

# Summer Bulletin

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024



## Jo Rapley, Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral, People and Culture)



Dear Parents/Carers,

What another wonderful week it has been in school seeing our children flourish. It started with everyone having an opportunity to watch the Year 6 production 'We will meet again' about evacuees in World War II. The children did an amazing job whether they were acting, singing or carrying out a key role backstage.

The week ended with Wellbeing Day where our children were introduced to the 'Civitas Six.' For many, the summer holidays provide relaxing days, a chance to catch up with friends and fun activities. But for some it can be a stretch of boring days, with little to do and few highlights. In school we have therefore explored what's available in and around Reading over the summer holidays. The children have produced their own 'Civitas Six' commitments on what they want to achieve over the holiday. Some ideas included:

1. Go green - think about all the green spaces there are locally and what activities go on during the break. What can be done alone (older children) or with a group of friends/family?
2. Explore the local community — explore the local leisure centres, youth clubs and recreation grounds. Are there any activities going on? What about 'free swim' days or other fun days put on by the local council?
3. Find a library—research which libraries are open and when. Is there free access to computers? Are there any clubs running over the summer?
4. Become an author—write and illustrate a book or zine using just some paper and pens/pencils. Research some themes and inspiration.
5. Watch a film—find out about local cinemas which may show some films for free or reduced prices for children and young adults.

6. Keep in touch—explore how to keep in touch with friends and classmates over the holiday – arrange meeting up once a week at the Victoria park or Oracle shopping centre?
7. Learn something new— visit local museums and/or galleries. Research which ones are nearby and free to visit.
8. Become a photographer—take photos of your local area on a phone or camera. If it's difficult to access either, borrow one from a friend or family member, or create one from scratch with just card, tin foil, tape and a paper clip.
9. Take on a challenge—here are some ideas for activities that will take time and practice to accomplish:
  - Learning to ride a bike
  - Learning to swim
  - Learning to roller skate or skateboard
  - Learning a new language (there's no need to join a class or buy any books, local libraries may have books, CDs or apps)

Please email pictures to your child's new year group email. When we return in September the children will have an opportunity to share how they got on with their 'Civitas Six.'

## PE Timetable – Summer 2

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

# Celebrations and Achievements

Reception		
<b>Elmer</b>	Everyone!	For completing their first year in school and making the EYFS team proud each day! The progress you have all made is incredible!
<b>Paddington</b>	Everyone!	
KS1		
<b>Pinocchio</b>	Gurtaj	For building confidence and resilience throughout the year.
<b>Gruffalo</b>	Yaw	For becoming an independent learner with his wonderful reading and writing
<b>BFG</b>	Miss McDonald For making a positive difference to our lives, showing us love, laughter and light! A thank you from everyone in Year 2!	
<b>Matilda</b>		
KS2		
<b>Rosen</b>	Mahila	For always working hard and putting 100% effort into her work.
<b>Kinney</b>	Kiara	For always working so hard in every lesson
<b>Richards</b>	Lily	For demonstrating fantastic resilience on the playground and in the classroom.
<b>Murphy</b>	Mukunthan	For being super resilient in school and play time even though you have 2 broken wrists.
<b>Avery</b>	Aarav	For a fantastic attitude and positivity towards joining the school late in the year
<b>Zephaniah</b>	Mason	For taking responsibility for his own learning and progress and committing himself to improving his presentation
<b>Draper</b>	All of year 6 For their amazing efforts in their rehearsals and the big final performances, all the children did so well!	
<b>Lewis</b>		

Class	Sports Star of the Week
<b>Elmer</b>	Elmer Class
<b>Paddington</b>	Paddington Class
<b>Gruffalo</b>	Gruffalo Class
<b>Pinocchio</b>	Pinocchio Class
<b>BFG</b>	BFG Class
<b>Matilda</b>	Matilda Class


<b>Kinney</b>	Kinney Class
<b>Rosen</b>	Rosen Class
<b>Murphy</b>	Murphy Class
<b>Richards</b>	Richards Class
<b>Avery</b>	Avery Class
<b>Zephaniah</b>	Zephaniah Class
<b>Draper</b>	Draper Class
<b>Lewis</b>	Lewis Class

House	Total House Points this week	Total
<b>Aqua</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>12,507</b>
<b>Terra</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>12,492</b>
<b>Ignis</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>11,604</b>
<b>Atmos</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>13,129</b>

Well done **AQUA** house for achieving the most house points this week and **ATMOS** for being the current House Point Leaders.

**Achievements outside of school**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Achievement</b>
Romir	Murphy	 <p><b>Certificate Of Completion</b></p> <p>awarded to <b>Romir</b></p> <p>for successfully completing <b>6 Month Python Course</b></p> <p>08.07.2024 Vladimiras Malyskinas <i>Malyskinas V</i></p> <p>For completing a course in coding. Lovely work there!!</p>
Tegjot	Rosen	 <p><b>Talent For Writing</b></p> <p>THIS IS A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARDED TO <b>Tegjot</b></p> <p>FOR AN ORIGINAL PIECE OF CREATIVE WRITING THAT WAS SELECTED FOR PUBLICATION IN A YOUNG WRITERS' ANTHOLOGY.</p> <p>Jana Harrison JANA HARRISON EDITORIAL MANAGER @YoungWriters</p> <p>YOUNG WRITERS 2024</p>

		Tegjot took part in a story writing competition and his story was selected to be published! Congratulations Tegjot.
Harry and Aniyahh	Elmer	 <p>Congratulations to you both for completing your football course successfully. Not only did you learn new skills, you have both grown in confidence; we are so proud!</p>

### **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.

	07.06.24	14.06.24	21.06.24	28.06.24	05.07.24	12.07.24	19.07.24
Reception	97.2%	92.9%	92.64%	94.7%	91.8%	93.7%	93.5%
Year 1	94.2%	90.9%	88.28%	79.8%	92%	94.9%	92.4%
Year 2	94.5%	96.9%	92.17%	93.1%	92.8%	89.5%	91.8%
Year 3	93.3%	95.3%	95.52%	93.6%	97.9%	92.2%	94.1%
Year 4	93.3%	94.1%	94.95%	92.3%	93.9%	93%	94.1%
Year 5	90.2%	91.3%	90.34%	91.3%	91.5%	90%	87.5%
Year 6	98.6%	97.9%	94.83%	93%	96.3%	95.1%	95.3%

## What have we been learning this week?

### **EYFS**

#### **Reception**

This week we have been continuing with the story 'Planet in a Pickle Jar' and have been thinking about the ways to help look after our planet! The children have loved discussing how to protect the planet and they have worked hard to create posters informing others on how best to look after the world. In maths we have been consolidating our learning throughout the year with a particular focus on subtraction. We have been getting ready for the next year by getting the children used to forming their letters in a way which allows for faster writing, pre-teaching some of the phase 5 sounds and ensuring they are confident in basic maths. We will be sending work home to help support your child

during the summer holidays!

It has been such a privilege to get to work with all of your amazing children, the progress they have made is incredible, and we have all enjoyed getting to know them as individuals. It was so enjoyable to write their reports as it gave us the chance to reflect upon what they have achieved this year, feel free to ask if you have any questions about the reports.

Have an amazing summer and stay safe!

### Key Stage 1:

#### Year 1:

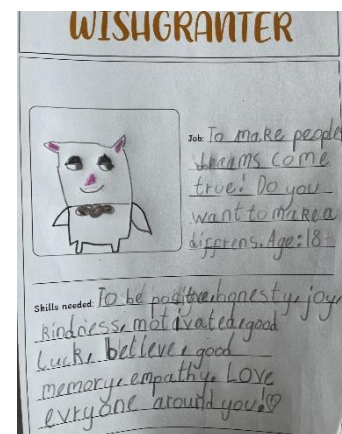
In Year 1 we have been extremely busy preparing for the new academic year ahead and reflecting on our fantastic year to date. We have written letters to our new teacher so they can find out more about us and see our wonderful writing. Every day we have been carefully practising our letter joins so we continue to develop beautiful handwriting for life. In Maths we have been revising our addition and subtraction facts to 20. To do this we have used number lines, part-part whole models and mental arithmetic strategies. In DT we learnt how to peel, slice, dice and cut fruit using a knife. Once we cut the fruit, it was put into a smoothie maker. The children then enjoyed their smoothies that they had made. The children have made so much progress this year, personally and academically through hardwork and the important home-school partnership. Thank you for your important contribution. On Friday afternoon we are planning to teach tying shoelaces. Please can you practice at home and we are sure the Year 2 Teachers will really appreciate it!

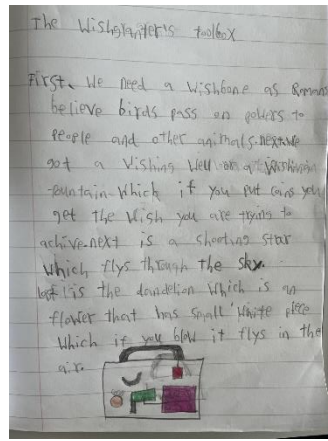
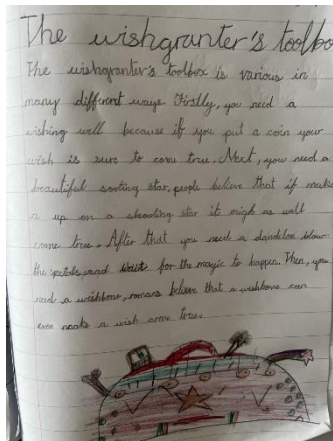
Please ensure that all borrowed library books are returned before the summer holidays and you may complete all remaining pages in the maths homework book.



#### Year 2:

This week in English, we have explored a range of creative writing based on short clips and images; it has been delightful to see the children apply their literacy skills to produce wonderful pieces of writing! In Maths, we have introduced Year 3 arithmetic and reasoning questions along with regular times tables practice preparing the pupils for next year. Thank you to our Year 4 classes for mentoring Year 2 with times tables rockstars. In Science, we learnt about different sources of renewable energy focusing on the invention of windmills and wind turbines! We were fortunate enough to watch Year 6 perform their end of year play, which was delightful – well done Year 6! As the weather improved, we spent some afternoons playing team building games on the top deck and reading stories in the reading area as well as circle times to discuss our feelings about moving to Year 3 and reminding one another of our successes in Year 2. What a wonderful year we have had in Year 2 - it has been great to see how far the children have come this year and the hard work they have applied towards their learning. We would like to say a huge thank you to Miss McDonald, Mrs Zaighum, Miss Alberta, Miss Cole and Mrs Alim for their dedication to making Year 2 a successful year. We wish Miss McDonald and Miss Cole good luck in their future endeavors! Also, thank you to parents for your support and understanding. We wish every child good luck for next year, stay safe during the summer break and have fun!





## Key Stage 2:

### Year 3:

This week in English the children have been busy working hard on their mini parliament speeches. On Thursday year sat presented their speeches to each

other in the hall. They then voted for the best speech and for who they thought would be the best candidate to be 'Civitas Prime minister'. In maths this week the children have continued focusing on pictograms, collecting data from the class and creating their own pictograms to represent the data found. In D.T Rosen class have been finishing up their model cars, decorating them and evaluating their results. In science the children consolidated their learning of shadows using torches to create their own shadow shows.

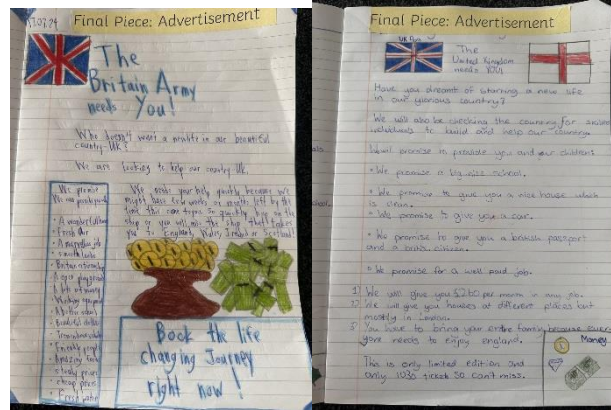
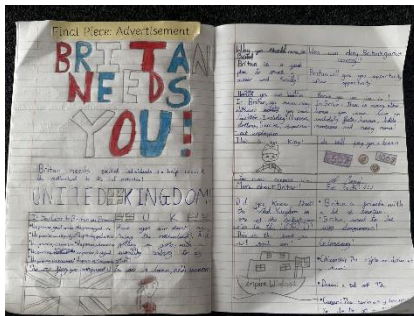
As this is our last bulletin of the school year, I would like to say a huge well done to every child in year 3. You have worked incredibly hard and made fantastic progress throughout the year. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Finally, one last HUGE thank you to Mrs W who is sadly leaving us this year. Mrs W has been a fantastic teacher and will be greatly missed by both staff and children throughout the school. We wish Mrs W the very best of luck at her new school!



### Year 4:

As this is the last bulletin of the year, we would like to say a massive well done to the Year 4s for working so hard this year in their Maths and Writing. We were so impressed with their MTC and how much they have progressed over the year. We have finished our Whole Class Reading book –The Explorer- and we have also finished all our modules in Maths. We have been completing arithmetic tests to show how ready we are for Year 5. Here are some pictures of our final piece of writing which follows the advertisement they created for the Windrush generation in the UK.



This year has been great because we have worked hard but also learnt and had fun on our journey. Year 4 would personally like to say a massive **THANK YOU to Miss Woolridge** for all her hard work, kindness, determination and motivation to give the Year 4s the best experience they can have regarding their learning and academic life. We have all been lucky to have Miss Woolridge here to support the children and create a fantastic learning environment for them. We wish you all the best in your new school, Miss Woolridge, and we hope you keep in touch.

### Year 5:

This week year 5 have been putting all their writing skills to the test in writing our final big write of the year – instructions. We have designed our own torture devices inspired by our history topic – crime and punishment – and written detailed instructions on how to use the devices. In Maths we have completed our converting units topic and have begun our short statistics topic. We have been so impressed with how well year 5 have worked this week, with the excitement of the end of year looming. In our afternoon lessons, such as science, we have consolidated our term's learning through creating posters and information sheets.

We would like to thank year 5 for their hard work and dedication to their schooling this year. We are very excited to see how much more they progress in year 6 and wish our families a lovely summer!

### Year 6:

This week year 6 have had a very active week, especially with their wonderful performances! The children have been tirelessly rehearsing and this has really paid off with a range of amazing performances and superb singing. Well done to all of the children for their amazing efforts and no doubt we will be seeing some of them on the big screen one day!



### **Communication to the school**

Absence reporting can also be done via [office@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:earlyyears@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 1: [year1@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year1@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 2: [year2@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year2@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 3: [year3@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year3@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 4: [year4@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year4@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 5: [year5@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year5@civitasacademy.co.uk)

Year 6: [year6@civitasacademy.co.uk](mailto:year6@civitasacademy.co.uk)

### **KEY DATES**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 3 Oxford Trip

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – INSET Day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – INSET Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Children return to school