

Summer Bulletins – Friday 9th July 2021

Message from Mrs Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday on our INSET day our staffing teams have been looking at how we can further amend our curriculum for 'Our Civitas Child' so it is more meaningful and connected to our children's lives; where it continues to prepare them for their futures and where it encourages our children to think about – who they are, how they fit into the world and how they contribute back. At the beginning of the Autumn term, we will be sending out the new projects our children will be focusing on all underpinned by education for global citizenship.

Our PCSOs visited this week too and spent time with our children in EYFS and KS1 sharing the story of 'PC Ben,' a police constable who gets to help many lives in many ways every day. The children also had the opportunity to ask the many questions that they had too 😊

Excitement all around the school as we celebrated and enjoyed participating in Sports day either preparing the MUGA, taking part, collecting results or celebrating each other's achievements. Mr Milstead smiled with pride with the way our children showed pure joy having the opportunity to take part on Wednesday and Thursday, enjoying the games, supporting each other, and especially having the chance to use the MUGA too.

So for the results...it was close!

Position:	House:	Points:
1st	Atmos	262
2nd	Aqua	234
3rd	Ignis	228
4th	Terra	214



Reason for the topic and vision for our children:

- Prepare them for the future
- Desire to make the world a better place
- Can't have a good education system in a global world
- Equip them with the knowledge skills and values to overcome opportunities and challenges they encounter
- Create a future they want to live in
- Learning brought to life through experiential activities
- Connect them to our children's lives - who they are, how they fit into the world, how they contribute back

Our Civitas Child
Civilians, Global and non-own subjects

Global Citizenship

- "A global citizen is someone who believes in global justice and acts to make the world a safer, fairer and more sustainable place in which people's rights and responsibilities are recognised and respected." (UNICEF UK (2013))
- Impact on the local community and understand how to have a national and global impact too.
- Know that their voice is valued
- Use websites and guidance documents
- etc

Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	🌟Aizah🌟	For trying hard with her learning and playing well with her friends.
Paddington	🌟Phoebe🌟	For focusing well on her learning and trying hard with her writing.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	🌟Wajiha🌟	For working well in maths this week, learning about time.
Pinocchio:	🌟Mysha🌟	For being a caring and understanding friend.
BFG:	🌟Thanvi🌟	For her wonderful effort in English and for always trying her best.
Matilda:	🌟Nevayah🌟	For using amazing features in her writing to make it great! She has used punctuation that is expected of KS2 children as she has seen it in books.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	🌟Jenisha🌟	For showing kindness to others.
Kinney	🌟Julius🌟	For showing an improved attitude to learning and increased focus on his work.
Richards	🌟Angelina🌟	For being a kind and caring member of the class.
Murphy	🌟Luca🌟	For creating a wonderful poem and having a great attitude to learning.
Zephaniah	🌟Nikola🌟	For increased confidence to participate in class.
	🌟Akshitha🌟	For contributing more in class.

House Points

Well done to **Atmos** house for gaining the most house points this week

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Atmos	262	2926
Terra	214	2982
Aqua	234	3087
Ignis	228	3696

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	11/6	18/6	25/6	02/7	09/7	16/7
Reception	92.0%	93.7%	90.8%	93.3%	93.3%	
Year 1	95.7%	94.6%	94.4%	91.3%	94.3%	
Year 2	96.4%	96.9%	94.3%	95.0%	96.8%	
Year 3	96.5%	98.0%	97.4%	96.1%	91.9%	
Year 4	98.5%	98.5%	94.2%	96.5%	98.7%	
Year 5	96.6%	96.8%	94.1%	95.2%	96.7%	

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

This week in literacy, we have been reading the story "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch". We discovered what a lighthouse is, wrote instructions to explain how to make sandwiches and hot seated characters from the story. In maths this week we have explored Cuisenaire rods and repeating patterns. In independent learning time we have worked on our scissor skills by cutting and sticking food into a basket, written a recipe, made a picnic basket with strips of paper and made silhouette pictures of a lighthouse in the sunset. The highlight of our week was Sports Day. We all enjoyed taking part and all worked hard in our teams.

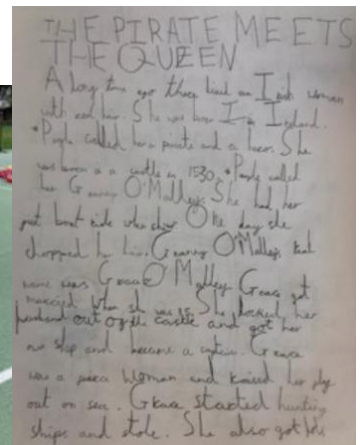


Key Stage 1

Year 1 have been recapping rhyming words this week and have worked towards writing a poem about our town, Reading. In maths we have started exploring time and have learnt to tell time to the hour and half hour. In topic we created art inspired by the night time city scape and have discussed how a city looks different at night.



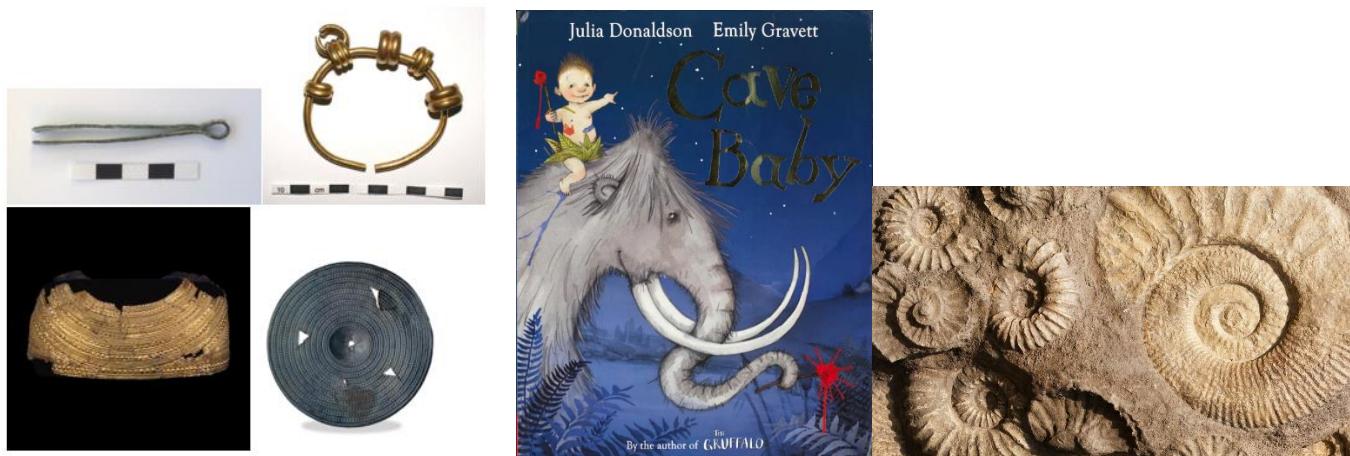
Year 2 have been writing a story about Grace O'Malley in English. They listened to the story 'The Pirate meets the Queen' then created their own ending. They have been recapping the use of similes in their writing to add more detail. In Maths, year 2 have recapped how to solve division sentences by using the most effective strategies. They had a great time talking to the PCSOs that visited on Monday. They wrote down all the questions they wanted to ask and then took it in turns to ask their questions to the PCSOs. In the afternoons, year 2 have looked at maps of Reading in geography and they created their own pirate ships in art.



Key Stage 2

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have continued our learning about the Bronze Age and begun learning about the Iron Age. We learnt that the Iron Age lasted until 43AD when the Romans invaded. This was exciting to learn as we could relate it to our previous learning about Romans. We continued learning about Rocks in science and learnt that there are different types of fossils. In English, we read the story "Cave Baby" and wrote about it using fronted adverbials. In maths, we finished our topic about shapes and have begun learning about grams and kilograms. We used weighing scales and found the mass of objects in our trays. We had a fantastic time at sports day and enjoyed competing in our houses. On sports day, we also learnt about healthy eating and the upcoming Olympic games!



Year 4

In our Topic this week we had the opportunity to question Mrs Ducker on how we can make Civitas a "Greener" School. We were surprised to find out how we already recycle our paper and have lights that automatically turn off which will save energy. The Year 4s are now investigating how we can plant more trees in the area and make the school even "Greener".

As you are aware Year 4 have been creating a video on our Climate Change Topic so we will be finishing that next week and have our showing of the video on Tuesday! We look forward to sharing this with parents on Civitas Academy YouTube.

Here are the pictures from Year 4 Sports day – we really enjoyed our day and are so grateful to Mr. Milstead who organised and planned all the activities.



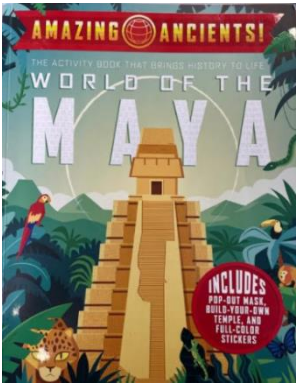
In English we have been creating speeches to inspire the years below us how we can be a part of the Climate Change movement. We have been focusing on speeches from Greta and David Attenborough. In Maths we are finishing our shapes topics and moving on to positions on a grid, this is where our knowledge of shapes and graphs will come in very handy.

Thank you to all the children who came in with Newspaper last week, our project to create a penguin for our Climate Change topic is coming along nicely and should be finished by next week!



Year 5:

In maths last week, we used our knowledge of co-ordinates to have our very own battleship competition! This was very competitive and really tested our co-ordinate skills and our ability to hold a straight face in the midst of battle! This week we have converted units of measure. Our Mayan masks are finally complete and up on display – they look amazing! In English we started our new class non-fiction book – World of the Maya.



In topic last week we learnt where chocolate originated from! We know the first form of chocolate came from around 700BC – during the Mayan period and this was consumed via a drink - bit like a modern-day milkshake! They harvested the cocoa-beans, left them to dry out in the scorching sun, crushed them down and mixed with water until it made a thick 'chocolate' style drink. We were lucky to spend an afternoon learning about how the Mayan's used the cocoa beans and trying different types of chocolate! We tried: milk, dark, orange, white and mint. We voted our favourite to be milk chocolate but a very close second favourite was surprisingly the mint chocolate. This week we have put our Scientific skills to use, investigating the amount of water resistance on different shapes. We found out that Sir Isaac Newton was an influential Scientist in the Laws of Motion and gravity. On Thursday, we enjoyed Sports Day where we practised a variety of skills

News items from this week

Parent Survey - As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to invite all of our Civitas Parents and Carers to complete a parent survey. Please click here to complete: [Parent Survey](#)

Pirate Day - Wednesday 14th July 2021 – Year 2 only - This term, Year 2 have been enjoying learning about pirates in our topic Land Ahoy! As we are coming to the end of our topic, we would like to celebrate our learning by having a pirate day on Wednesday 14th July 2021. Children can wear pirate fancy dress to school on this day. Please do not worry if you do not have a pirate costume at home, children can come to school wearing pirate colours.



Oxford Road Mural - Over the next couple of weeks, each year group will have the chance to go to view the Oxford Road Mural at the top of Bedford Road. This will be a perfect opportunity for the children to talk about their identity and the diversity of their community.

Universal Infant Free School Meals – for Year 2 students moving up to Year 3, government funding for free school meals in Key Stage 2 stops. School lunches are still available to order for children in Year 3 and above, these can be ordered and paid for via Tucasi.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals/Pupil Premium they will still receive a free school meal.

If over the last year your circumstances have changed, and you are now in receipt of Universal Credits from the government, we can run a Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility check. Please complete this form: [FSM Eligibility Check Form](#)

Date:	Activity:
Ongoing	Drop off – 8:40 – 9:00am
Wednesday 14 th July	Year 2 Pirate Day
Monday 19 th July	School reports sent via email
Wednesday 21 st July	Last day of school