

Summer Bulletins – Friday 28th May 2021

Message from Mrs Ducker – Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our children, families, staffing teams, governors and our local community that have supported us in being able to remain safe at school and to continue our journey of recovery, development and growth.

We look forward to our virtual parents evening with you in June, until then, have a safe, happy and restful half-term enjoying the time with friends and family.



Celebrations and Achievements

Reception:		
Elmer	✨Tanvi✨	For always being ready to learn and for working hard, particularly with her writing.
Paddington	✨Grishma✨	For trying very hard in phonics.
Key Stage 1:		
Gruffalo:	✨Gruffalo Class✨	For all doing an amazing job in their phonics screening and for all using it in their writing.
Pinocchio:	✨Gabi✨	For trying hard in her phonics lessons this week.
BFG:	✨Cristian✨	For wonderful sewing in art this week and following the school rules to be ready, respectful and safe.
Matilda:	✨Ishtiak✨	For concentrating and persevering with sewing this week and supporting his friends when they needed help.
Key Stage 2:		
Rosen	✨Nicole✨	For demonstrating good team work and being kind and helpful to others. For being consistently ready, respectful and safe, and actively participating in lessons.
Kinney	✨Teodor✨	For being kind and helpful to his peers.
Richards	✨Eva✨	For all her hard work and high scores during our assessment week last week. For also always showing a high level of brilliant behaviour throughout the day.
Murphy	✨Isabelly✨	For working on her English and having great conversations with the Teacher and her class friends. Well done!
Zephaniah	✨Sophia✨	For becoming more confident in class and contributing to our lessons.
	✨Victoria✨	For working hard with her English and contributing to lessons.

House Points

Well done to [Aqua](#) house for gaining the most house points this week

House:	Points this week:	Total:
Atmos	617	2502
Terra	500	2421
Aqua	895	2815
Ignis	700	3155

Attendance – Our overall school target for the year is 97% - let's work together to be in school everyday. Each week we will share the attendance for each Year group for that week.

Year Group	23/4	30/4	7/5	14/5	21/5	28/5
Reception	96.5%	94.5%	95.1%	86.7%	90.9%	95.6%
Year 1	93.3%	93.1%	94.4%	89.8%	100.0%	98.4%
Year 2	97.5%	97.1%	96.9%	89.4%	95.1%	93.2%
Year 3	99.6%	97.9%	96.6%	87.4%	91.7%	92.3%
Year 4	96.0%	95.2%	96.1%	93.1%	96.8%	95.6%
Year 5	96.2%	96.7%	95.3%	90.7%	92.8%	93.3%

What have we been learning this week?

Reception

This week we have been continuing to learn about how we change as we grow. We have been discussing what we have already learnt since we were babies and what we look forward to being able to do when we are adults. We also talked about what we would like to be when we are older. We have used size language to describe the sizes of the different characters in the story 'Titch' by Pat Hutchins. In Maths this week we have been exploring shapes; making patterns and pictures using shapes and making Tangrams. In independent learning time we have drawn self-portraits of what we would like to be when we are older and have used our phonics to write about what we would like to be. We have really enjoyed making kites in the finger gym this week and then flying these outside.



Key Stage 1

Year 1 have been learning about microhabitats and have designed and made their bug hotels using recycled materials for topic. For maths they have been learning about direction and position, they are all very good at using left and right. In literacy we have been continuing with 'Tadpoles Promise' and have been writing an explanation for the water cycle and using some complex vocabulary like experts.



Year 2 have been reading 'Maybe the Moon' by Frances Ives. They have been writing their own versions of the story using all the grammar and punctuation skills they have learnt this half term. In Maths Year 2 have been continuing to learn about different types of measurement. It has been a very practical week using different measuring jugs and thermometers. We have spent a lot of time working on our cushions this week to ensure they are finished to take home today. We have been so pleased with the children's concentration, perseverance and teamwork. The children can't wait to show you their woodland cushions!



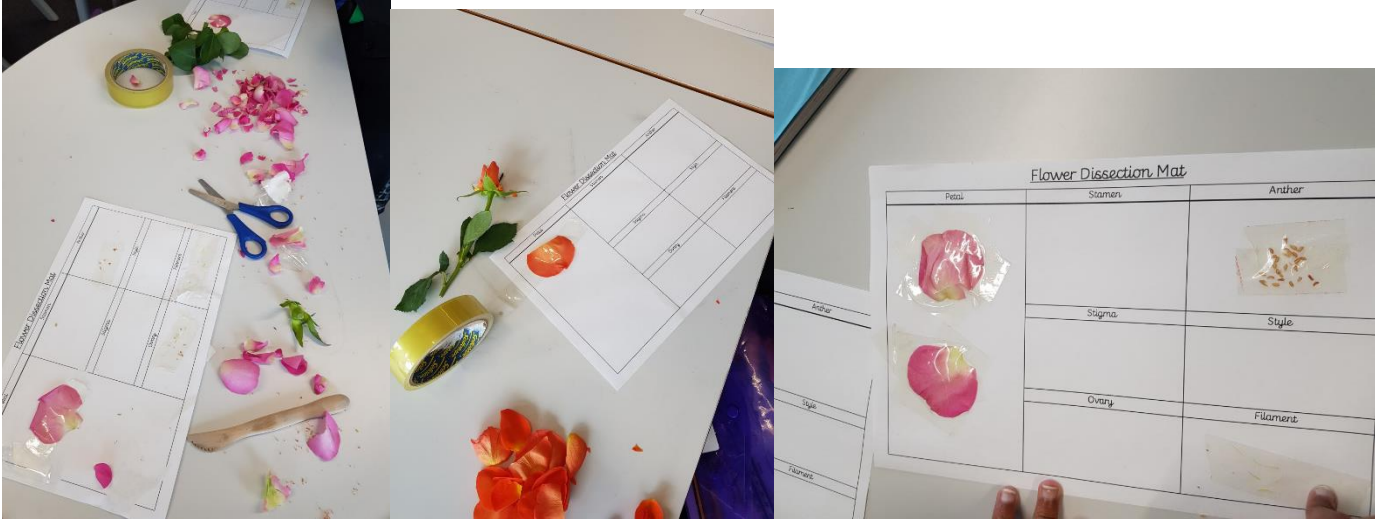
Once there was a girl named Purl and she lived in the forest, she loved to help her mother in the garden. The next morning her mum took her to the city. Purl was sad that she left the forest. But then she explored the city. Purl looked up at the beautiful sun it looked very different. When it was spring she went back to the forest. She was happy. She remembered the things that she did. They lived happily ever after.



Key Stage 2

Year 3

In Year 3 we have finished our Meet the Artists topic. We painted our sculptures inspired by Salvador Dali and completed a topic page to demonstrate our knowledge. In science, we learnt how water is transported through plants, the functions of different parts of flowering plant and about the life cycles of flowering plants. We dissected flowers and learnt that they have different parts such as the anther, style, stigma and stamen. In English, we learnt about the features of persuasive writing and wrote persuasive letters. In maths, we have been learning to tell the time to five-minute intervals. This would be a great skill to practice over half term!



Year 4



In Year 4 this week we have been completing our last week on the Romans. We created Roman shields to use during our Roman formations, ready for battle! As you can see from the pictures, we had a lesson making them and a lesson creating the formations. The Year 4 Teachers would like to thank all the students that came in with extra cardboard! 😊



In English we have created Roman fact files on all our learning this half term! Hopefully they will be coming home with the students so all the parents can see what we have learnt. In Maths this week, we have revisited time. We have learnt how to tell the time to 5 minutes using analogue and digital clocks.

Year 5:

This week, year 5 have been working on a new book in English - The Skies Above My Eyes. The book is about a girl who uses her imagination to envisage just what space is like. The children have loved reading this text and have produced some fantastic writing explaining just what our solar system is like and how they think the universe looks beyond what we already know!



Handwritten notes:

The astronomer mathematician was able to give her a whole new identity. I could hardly recognise her now.

For every 1 year the Earth is 100 times further from the Sun than it is from the Moon.

Next is Saturn which has 29 moons and 95 rings.

The Sun is a yellow dwarf and has 6,500 times more mass than the Moon.

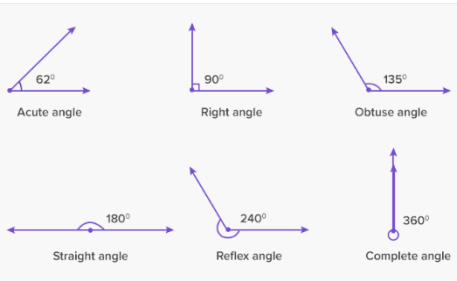
Over a million times further from the Sun than the Earth.

Handwritten notes:

Amazing use of passive voice! I am so impressed!

For Project 1, there is my essay, small and I lay on the glowing green grass. I look up in the night, the dark sky, looking at the stars, the moon, the sky, which is so dark. The clouds, which are so light so cotton candy, over above me. I sit up as I hear the sound of the children playing around my big house. I see the best beautiful place and then I gaze at the sky, clouds, looking for stars as it is a million miles.

In Maths the children have been working extremely hard to understand different angles and how to recognise them within shapes. Angles can be a very tricky topic, but the children have been fantastic and produced some lovely work. After half term, we will be moving on to geometry and measurement where the children will be getting hands on with measuring and learning everything to do with shapes!



Handwritten notes:

Classification of angles in a triangle

Examples: acute-angled triangle, obtuse-angled triangle, right-angled triangle.

Handwritten notes: Like this in real life, when you are measuring, you can use a protractor.

I enjoyed learning about angles and how to measure them. I feel confident when calculating angles in shapes.

Our topic this week has been finishing up all our great Space work. We have learnt so much this week and put it all together to create a topic page in our books. These are looking really good, and we will be finishing them after half-term!

Handwritten notes:

SECRET SPACE

Mars Rover

The Mars Rover is a rover that NASA built to study Mars. It has two wheels, solar panels, and a camera. It was launched in 2003 and has been on Mars since then.

SUN

The Sun is a star. It is the center of our solar system. It is made of hot gas and is very bright.

MERCURY

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun. It is very hot and has no atmosphere. It is a rocky planet.

Our new topic after half-term is going to be Ancient Maya! The children seem really excited to learn about the Maya!



We wish you all a restful and safe half-term.

News items from this week

Cultural Diversity Day – Friday 21st May

It was so great to see children celebrating their culture and sharing what makes them unique. This was a perfect opportunity for our children to practice their oracy and listening skills as they took it in turns to 'show and tell' about their culture. Each year group had a different continent and selected a country within that continent to learn about. They explored the different cultures, traditions and festivals that take place in that country.



Morning Drop Off ONLY – After half term starting on **Monday 7th June** we will no longer have a staggered drop off. **The gate will open at 8.40 and close at 9.00am.** All our children are expected to arrive within this time, thank you.

Parents evening – Parent's evening will take place week commencing 14th June via Teams. Appointments can be booked via Tucasi, this will open for bookings on Monday 7th June at 9am and close on Wednesday 9th June at 4pm. Please make sure you have access to Tucasi in advance of this date and let the office team know if you have any problems.

School Photo's – We have a school photographer booked for Thursday 17th June. For those in Year 2 that have PE on a Thursday, please come to school in normal uniform and bring your PE kit with you, to get changed in the afternoon. Please make sure you are in your smartest uniform!

School uniform from Stevensons – Please see the attachment regarding school uniform from Stevensons.

Date:	Activity:
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Half Term Week
Monday 7 th June	Pupils return to school – Drop off – 8:40 – 9:00am
Monday 7 th - 9 th June	Parent's evening bookings open, closes on the 9 th June
W/C 14 th June	Parent's evening sessions available
Thursday 17 th June	School Photos