

*Spring Bulletin – Friday 27^h January 2023 –
 Message from Mrs Hargrave-Hammond – Art and
 Design Subject Lead and LKS2 Lead*

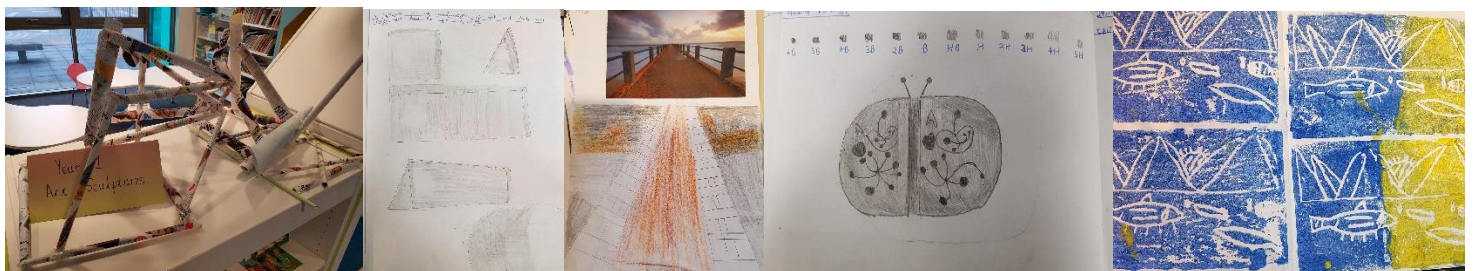


Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm thrilled to share our art curriculum with you. At Civitas Academy, a love of art is nurtured within all. Our imaginative and diverse art curriculum enables children to visualise art's connection with the community. Throughout their time at Civitas, children receive opportunities to explore and experiment with a wide variety of materials and techniques providing a solid foundation for their own creative expression. Our curriculum exposes our children to a range of influential local and global artists and craft makers from past and present and become more historically, culturally and socially aware. Children explore their own unique ideas and use art as a purposeful form of expression. Through art, children develop their own sense of identity and become reflective artists whilst evaluating and appreciating work using the appropriate artistic vocabulary.



Our aim is for children to become confident, independent artists, generating personal artistic outcomes. Through our art curriculum's progression, they are able to think critically and develop a more rigorous understanding of art and design. They learn how art and design both reflect and shape our history, and contribute to the culture, creativity and wealth of our nation. Throughout children's artistic journey, they have opportunities to create projects through painting, drawing, collage, sculpture, printing and digital media. Projects encompass a range of artists and artistic genres, reflecting children's cultures and the wider world. As they progress through the school, children revisit media and skills giving them opportunity to demonstrate prior knowledge and develop proficiency in handling familiar materials and tools. As children discuss their own work and the work of others, they are encouraged to critically evaluate art and design and use this knowledge to improve their own work.



Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Krishika	For being an excellent role model and making sure others do the same.
Paddington	Maanvi	For always being ready to learn.
Gruffalo:	Elsa	For working hard when counting in order.
Pinocchio:	Meet	For working well with numbers to 20 this week.
BFG:	Aoife	For trying really hard with her independent work.
Matilda:	Enoch	For settling well into the classroom and being respectful to his peers.
Rosen	Jake	For demonstrating he can follow classroom rules.
Kinney	Darius	For working hard on his sentence building in English
Richards	Abhinav	For demonstrating great use of oracy skills when contributing to class discussions.
Murphy	Haziq	For contributing to our class discussions and being more confident when answering
Zephaniah	Saviir	For his clear explanations when solving maths reasoning questions.
Avery	Fathima	For having a great attitude for learning and always being ready to learn.
Draper	Erin	For growing in confidence and contributing more during whole class reading.
Lewis	Nicoleta	For being kind to other students and helping in class in anyway she can.

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

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua	471	6829
Ignis	452	6824
Terra	624	6583
Atmos	530	6680

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Sai Aashrith
Paddington	Stefy
Gruffalo	Yushaa
Pinocchio	Illia
BFG	Angela
Matilda	Mikaela
Kinney	Darius
Rosen	Yvonne
Murphy	Franklina
Richards	Grzegorz
Avery	Shaurya
Zephaniah	Daniel
Draper	Szymon
Lewis	Matas

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%		
Year 1	93.7%	94.6%	96.9%		
Year 2	97.1%	89.2%	92.9%		
Year 3	94.3%	94.6%	97.0%		
Year 4	92.1%	91.4%	92.8%		
Year 5	95.0%	94.9%	93.9%		
Year 6	98.3%	96.8%	97.8%		

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

It has been a very exciting week in Reception! On Tuesday the children took part in a fencing workshop. It was great to see so many children being so enthusiastic. Fencing requires concentration and focus, and it was nice to see so many children trying their best and having fun. On Thursday we had a visit from Adrian Patrick. He showed us his real gold medal he won during the Commonwealth games! We took part in a workshop led by him on Thursday. This week in maths, we have been learning about the numbers 6,7 and 8. We looked at the composition of these numbers and have been sorting them. We have been speaking about one more and one less. We played different games to match the numbers 6,7 and 8. In Literacy this week we have been reading Little Red Riding Hood. We created a story mountain which then helped us to retell a story. As our Global Learning Theme is 'Peace and Conflict-Overcoming Prejudice', we have been looking at problem solving everyday issues, to build confidence as peer mediators.

Key Stage 1

Year 1: This week in Year 1, we have continued exploring numbers to 20. We have been speaking about greater than, less than or equal too, as well as order numbers to 20. In English, we have been learning how to use capital letters, full stops, nouns and adjectives in our writing. In Geography we learned about the seasons that we experience in the UK and what kind of weather we may get during those seasons. In Science we are learning about why some materials suit some objects better than others. We had an amazing visit from Adrian Patrick, a Commonwealth Games gold medalist. He inspired us to follow our dreams and be the best that we can be!

Year 2: This week in maths, the children have continued with money. They have been looking at comparing change. The children are enjoying learning about change. In English, the children have started to look at Dr Barnardo this week. Next week the children will be writing a factfile! In science the children took part in an experiment and looked at what materials were waterproof and which were not. In Geography the children looked at the Equator and the North Pole and South Pole. All the children had a discussion about what animals you would find in the North and South pole.

Key Stage 2

Year 3: This week in maths, the children have focused on multiplication. They have been using the column method to multiply a 2-digit number by a 1 –digit number. They have been getting used to partitioning the 2-digit number and multiplying them separately, we have had lots of recap sessions on this to help secure the children's understanding. We continue to focus on our 4 times tables this term so lots of practice at home would be great. In English the children have used their story mountains and WAGOLL's to start writing their narrative. The narrative is based on the Patchwork path book we have been reading but the children have changed some key parts of the story to make it their own. In science, we spent lots of time finding out who Mary Anning's was and how she played such an important role in the development of paleontology. We looked at her discovery's through time and had a discussion on whether we would like to be paleontologists like her. In art, the children watched step by step the process on how to make a spiral bowl. They then wrote up their instructions and drew a picture of their design ready to make next week (if you haven't already, please could you send your child in with a small container for next week). All the children had a great time yesterday when they participated in their fitness circuit with athlete Adrian Patrick. It was hard work, but they all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Year 4: Year 4 have had a great week of learning. We continued our geography learning on Volcanoes and learnt about the different types of volcanoes, including dormant, active and extinct. In English, we explored the features of our new genre focus, newspaper reports. We investigated different newspaper reports and found these features in our WAGOLL. In maths, we finished our unit of multiplication and division and looked at different methods to solve division problems. In Science, we continued our focus on classification and classified different British animals. In PSHE, we learnt how to create new goals after disappointment and how to demonstrate resilience. In RE, we learnt about the Jewish Festival of Passover and why this is important to Jews.

Year 5: This week in year 5 we have written our narratives based on the Greek myth Theseus and the Minotaur. We have used all the skills explored in the last three weeks to make our narratives as exciting as possible. In maths we have finished our multiplication and division topic by using our skills to answer word problems. In Global Learning we have been researching the human and physical geographical features of both Greece and the UK to compare the two countries. We will be using this to help us in our next English writing genre – fact files!

Year 6: It has been a busy week for assessments. Year 6 completed their final SATS mock assessments in reading, SPAG and maths. Well done year 6! We look forward to sharing the results with everyone. Along with assessments, we have completed our drafts for our narratives which have been inspired by the Wolves of Willoughby Chase novel. The children will write their final pieces of writing next week.

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

Lunches:

A reminder that lunches need to be ordered by midday on a Wednesday for the following week. This can be ordered via SCOpay. Those bringing a packed lunch from home – please remember this needs to be a healthy lunch, no NUTS and no fizzy drinks.

Dates for the Diary

Week 23 rd January	Clubs to begin
Monday 24 th January	Fencing workshop – details to follow
Wednesday 26 th January	Athlete Visit – Team Superschools

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:

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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