

Summer Bulletins – Friday 18th June 2021

Message from Mrs Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our parents and carers for booking appointments for parents' evening this week. I'm sure we are all looking forward to the face-to-face appointments we will be able to have when everything goes back to normal, especially as we want to share with you the amazing work the children have been doing in their books. It was lovely to see you via Teams so the teachers and families could feel connected once again. We have had lovely responses from parents who are proud of their child's achievements. The children have made progress from their individual starting points, and we want to thank you once again for supporting your child throughout the lockdowns and remote learning.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend, hopefully the rain doesn't ruin anyone's plans!

Miss Boman and Mrs Ducker



Celebrations and Achievements

| Reception: | | |
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| Elmer | 🌟 Antonio 🌟 | For congratulating his friend on winning a game and for trying new activities this week, such as painting, which he found he really enjoyed! |
| Paddington | 🌟 Aafiyah 🌟 | For working hard on her writing and focusing well on the carpet. |
| Key Stage 1: | | |
| Gruffalo: | 🌟 Aleesha 🌟 | For being resilient, patient and never complaining, even when times are tough. |
| Pinocchio: | 🌟 Layla 🌟 | For working really hard to improve her reading. |
| BFG: | 🌟 David 🌟 | For being enthusiastic about maths and sharing his ideas confidently. |
| Matilda: | 🌟 Abhinav 🌟 | For continuing to improve his writing by using interesting vocabulary and understanding how to write for different audiences and purposes. |
| Key Stage 2: | | |
| Rosen | 🌟 Ethan 🌟 | For consistently making an effort with his work and contributing to class discussions. |
| Kinney | 🌟 Saviir 🌟 | For working hard in every lesson and contributing useful and interesting answers. |
| Richards | 🌟 Rinchen 🌟 | For his improved focus and engagement in English and Maths lessons. |
| Murphy | 🌟 Maria 🌟 | For being mature in our PSHE lessons and asking some great questions! Well done, Maria! |
| Zephaniah | 🌟 Sophie 🌟 | For working hard and believing in herself. |
| | 🌟 Lucia 🌟 | For contributing more in class and being confident. |

House Points

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

| House: | Points this week: | Total: |
|--------------|-------------------|--------|
| Atmos | 779 | 2664 |
| Terra | 847 | 2768 |
| Aqua | 933 | 2853 |
| Ignis | 1013 | 3468 |

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% | | | | |
| Year 1 | 95.7% | 94.6% | | | | |
| Year 2 | 96.4% | 96.9% | | | | |
| Year 3 | 96.5% | 98.0% | | | | |
| Year 4 | 98.5% | 98.5% | | | | |
| Year 5 | 96.6% | 96.8% | | | | |

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

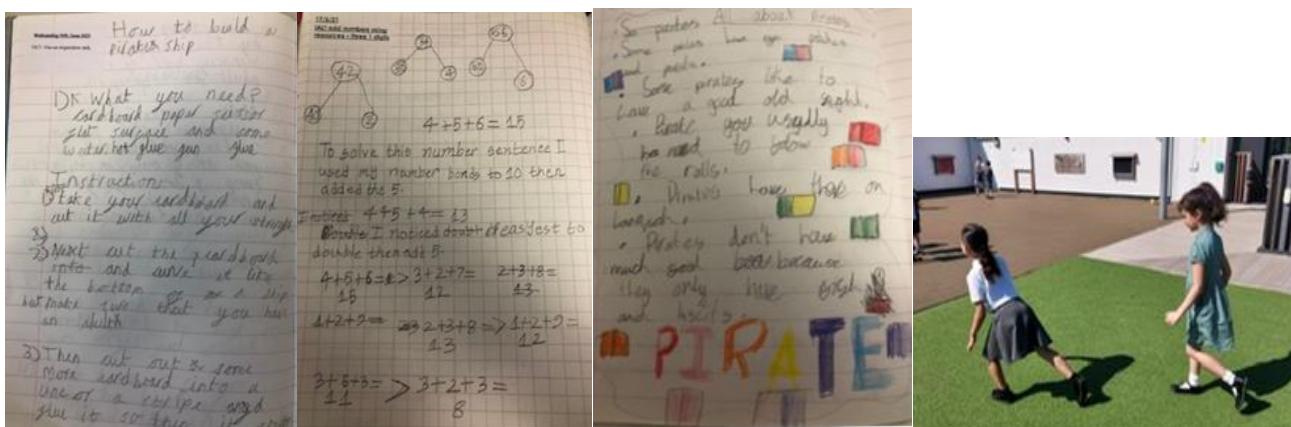
This week our focus text was 'Sharing a shell' by Julia Donaldson. We have taken part in class discussions around sharing, written a sorry letter from the crab to the anemone for initially not wanting to share the shell and enjoyed hot seating characters from the story. In Maths we have been learning how to share objects into equal groups. Our independent learning activities this week have included designing a shell, making paper plate crabs, making pictures with shells, making glitter glue snail trails, writing sentences about the story and writing thank you letters to the crab for sharing the shell.



Key Stage 1

Year 1 have been learning to write a newspaper article, and including important features such as a picture and caption. In maths we have been focusing on place value to 100, particularly on comparing numbers and 1 more and 1 less. In topic we have been learning about the United Kingdom, and discussing the 4 countries and capital cities.

Year 2 have been reading the book 'The Pirate Tree' in English. They have learnt how to use imperative verbs in their writing and have written instructions for different pirate themed activities. In Maths, year 2 have been recapping addition and how to use different strategies to work out their number sentences. We have been applying our understanding of addition to one step and two step word problems. Year 2 continued to learn about pirates this week by finding out what life was like for a pirate.



Key Stage 2

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have continued learning about the Stone Age. We learnt about Stone Age landmarks such as Stonehenge. We found out that Stone Age people transported huge stones across hundreds of miles to build Stonehenge and that there is mystery surrounding why it was built. We learnt about the Scara Brae which was a village built in the Neolithic era of the Stone Age and found out that it is one of the best-preserved Stone Age villages in Europe. In science, we continued our learning about rocks and found out about their properties. We investigated different rocks to find out if they were permeable, dense, hard or durable. In English, we finished our book, The Stone Age Boy and wrote diary entries from the perspective of the boy. In maths, we continued learning about time and learnt how to find the duration between times.



Year 4

This week, we started to get fully into our 'Climate Change Warriors' topic. In Topic, we started to investigate how Climate Change affecting one area of the world can affect all the rest of the world. We made a mini beach and put ice cubes on the top, we watched the water rise as the ice melted. We concluded that if the ice caps melted then sea levels would rise – affecting the whole world!

In English this week we created Newspapers explain how climate change is affecting our life on earth and what we can do at Civitas Academy to go GREEN! The students wrote about the effects of Fossil fuels, renewable energy and Greta Thunberg. We focused this week on using formal writing and relative clauses.

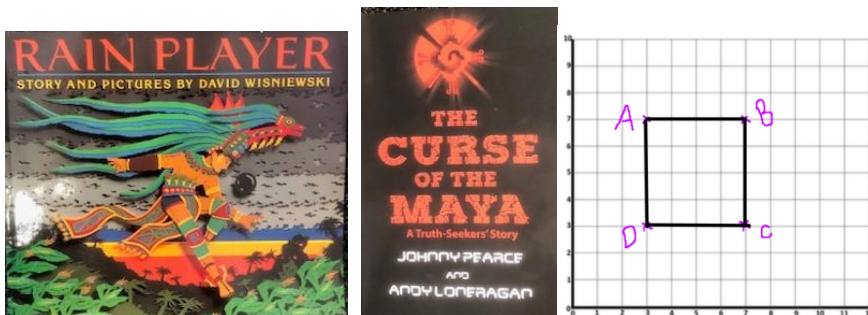


In Maths, we finished our learning on statistics and started our topic on shapes and angles. The students started by learning about the properties of a right-angle and how we can work out what angles we have in a shape.

If you have any newspaper at home, please can you bring any into school for some artwork for next week 😊

Year 5:

This week, year 5 continued with our Mayan topic. In English we continued to read Rain Player and have started to plan and write our own versions of a Mythical Story. The children have created their own mythical beast who has been terrorising their Mayan village for ages. The village is in need of a hero but who will the children chose to save the day?



In Guided Reading we have been focusing on The Curse of the Maya. We are really enjoying reading this book and we can sense a twist occurring. Will the children enter the Mayan temple? But more importantly, will they come back out?

In Maths we have been looking at co-ordinates, lines of symmetry, reflecting shapes and translating shapes through a mirror line.

We have become mini-teachers this week, setting questions for our classmates to challenge their knowledge on our topic!

In our topic lessons we continued to learn about where the Maya civilization originated from and looked closer at Chichen Itza as well as the El Castillo. We used our knowledge of Chichen Itza to create a poster advertising an excursion! On Friday, we planned our Mayan War mask! The Mayans wore scary looking masks to scare off any potential enemy and to try and give them the edge in battle. Next week, we will be actually making our masks for a display in the year 5 corridor!

News items from this week

Hot weather – Please remember to bring a labelled sun hat and water bottle for your child. Please also make sure your child has sun cream applied before coming to school, especially in this very hot weather.



Wet weather – Please remember to bring a coat as we still want children to go out when the rain eases off. Umbrellas should be given to parents at drop off as these cannot be used in school for health and safety reasons.

School lottery! - Thank you to all our supporters with Civitas’ School Lottery! We have currently raised £542.40 through supporters buying tickets and donating their winnings to the school. This money goes towards resources to support the children.

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| Date: | Activity: |
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| Ongoing | Drop off – 8:40 – 9:00am |
| 2 nd July | INSET day – school closed |
| 5 th July | PC Ben visiting for Reception and Key Stage 1 |
| 14 th July | Year 2 Pirate Day |
| 21 st July | Last day of school |