

Summer Bulletin

Friday 17th May 2024



Message from Sean English, Deputy Head and Mrs. Wareham



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a busy and wonderful week, which has been made all the better with the warm weather! The school has been filled with a broad range of learning; however, all the pupils across the school have demonstrated the value of respect in being considerate for our Year Six children as they take their SATs. This is something that the pupils have been working hard on all throughout this year and is an assessment of their learning throughout their time within school. Each and every child has made the school proud and have put their full focus and efforts into doing their very best. We know they have all made progress and will continue to do so throughout the rest of their time at Civitas and beyond.

Next week will be our final week of this term, which seems to have flown by! The children have worked so well in all of their different units and projects, and I hope the good weather follows us into the weekend and next week.

Kind regards,

Mr. S English

Good afternoon parents,

If you are concerned about the air quality around this area and would like action taken – please complete this survey for Reading Borough council and the University of Reading as they would love to hear from people from the area. Follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/TFS9C2GgMm>

Thank you,
Mrs. Wareham

PE Timetable – Summer 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	Year 4	Year 3	Year 6	Year 5
PM	Year 1	Reception	Year 2	

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception		
Elmer	Charukesh	For working super hard during his phonics lessons!
Paddington	Julyous	For making a huge effort to always be ready, respectful and safe. Keep it up!
KS1		
Pinocchio	Karthikeya	For working well to understand quarters in maths this week.
Gruffalo	Mina	For wonderful progress with her writing and applying it to letter writing
BFG	Virun	For making significant progress in Phonics, developing confidence and reading skills – well done!
Matilda	Edvin	For persevering in maths this week whilst learning about quarter to and quarter past.
KS2		
Rosen	David	For his improved readiness for learning.
Kinney	Manveer	For working hard at addition and subtraction of money
Richards	Vedhashruthi	For consistently being ready, respectful, and safe.
Murphy	Ruhaan	For working hard on his times tables and going up on TTRS! Well done!
Avery	Sophia	For gaining confidence and working hard in class.
Zephaniah	Abhinav	For showing excellent team work and respect to his peers within his class and always contributing within his lessons.

Year 6

Well done to all the Year Six children for showing resilience, determination and applying their learning during their SATs!


Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Kaiya
Paddington	Vivin
Gruffalo	Ravneet
Pinocchio	Gurtaj
BFG	May
Matilda	Shanvi
Kinney	Amina
Rosen	Renesmay
Murphy	Kaanvika

Richards	Lily
Avery	Hanvitha
Zephaniah	Nevayah
Draper	Lucas
Lewis	Tessa

House	Total House Points this week	Total
Aqua	301	10,211
Terra	241	10,393
Ignis	300	8,952
Atmos	395	10,365

Well done **ATMOS** house for achieving the most house points this week.

Achievements outside of school

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Achievement</u>
Venba	BFG	<p>Venba scored the highest grade 'Honors' in the bronze medal category.</p> 
Makai and Romae	Matilda/ Kinney	Well done to Makai, Romae (and the rest of their team) for coming top of their group at Swindon's annual charity football tournament.

Attendance

Our overall school target for the year is 96% - let's work together to be in school every day.

Each week we will share attendance for each Year group for that week, this is **not** accumulative from the beginning of the year.

	19.04.24	26.04.24	03.05.24	10.05.24	17.05.24	24.05.24
Reception	88.64%	92.73%	93.77%	94.77%	95.44%	
Year 1	88.17%	93.1%	91.03%	93.32%	92.78%	
Year 2	89.83%	90.18%	94.64%	95.09%	93.6%	
Year 3	87.33%	88.98%	92.37%	90.04%	90.02%	
Year 4	89.49%	90.85%	94.75%	93.22%	93.22%	
Year 5	93.33%	94.11%	96.61%	93.3%	95.91%	
Year 6	95.83%	98.47%	98.49%	96.67%	98.33%	

What have we been learning this week?

Key Stage 1:

Year 1:

This week in English, we have been diving a little deeper into our text, 'Dear Greenpeace'. We have focused on writing letters and including the features of a letter and writing questions. Next week we are writing fact files about sharks so please encourage your child to find out any facts they can and bring them into school. In Maths, we started learning about finding quarters of shapes and objects and have now moved on to finding quarters of quantities. In Computing, we used the laptops to practice changing our text. We made use of the tools in our toolbar such as 'bold', 'italics' and 'underline'. In PSHE we discussed the qualities that make us who we are as well as the qualities that make us a good friend to others. In Science, we explored how humans are affected by the seasons. We looked at the lighter mornings and evenings in summer compared with the darker mornings and evenings in winter. In RE, we reflected on our experience of Shabbat and looked back at all our learning. In History, we explored the impact of the 'Great Fire of London' and even designed our own 'dream' cities that would be more able to withstand such a fire.

Year 2:

This week in English, Year 2 have explored the features of a biography and worked collaboratively to identify these in an example text. In Maths, we are continuing to learn about time focusing on minutes in an hour, hours in a day and telling the time to 5 minutes. We also made paper clocks as an end of unit consolidation lesson! As part of our science consolidation, we recapped life cycles and explored what animals and humans need to survive. For Geography, we drew maps of our local area using keys for human and physical features. In PSHE, we discussed the meaning of trust and appreciation, revisiting our trusted adults! For RE, we explored what makes a Jewish home special and how a mezuzah is used. We ended our week with fun DT lesson working in groups to create a prototype of a drawbridge using a pulley system – we shall continue building them next week! A polite reminder that

as the temperature increases and the sun shines, please remember to send your child to school with labelled uniforms, hats and water bottles. Thank you!



Key Stage 2:

Year 3:

This week in English, we explored in further detail, the key features of an explanation. We focused on question titles and opening statements. We created our own titles and statements that we will use in our final writing, we also looked at illustrations and diagrams relevant to our topic 'mummification'. In maths we have been looking at money. We have been using part-whole models, bar models and column methods to help us add, subtract and find the change from two amounts of money. In History we looked at the purpose of burial tombs, who used burial tombs and why. We looked at the layout out of King Tutankhamun, Amenhotep and Nefertari's tombs, we compared the sizes, decorations and layout of each tomb. We discussed why King Tutankhamun's tomb was 'non-royal' and was so much smaller than the other royals. The children are really enjoying our current theme of Ancient Egypt and are engaging well in the lessons by being inquisitive. In Art, the children used their own drawing plans to create their sculptures.



Year 4:

Year 4 has really enjoyed working this week with focusing on skills in English ready for writing instructions on how to build circuits. Continuing this, we have been focusing on conductors in science and creating circuits in our board game designs for DT. It has been great this week to focus on the topic of electricity. In maths this week we have finished our old module and started on time, days, weeks and months within years. It has been great to see a lot of the children already know a lot of the things we are working on, so maths lessons have been fast paced and fun. As the term is coming to an end and MTC is around the corner we have been working even harder on practising our times tables ready for next term. We will be sending home booster packs next week we would like the children to do over their half term holidays.

Year 5:

Year 5 have had a very busy week! In English this week, we have been focused on addressing SPaG and Reading test papers by practising the skills we needed to answer all types of questions. In maths this week we have explored position and direction and recapping addition and subtraction of decimal numbers. We have also explored coding in computing and had a go at planning our own simple game on Scratch! In guided reading this week, we have continued to read our class novel – Street Child. We have followed Jim Jarvis’ story through living in a Victorian workhouse, running away and finding refuge any way he can.

Year 5 have been amazing this week, adapting to lots of workspaces to support year 6 SATs. Thank you to all of year 5 for being so accommodating and understanding this week!

Year 6:

We have had a really busy week, which has tested the children within their knowledge and skills. Towards the start of the week, we completed Spelling and Reading Assessment, followed by Maths Assessments. All of the children did their very best in this and have made the school proud!

Communication to the school

Absence reporting can also 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

KEY DATES

Friday, 24th May – Last day of school before half term

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – Half Term

Monday, 3rd June – INSET Day

Tuesday, 4th June- Children Return to School