

Summer Bulletin

Friday 24th May 2024



Message from Sean English, Interim Deputy Head



Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term has certainly flown by, and I think that's partly to do with the range of different experiences, activities and even assessments that have been completed during this time.

It's been so impressive to see the broad range of progress and the extent that all the staff go to in creating exciting learning for the pupils. In particular, the progression of skills within Art and Design/Technology, where our Year One pupils have made some amazing sculptures; Year Two creating some technical marvels with their drawbridges and with Year Three extending this further with the materials they use such as wire – we have some talented children here at civitas!

It has also been great to see some of the work the staff and pupils have completed relating to creating a healthy environment for not only the school but also the wider community, with all the work done by Miss Wareham on the Clean Air Programme. We hope this work can continue and inspire the pupils to find other ways to support the environment!

The end of this term was rounded off by our Year Six children completing their SATs assessments. I know parents and carers will be eagerly awaiting the results, which we will have to wait until July for, and we are so proud of all the pupils as we know they have all made progress during their time at Civitas. We hope that the Year Six children can take a much-earned rest during the half term, coming back fresh for the final part of summer term, which will no doubt be just as busy!

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to all of the parents/carers, staff and children within the school, especially to Miss Park who will be leaving us today. She has been such a valuable member of our team over the past few months and we wish her all the best in her future. We hope you all have a rest during the break and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 4th June, where we will start the final half term for this academic year.

Mr. S English

PE Timetable – Summer 1

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

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception		
Elmer	Sai Shriya	For outstanding progress in all areas of learning!
Paddington	Yantra	For being an excellent role model to her peers.
KS1		
Pinocchio	Frankie	For working on being ready, respectful and safe at school.
Gruffalo	Sai Aashrith	For his wonderful efforts and improvements to his writing throughout the term.
BFG	Alan	For persevering when learning statistics and developing self-belief!
Matilda	Ada	For settling into Civitas and always being ready, respectful and safe.
KS2		
Rosen	Jasmine	For always being such a kind and helpful member of the class.
Kinney	Adarsh	For working hard on his explanation writing in English
Richards	Avyaan	For being an enthusiastic learner and always contributing to class discussions.
Murphy	Kaanvika	For settling into Murphy class so well and following the school rules of being ready, respectful and safe.
Avery	Hanvitha	For settling into the class is so well.
Zephaniah	Alicja	For her wonderful work within her Explanation text. She was able to use a broad range of features that created an exciting and entertaining piece of writing.
Lewis	Vihaan	For his great contributions in class and always showing the value of respect to others.
Draper	Nicole	For growing in confidence and contributing during class discussions.

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Safina
Paddington	Sarah
Gruffalo	Ayira
Pinocchio	Arlo
BFG	Pujya
Matilda	Asher
Kinney	Adarsh
Rosen	Azeena

Murphy	Mukunthan
Richards	Eva
Avery	Arfa
Zephaniah	Mason
Draper	Erin
Lewis	Amayah

House	Total House Points this week	Total
Aqua	300	10,511
Terra	348	10,741
Ignis	287	9,239
Atmos	420	10,785

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>
Nevayah	Zephaniah	For receiving three bronze medals at her gymnastics competition last weekend

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%	97.68%
Year 1	88.17%	93.1%	91.03%	93.32%	92.78%	92.17%
Year 2	89.83%	90.18%	94.64%	95.09%	93.6%	96.1%
Year 3	87.33%	88.98%	92.37%	90.04%	90.02%	91.86%
Year 4	89.49%	90.85%	94.75%	93.22%	93.22%	96.59%
Year 5	93.33%	94.11%	96.61%	93.3%	95.91%	95.26%
Year 6	95.83%	98.47%	98.49%	96.67%	98.33%	95.67%

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

This week in Reception we have been continuing with our work on minibeasts, we have been reading the story “Mad about Minibeasts” which is a book which explores the features of various minibeasts. The children have been really engaged with their literacy writing this week which has been facts about various minibeasts, it has given them an opportunity to really show off their amazing knowledge of the natural world. In maths we have been starting to explore grouping and sharing objects. Our art activity this week has focused on junk modelling to create minibeasts, in maths we have been sharing objects into 2 or 3 groups and we have introduced the children to beebots! We are excited about the trip to Palmer Park on Thursday 6th June. If you haven't completed your permission form, then please do so.

Key Stage 1:

Year 1:

This week in Year 1 we have learnt about the structure and purpose of fact files and then applied this knowledge to our own fact files about Sharks in English. We took this new learning and created a wonderful fact file about 'The Great Fire of London' too. In RE we have considered what a Jewish family may choose to do during Shabbat and the importance of this ritual. We loved using the laptops this week to practice using the programme, Word and understanding how to use the undo and redo buttons. We linked this to our knowledge about suffixes in English and 'un' meaning the opposite. We started and finished a short topic in Maths about position and direction. We learnt about quarter and half turns and understanding left, right, forwards and backwards. This is a great topic to practice at home! In Art we painted our brilliant William de Morgan inspired sculptures which we are very proud of. One memorable moment of the week was when the children shared who was special to them and why. These are proudly displayed in our classrooms. A reminder that the phonics screening check will take place next half term! Therefore, to support your child, please continue to practice phonics and encourage your child to read daily. Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely half term!



Year 2:

This week in English, Year 2 finished writing and publishing their biographies about Isatou Ceesay – the queen of recycling! In Maths, we have started a new unit of learning based on statistics focusing on tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams. In RE, we consolidated our knowledge of Judaism through an end of unit quiz. For Science, we researched life cycles about an animal of our choice and then had a go at designing a diagram to represent our findings! In History, we learnt about the evolution of railways in Reading town and how this impacted citizens. We compared railways from 1610, 1840 and 2024! In DT, we finished building our drawbridges and completed evaluation worksheets. For PSHE, we summarised our topic of relationships creating compliment cups; we hope this promotes kindness and positivity. Have a go at

creating a compliment cup at home! Year 2 had a lovely time celebrating cultural diversity day and wellbeing day on Wednesday. It was wonderful to see lots of children dressed in traditional clothing linked to their cultures and we enjoyed listening to one another, learning about our families and celebrating our differences. A reminder that the KS1 SATs and phonics screening checks (for those who did not pass last year) will take place next half term! Therefore, to support your child, please continue to practise phonics, complete homework books and encourage your child to read. Thank you for your continued support and have a restful break!



Key Stage 2:

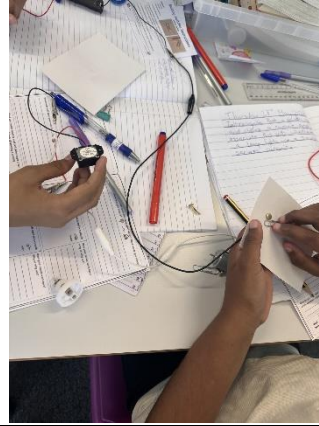
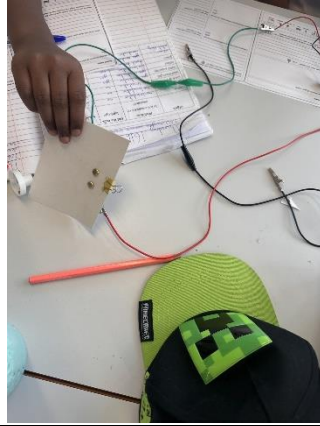
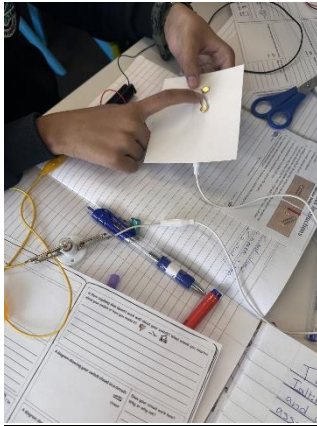
Year 3:

This week in English, the children have been putting together the last weeks of feature work to write their first drafts of an explanation about mummification. They then edited their first drafts and published their final pieces ready to go on display next term. In maths, the children have been working hard on time. Time is often a tricky topic and the children have shown perseverance and resilience when learning o'clock, half past and quarter past the hour. In Geography this week, the children explored the water cycle. They found out where water comes from and how it is recycled. There is no new water as it is continuously used through the water cycle. They created their own posters on the water cycle process. In art, each child evaluated their wire sculpture from last week. They looked at what worked well, what could have been improved and what they would do differently next time to make their sculptures even better. We finished our week with a science recap on the interesting things we have learnt about forces and magnets.

We hope you have a restful half term, and we will see you in summer 2.

Year 4:

Year 4 worked so hard this term on their times tables. We are excited to say their MTC will take place on the first week back; we will tell parents on which date after the half term. Mrs. Wareham and Miss Woolridge have created timetables revision packs for the children to complete over the holidays if they can, they can also access TTRS to keep up with their timetable knowledge and their speed on when they complete it. We have been so proud of the children's resilience when completing their practices and we are looking forward to our celebration after it. This week we have finished the RE topic of Judaism and our PSHE topic on relationships. Our next PSHE topic is "Changing me" so if any of you would like to ask the teachers about that topic, please let us know. In Science we also completed our learning on circuits and how electricity works around the school.



All of us from the Year 4 team wish you a relaxing holiday and look forward to having all the children back in June!

Year 5:

This week in Year 5, the children have been putting together a range of the different work they have been completing within English. The children have been able to use their learning in History, where the children have been exploring the Victorians and the broad range of crimes and punishments. This has led them to creating some vivid and detailed descriptions of said punishments for their explanation texts and, safe to say, they have produced work that would give the Horrible Histories series a run for their money! In addition to this the children have also continued their learning about the different environments and levels within the ocean. This has taken them on a journey, tens of thousands of meters down to the depths of the sea floor and they have started to discover some of the different sea life that can survive down there. The children have been showing how inquisitive they are through their questioning within these subjects and their curiosity has led them to a broad range of new and exciting learning.

Year 6:

This week in year 6, the children completed their first draft of their letters to Mrs Ducker, which aim to persuade her not to 'remove' our break times and reduce lunch times by 30 minutes. The children demonstrated some fantastic persuasive techniques including the use of flattery, using evidence to support a point and concluding a main argument. We look forward to reading them all after the half term. In maths we have been learning about ratio and exploring links between ratio and fractions. And in geography, we started to research the physical geography of East Anglia and Southern Denmark as well as recapping how to use 6 figure grid references. In PSHE, we had discussions around online safety, and we learnt the 'SMARRT' rules on how to be safe online. Finally, every child has been given a copy of the script of our upcoming production "We'll Meet Again". We have asked the children to rehearse a scene over the half term as we will be holding auditions during the first week back. Again, we would like to say a big well done for all of the children's effort and hard work over the last term and we look forward to seeing everyone again ready for their final term at Civitas.

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

Monday 3rd June – INSET day

Tuesday 4th June – children return to school

Tuesday 4th June – Year 4 MTC

Thursday 6th June – Year 1 Trip to Local Area

Tuesday 11th June – Year 3 River Walk

Monday 10th June – KS1 Phonics Screening Check

Friday 14th June – Year 2 Trip to Reading Museum

Monday 17th June – Year 2 SATs