

Autumn Bulletin – Friday 30th September 2022

Message from Mrs. Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of our whole school community, we would like to say a great big THANK YOU to Miss Boman and the whole staffing team for the immense hard work and organization it has taken to put together the great 'Colour Run' today.

REAch2 is celebrating its 10 year anniversary, we started with just a few schools in 2012 and now we are a strong family of 60 primary schools across the country, even as the rain started to fall, our children's (and staff!) faces showed the joy and enjoyment!



Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Harley	For being a great role model and a kind friend to everyone.
Paddington	Skyla	For working really hard and listening well in lessons.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Yushaa	For writing a good story and using capital letters and full stops.
Pinocchio:	Mira	For being a great role model to her classmates.
BFG:	Romae	For always showing kindness towards others and always being Ready, Respectful and Safe.
Matilda:	Kiara	For always being ready, respectful and safe. For taking on the role as a book monitor and being responsible when handing the books out.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Romir	Great listening in whole class reading so he could give an excellent recount.
Kinney	Tayyab	Working hard and following the school rules.
Richards	Mason	For trying hard in all lessons and particularly hard to improve his handwriting.
Murphy	Mustafa	For being more confident in sharing ideas in class
Zephaniah	Alioune	For writing a fantastic diary entry independently
Avery	Adiana	For always being ready in every lesson
Draper	Rouba	For being an outstanding role model for behaviour.
Lewis	Shazain	Being a role model in class and working really hard!

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

Year Group	9/9	16/9	23/9	30/09	08/10	14/10	21/10
Reception		96.4%	94.4%	94.4%			
Year 1	82.4	86.2%	94.0%	94.1%			
Year 2	96.4	99.1%	95.0%	95.2%			
Year 3	83.8	91.5%	95.0%	94.5%			
Year 4	88.1	94.3%	92.5%	94.5%			
Year 5	92.0	93.8%	94.5%	96.6%			
Year 6	96.5	94.9%	98.5%	98.8%			

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

This week in Literacy we have been reading the book 'The Large Family; Five Minutes Peace' by Jill Murphy. We have discussed the different characters in the story. We also listened to the story "The Family Book" and we discussed how each family is special and different. It was lovely to see some children bringing in their family pictures and they have been sharing them in class. We talked about who is in their family and what they like to do together and what they like about being part of their own family. In Maths, we have been matching and sorting. We had all different kind of fish that the children enjoyed sorting. They looked at which were matching, and it was great to see some children were able to explain why they were matching. We have also ordered numbers to ten. On the playground the children helped to sort the number tiles by placing them in a line. The children have been working together so well! This week we have been singing the songs 'Five Currant Buns in a Baker shop' and 'Five Monkeys Jumping on the Bed'.

Key Stage 1

Year 1: In English this week, we have started exploring our new text 'All about diversity'. We have looked at the features of a fact file and thought about what makes each one of us unique. In Maths, we have used cubes, counters and numbers to find greater than, less than and equal to. We had interesting discussions while investigating aerial photographs of a few famous places in England and enjoyed creating an aerial map of our classroom in Geography. In PSHE, we shared ideas about feeling proud when we achieve something great and how we can help each other learn in the best way possible.

Year 2: This week in year 2 we have been learning about Emmeline Pankhurst and her role in equal rights for men and women. The children have found our core text to be interesting and have really enjoyed learning about the suffragette's movement. The children were able to pick out lots of interesting facts and vocabulary from the book that will support their own writing about Emmeline Pankhurst. During Maths the children have continued to explore numbers and represent numbers using resources. Year 2, have been using 100 squares to support their learning. We have been exploring the best way to use a 100 square and we counted and coloured our 2's, 5's and 10's to look for any patterns. During PSHE we have been looking at different ways we can show kindness to our friends on the playground. All children took an oath to show kindness to all and to be an upstander by standing up for everyone! Next week in Design & Technology the year 2 children will be making their structures. Can we please ask that the children bring in any cupboard boxes and kitchen rolls that they may want to use for their structures.

Key Stage 2

Year 3: This week in year 3 the children have been creating spider diagrams to help them plan their own version of the book 'river'. They have changed the main characters and the settings of the story to make the story exciting and unique. In maths the children have been subtracting 1's and 10's across 100, they have continued using place value charts, bar models and base 10 to support their learning. In science we have been looking at the dangers of bright lights and how they can affect our eyes. The children created posters about how to stay safe in the sun and all the ways we can protect ourselves from harmful UV rays. In art this week the children explored tone by painting their fish sketches from last week. They used primary colours with white paint to change the tone of their colours. These look amazing!



Year 4: In maths, we finished our unit on place value and spent the week rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. In English, we planned, wrote and edited our narratives. We discussed how to improve as well as how to edit. We worked hard on our narratives and produced some fantastic writing. In science, we continued our learning on sound by exploring pitch. We created a set of pan pipes and discovered that shorter pipes made higher pitched sounds and longer pipes made lower pitched sounds. In PSHE, we created proud clouds and discussed our best attributes. In RE, we learnt about Jewish festivals and the ways they celebrate. In D.T., we continued market research into bread products. We looked at different bread products and investigated the texture, smell and appearance. We will be using this to design our own bread product!

Year 5: In English this week we have finished writing our diary entries based on our reading book *The Boy who Harnessed the Wind*. In addition to this we have started to explore our new writing genre, biographies. We have explored biographies about key persons such as Malala and Roald Dahl. Using these we have found key features which we will use in our own biography writing soon. In Maths this week we have began our new addition and subtraction unit by trialing different mental strategies and using the column method for addition of larger numbers. We have also explored why we have shorter days in winter in our science lessons which has lead to some great discussions about how different countries have different seasons. In our Global Learning we have continued our research of natural disasters and presented this to the rest of our classes.

Year 6: In English this week, the Year 6 have started a new writing genre – non chronological reports. We began the week by reading a variety of reports about World War 2. The children then annotated and highlighted the key features of the writing genre and then shared these with the class. In maths, the children learnt about the many 'rules of divisibility', which is a very handy way of quickly telling whether a number can be divided by another. They also refreshed their knowledge of prime numbers and applied their knowledge to answer several reasoning questions. In History, Year 6 very much enjoyed creating WW2 propaganda posters. Prior to the task, they learnt what propaganda is and why it was used during WW2 - focusing on propaganda material used to influence and motivate colonies in the British Empire.

News items from this week

Lunch ordering – if you require a hot school lunch or a school packed lunch, these must be ordered a week in advance via Tucasi/SCOPay. This must be done before midday on a Wednesday. If you need any support with ordering, please contact the office.

Allergies and Medication – Please make sure that if your child suffers from any allergies or receives any medication, you have informed the office team. Any medication bought into school needs to be signed off by the office and a form completed and signed by the parent/carer.

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.

Monday 10th October	Autumn Term Clubs Begin
Tuesday 11th October	Year 5 Green Park trip
Wednesday 12th October	Flu vaccinations Year R-6. Consent required
Monday 17th – Friday 21st Oct	Y6 Residential Week
Wednesday 19th October	Wellbeing Wednesday
Friday 21st October	Last day of Autumn 1 term
Monday 31st October	Inset day – No school
Tuesday 1st November	Pupils back in school
Tuesday 8th November	School photos

