

## *Summer Bulletin – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Message from Miss Taylor – Humanities Lead*



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to share with you our geography curriculum at our school.

Here at Civitas Academy, we aim to inspire our children- the next generation - with a lifelong curiosity and fascination of the world and people who live there.

Our geography curriculum is taught through six global themes, which give children the opportunity to discuss, debate and explore real life issues and situations within the local community and wider world. The six global themes are: social justice and equity, identity and diversity, sustainable development, peace and conflict, human rights and power and governance.

Within each theme, the children will learn about a geographical subject in which children are taught powerful geographical knowledge, vocabulary and charity and citizenship. Each theme and geographical subject is carefully planned for and sequenced by our teachers so that children's knowledge, understanding and skills progress throughout their time here at Civitas. For example, in EYFS and KS1 the children will explore and learn about the school's grounds, the local area and Reading town, as this enables them to make clearer and more accurate comparisons with other areas around the world as they move further up the school.

High quality core texts are used to bring these themes to life and children are provided with a variety of opportunities for geography learning inside and outside of the classroom.



*Year 3 trip to the Living Rainforest*

At the end of each term, the children will take part in a final project in which they will apply and present their learning over the term.

By the time our 'Civitas Child' leaves our school, we believe they will be keen geographers, inspired to ask questions about the world they live in and be ready to embark on their next journey in their geography education.

Miss Taylor

# Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	Minsa	For working hard to blend word together in phonics.
Paddington	Harnoor	For her grown up attitude!
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	Aurora	For contributing in all lessons – showing that she is ready to learn!
Pinocchio:	Luca	For working hard to improve his handwriting.
BFG:	Isabelle	For fabulous behavior and being a good role model
Matilda:	Manveer	For doing great home learning
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	Aairah	Showing great generosity of spirit by assisting a new child settle in to our class.
Kinney	Aashna	For always having a positive attitude towards her learning
Richards	Abhijay	For working really hard on his handwriting both in school and at home.
Murphy	Mitya	For working hard to improve his writing.
Zephaniah	Anthony	For amazing effort in his learning.
Avery	Flynn	For being ready, respectful and safe and encouraging others to be respectful in class
Draper	Yash	For a focused attitude and contributing in lessons.
Lewis	Kamila	For trying hard in class and a great attitude to learning.

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

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Aqua	412	9124
Ignis	398	9017
Terra	442	8758
Atmos	473	8935

Class	Sports Star of the Week
Elmer	Zara
Paddington	Skyla
Gruffalo	Avie
Pinocchio	Sunshine Luca
BFG	Benyamin
Matilda	Aoife
Kinney	Samaira
Rosen	Gabriela
Murphy	Varun
Richards	Melanie
Avery	Umaimah
Zephaniah	Sidhaan
Draper	Visvajith
Lewis	Faya

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	21/04	28/04	05/05	12/05	19/05	26/05
Reception	89.3%	93.1%				
Year 1	87.1%	93.4%				
Year 2	94.5%	94.7%				
Year 3	84.9%	96.9%				
Year 4	92.6%	95.2%				
Year 5	93.4%	96.9%				
Year 6	88.2%	92.9%				

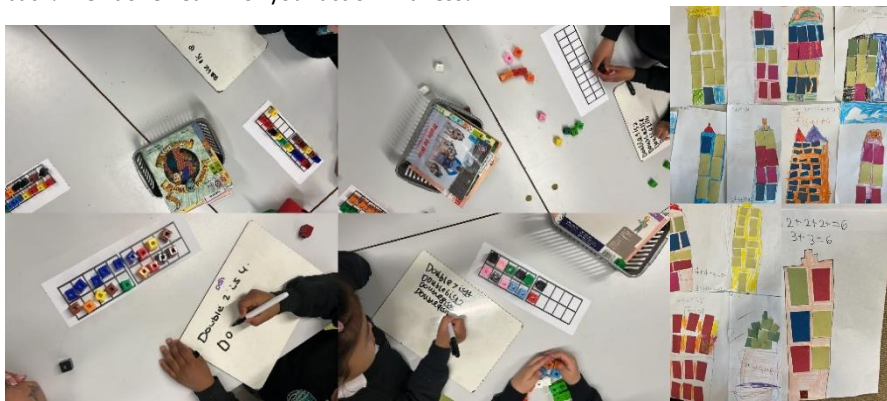
# What have we been learning this week?

## Reception

We have been continuing with our Global Learning Theme of endangered animals. In Literacy we have been reading 'There's a T-Rex in Town', which is full of fun facts about Tyrannosaurus Rex. This led us to learn about 'extinct' animals. We have been focusing on facts about dinosaurs and we had a little look at the famous paleontologist Mary Anning. We have enjoyed doing lots of dinosaur activities. In math's, we have been recapping our previous learning on numbers to the value of 20. During continuous provision, the children have been telling dinosaur stories, painting dinosaur pictures and writing about a mysterious dinosaur egg.

## Key Stage 1

**Year 1:** This week, Year 1 have been learning about arrays in Maths, focusing on the difference between rows and columns. We consolidated our learning by making 'array skyscrapers' with matching number sentences. In English, we have recapped the meaning of nouns, adjectives and verbs. We were then introduced to adverbs and how to write in first person. In PSHE, we discussed the importance of relationships including those with our family, friends, pets etc: we spoke about what makes a good friend. As part of our Geography lesson, we compared the human and physical features between Reading and Lyme Regis. In Science, we learnt about how animals are affected by the different seasons. Before the Easter break, Year 1 wrote to residents at a local care home, and we are very lucky to have received a response. The people at the care home were overjoyed with our letters and sent many pictures and letters back! Well done Year 1 for your act of kindness!



**Year 2:** This week Year 2 have been working their socks off doing SATs preparation in Maths and Reading. Children have been learning all about how to add and subtract using number lines and using the column method. It would be great for them to continue practicing these methods at home to consolidate this learning. Both BFG and Matilda classes have been writing some wonderful narratives all about their text 'The Promise' using varied language such as wow adjectives, adverbs, and verbs to spice up their writing. In Reading, we have continued with the Hodgehog and have been wondering what sort of adventures Max gets up to. In our Geography, we have been learning all about aerial maps, looking at our local areas and about the benefits of green spaces in towns such as Reading and cities like London. As part of our RE topic this half term, children have been learning about Judaism and the signs, symbols, traditions, and cultures of Jewish people.

## Key Stage 2

**Year 3:** This week in Math we have learnt how to partition the whole, find out unit and non-unit fractions of a set of objects and worked on reasoning fractions of an amount. We then completed the end of block assessment. The highlight was working on TT Rockstars on the iPads and computers. English has had a 'skills focus' where we have identified and explored fronted adverbials, inverted commas, expanded noun phrases and worked on a story map. Science was fun! Continuing with the theme of force and push and pull, we looked at other factors that could affect this, such as friction. Using a toy car we predicted how much friction the toy car would encounter. In Art we started preparing our portrait in the style of Kimmy Cantrell using his very distinctive style and features. In our Global learning theme 'Power and Governance' we learnt about why we have a prime minister in the UK and how parliament is made up. We then pretended that we were some of the 650 MPs in the country and thought of questions that we would like to ask the Prime Minister. It was fun 'hot seating' and answering these interesting questions.

In Math we are going to be learning about money. At the start of the unit on money we are extremely excited to hold a 'mini-market day.' All information about this was e-mailed home before the April holidays. Please start talking to your child about what item they wish to make/create to sell. We will hold our market day on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May. As both classes are doing this your child may ask you for some 'silver UK money' that they can use to shop in the other year 3 class. No more than £1 in silver coins please.

**Year 4:** This week in year 4 we have started to dive deeper into our new topics. The children have learnt a little about what the Windrush generation is and about their project outcome for the summer term – interview someone from the Windrush generation! They are super excited to learn more about this later in the term. In maths, the children have been finishing their decimals topic and will complete an end of unit quiz next week to show off all their learning! We will then start to learn about telling the time and money! In English, we have further explored our new book – The Windrush Child – and saw our new WAGOLL – a diary entry from the point of view of the Windrush Child, Leonard. In science, we started using the electrical equipment to create a basic circuit with a battery and a bulb.

**Year 5:** This week has been very exciting for year 5. We started the week with a visitor explaining all about the life-cycles of butterflies and kicking off a whole term experiment – butterfly spotting in our local area. We also have visitors in Friday morning to help us with even more science all about sustainable

development. In English this week we have been exploring the different features of an explanation text and looking deeper into using determiners and commas for lists. In maths this week we have been exploring our new topic – statistics – by using data to draw our own line graphs and analyse data from tables.

**Year 6:** Our main focus for English this week has been spelling and grammar. We have re-capped previous knowledge of word classes, spelling rules, passive and active voice, tenses and punctuation. Children have then applied their learning to SATS style question to practice exam technique. In maths we have also been revising a number of subjects including fractions, decimals and percentages along with arithmetic. In PSHE we have continued our unit on relationships and mental health, and we discussed ways to support our own mental health when we feel stressed or anxious. In science the children deepened their knowledge and understanding of electricity and electrical circuits.

# News items from this week

**NEW PE timetable:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 4 am	Year 5 Avery am	Year 5 Zephaniah am	Year 3 am	
Year 6 am	Year 1 pm	EYFS pm	Year 2 pm	

**Dates for the Diary:**

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – King’s Coronation – school closed
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	May half term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children return to school

**Communication to the school:**

Absence reporting still needs to 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)

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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)

**THE BIG CORONATION PICNIC AT VICTORIA PARK (RG1 7HL)**  
**SUNDAY, 7TH MAY 2023**  
**12 PM - 4 PM**

**JOIN US FOR GAMES, TREATS AND GREAT FAMILY FUN!**  
 Bring your picnic, blanket, garden seat/chair.

Family games | face painting | treats | drumming for wellbeing tasters and more...

Prizes for:  
 Kids' Best dressed *King & Queen of the World*  
 Celebration *Cake-to-Share* baking contest  
 (See overleaf or [vpcg.org.uk](http://vpcg.org.uk) for timings)

Access on foot via George Street, Great Knollys Street/Hodsoll Road park entrances. Please 'think green', keep plastic use to a minimum and take your litter home.

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**12 PM - 4 PM**

Join the Victoria Park Community Group for a picnic in the park with fun family activities to mark the King's coronation.

Don't forget to bring your own blanket or seat, and picnic.

Family games, craft activities, drumming-for-wellbeing, eco-activity, facepainting and more throughout the afternoon.

@ 12.45pm Prizes for best Kids' *King & Queen of the World* costume  
 To enter: Children turn up on the day dressed as a King or Queen of the World. Prize for best dressed/original costume.

@ 2pm Celebration *Cake bake-to-share* contest  
 To enter, bake a coronation themed cake to share for the picnic, register your entry either in advance (see [vpcg.org.uk](http://vpcg.org.uk)) or on the day. **Please provide full list of ingredients, and NO NUTS!** Contest will be judged by VPCG trustees and a prize awarded. Cakes will be sliced and shared to participants and friends.

Children's games and ice cream treats provided by Lifespring church.  
 Visit our website [vpcg.org.uk](http://vpcg.org.uk) for more details.

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10th & 11th June 2023

Loddon Valley Leisure Centre, Reading

