt their left and right. In Geography we have been learning about littering and the impact this has on our environment. Every child then made an informative poster about the impact of littering, which will be displayed around the school to help educate the rest of the children at Civitas. And in Science, we have conducted some fantastic gravity experiments, predicting which objects will fall to the ground because of gravity and then we tested our objects; of course, we concluded all objects fell because of gravity!

Year 2: In English this week we have been reading the book 'The Big Book of Blue'. The children have been learning about the features of a fact file and deciding what sea creature they will write about over the next couple of weeks. In maths, the children have been consolidating their place value knowledge, ensuring that they secure the expected KS1 knowledge before moving up to Year 3. In global learning, we are learning about 'Power and Governance' but specifically how rules are created to keep us safe at home, school or around Reading. As we have covered the expected learning in science this year, we are also consolidating learning that they might have missed due to Covid, again ensuring they have the expected knowledge and skills ready for year 3. For World Ocean's Day, Year 2 created seascape collages and learnt about the problems with rubbish polluting the oceans.

Key Stage 2

Year 3: In Maths this week are doing time. We have learnt about hours in a day, telling the time to 5 minutes, telling the time to the minute, and using am and pm. In English we have read a book called 'Cinderella in the Nile'. We have made predictions, comparisons, story maps and explored the features. In PSHE we explored how babies of all species grow and the changes when they grow. In RE we explored the significance of the river Ganges for a Hindu and non Hindu. We looked at photographs of the River and where it was placed geographically. We then wrote postcards to our family. Science was great fun. We are using the force of magnetic attraction to make a game, we started planning and designing our game based on magnetic principles. In guided reading we are halfway through the book 'Secrets of a Sun King'. The story is getting interesting and it's making us all wish we could visit Egypt!

Year 4: In Year 4, we have had a productive week. In maths, we have finished our unit about time. We learnt about the 12 hour and 24 hour clock and understanding am and pm. In English, we have explored the features of a narrative and identified features within a text. In Guided Reading, we have continued using our inference and summarising skills when reading our text "The Explorer". In History, we have further developed our prior knowledge of the Romans by looking at their laws and understanding how these are similar/different to our laws today. In Science, we have continued to learn about electricity. We have looked at different types of switches and built our own types of switches. We made selector switches, slide switches and push switches. Next week, we will be completing the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) so it will be extremely important that children are in school each day as the assessment will run throughout the week.



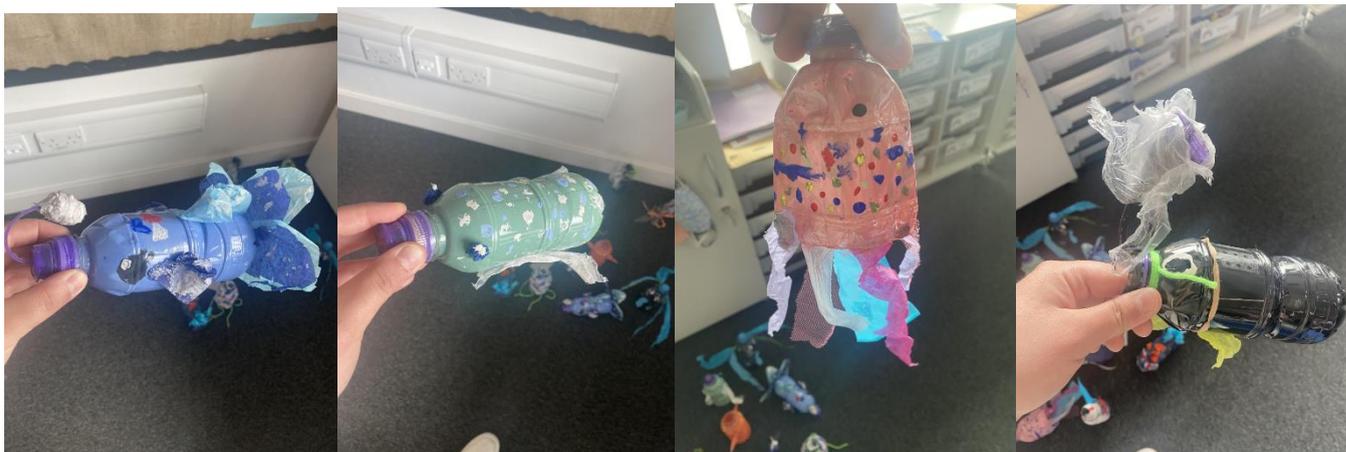
Year 5:



The first week back for Year 5 has been very busy indeed. On Tuesday we went to Station Hill where The Sir Robert McAlpine company are building a new building next to Reading Station. We were there because we are going to make a Time Capsule which will have artwork, we have designed in it and it will be buried under the building so future generations can find it and see what life was like in Reading 2022.



We also celebrated Oceans Day on Wednesday and we investigated the problems with Climate change and the Oceans. We learnt about Coral Bleaching and how that can be an issue to marine life. We then decided to model colourful fish on the plastic bottles. Our creations were fantastic._



In English this week we were continuing with our instructions writing and in Maths we are still focusing on measuring angles with a protractor. Global Learning was intense this week, we were learning about societies relationships with the Police and whether people are good and bad. We did a lot of art this week and we can see it in our great work. Well done guys._

News items from this week

GO Beanies

GO BEANIES BREAKFAST AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB @ CIVITAS ACADEMY – Places Available

The Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am to 8:45am; and the After-School Club runs from 3:15pm to 5:45pm for working parents with children from FS2 to Year 6.

Our daily programme offers outdoor activities, sports, games, arts & crafts, play and relaxation with breakfast and afternoon teas also included. Please email info@gobeanies.org or text message us on 07710566727 to book your child's place. Spaces are allocated on a first come/first booked basis.

Oracy home learning challenge



Perform a piece of poetry

Poems are meant to be read aloud. Performing a piece of poetry brings it to life, leaping off the page and into the minds of the audience.

In this [short video](#), Joe Coelho explores how poetry can be performed and provides some top tips on how to bring poetry to life.

Activity

Choose a poem you enjoy from the [Children's Poetry Archive](#) and perform it for your family or film your performance to share with your teacher.

When performing, remember to consider how you can bring the words in the poem to life through your performance.

Don't forget to think about the Oracy Framework



Physical: What actions and gestures will you use? How will you alter your volume, pitch, tone and pace of your performance?

(key words: **loudly, quietly, quickly slowly**)



Social and emotional: What is the tone of your poem and how will you make this clear in your performance?

(key words: **happy, sad, angry, confused, exciting**)

Video link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/english-ks1-ks2-understanding-poetry/zdwxbdm>
<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

School lunches: Please be reminded that lunches need to be ordered by midday on Thursday the week before. As a reminder the only meat on the menu that is Halal is the chicken and the lamb. **Lunches for after half term need to be ordered by Thursday 2nd June at 12pm.**

Summer festival: To make the event a success, we would appreciate donations for hampers, tombola and stalls. A list of suggested items is below:

- Unwanted gift sets.
- Unwanted new items.
- Unused items
- Prizes – similar to party bag fillers.
- Hamper food items

- o Tins or dried goods
- o Chocolates/sweets
- Cakes donations

We are unable to accept any donations of alcohol or food items containing nuts. Donation drop off TBC

Sports day: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports day will be held on Wednesday 13th July (KS1). Year 3,4,5,6 will be held on Thursday 14th July (KS2). Timings TBC

Dates for Diary:

16th June	Tea Towel sale – playground after school
20th – 26th June	World Refugee Week
22nd June	National Windrush Day
28th June	Class Photos in school
30th June	Pyjamas day for a decorated jam jar full of crafts/sweets/small items.
5th July	Tea Towel sale – playground after school
6th July	Art afternoon with parents/carers - 'connecting across generations' - more info TBC
8th July	Project celebration – all parents invited in at 3:40pm to look at the learning this term.
13th July	KS1 Sports day – times TBC
14th July	KS2 Sports day – times TBC
14th July	Summer Festival – 3.45pm – 5.45pm
30th September	Make or Break a REAch2 Record Colour Run – info TBC

Contacting Class teachers: If you have a query and would like to contact your child’s class teacher, please see the relevant emails below. Absencereporting 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