



# The Palmer Academy

## Weekly Round-up



Edition 2

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

### ***Note from the Executive Headteacher***

It's hard to believe we're now in October, and September has flown by. Over the last week, the weather has certainly begun to feel a little more autumnal, so please make sure that you send your child to school with the appropriate jacket and jumper, particularly for lunch and breaktimes outdoors.

We started this week at Palmer with celebrating European day of languages, where I know many of the classes did the register in different languages and celebrating the range of languages spoken by our pupils (and staff!) Almost half of our pupils speak at least one other language as their first language, and this is something that makes Palmer unique and we are rightly proud of. As someone who also speaks German, I know the benefits of being able to converse in different languages brings to our pupils as they grow up.

Have a fantastic weekend and see you all on Monday. Stay safe.



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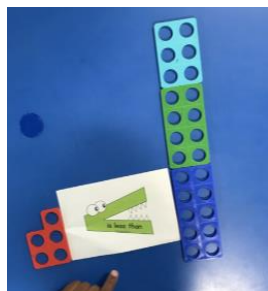
### **What have Nursery been learning about this week?**

This term we have been learning 'All About Me'. This week we have focused on naming different body part and saying what we use them for. As part of our learning we have been singing 'Head, Shoulder Knees and Toes' and learning the 'I Have A Busy Body' song. During choosing time the children have been using pasta and play dough to make a face and with the help of a skeleton model, putting the body part in the right place to make a person. The children have especially enjoyed drawing around their friends and labelling the picture.



### **What have Year One been learning about this week?**

This week the year ones have been very busy learning lots of new things! In maths, we are learning to compare two numbers using the greater than, less than, and equal to symbols. In Literacy we've begun a new writing unit learning to retell the traditional tale *Farmer Merryweather's Cow*. We continue to learn our new sounds in phonics and have been working hard on blending the sounds we already know to read words and captions. In RE we have been learning all about special books and this week we learned about the special book of Christians, the Bible. We learned a story from the Bible – *Noah's Ark*- and even designed some arks of our own!



What have Year Three been learning about this week?

This term, Year 3 has gotten off to a very busy start. We have been learning about place value in Maths, where we practised our hundreds, tens and ones and even challenged ourselves to learn about thousands! In Reading we have been studying the book, 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl and have been exploring new vocabulary, which we have been using in our English descriptive and narrative writing.

Our afternoons are full of activity. From learning about light and shadows in Science, to visits from Ufton Court to help us develop our leadership and teamwork skills, we have certainly learned a lot! In Geography, we have been learning about Europe and have been working hard identifying the different European countries, their capitals and their flags. Our RE lessons have been focussing on Judaism and the different Jewish festivals. We have been very interested in the different stories that explain the reason the festivals are celebrated. We have covered a lot of material this term and are very excited for everything yet to come.

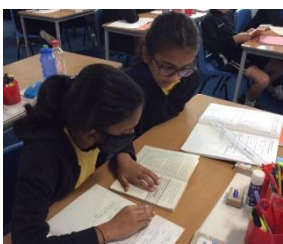


What have Year Five been learning about this week?

Over the past several weeks, the Year 5 have shown great resilience and perseverance to their school work tasks. It has been pleasing to see children settle back into school routine quickly and enjoying meeting up with their friends at break and lunch times. Despite the changes to their normal school routine, children have adapted well to the change and have impressed teachers by following the new safety rules and ensuring they are being mindful of others around them. In recent weeks, children have had a busy start to the term, they have been leaning about a variety of topics such as space and South America. As well as, embedding key knowledge in their Reading, Literacy and Mathematic lessons.

One of our highlights this term has been our Ufton Court sessions on a Tuesday afternoon. We are very fortunate to have Giles, a representative from Ufton, come to Palmer to teach children leadership and teamwork skills, as well as helping children build their self-confidence through practical activities. Children have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions, which has been wonderful to see.

Overall, the Year 5 teachers are very proud of the children and have enjoyed teaching and getting to know them better as the weeks unfold.



### Flu Immunisation

We have had a few questions this week about our pupils having their flu immunisation vaccine this year. We can now confirm that all pupil from Reception to Year 6 will be receiving their Flu Nasal Vaccine on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

### Face coverings

A massive 'thank you' to all our parents who continue to wear a face covering whilst on site. Please follow Government Guidelines by wearing a face covering whilst picking up and dropping off your child. Remember that only one adult is permitted on site per family for drop off and collection of pupils. Many thanks.

### School Photograph day

This will be taking place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. All pupils will be photographed individually, standing up. There will be no sibling photo's this year due to COVID and Year Group bubble restrictions.

### Attendance Information

Well done to Yr 1 Cole, Yr 2 Butterworth, Yr 5 Hughes and Yr 6 Lewis - best attendance possible this week – every child in, every day!

Nursery Carla AM -	90.2%	Y1 - Cole	100%	Y3 - Benjamin	96.2%	Y5 - Hughes	100%
Nursery Carla PM -	81.5%	Y1 - Donaldson	99.1%	Y3 – King-Smith	96.3%	Y5 – Morpurgo	97.8%
YR - Kerr	93.9%	Y2 - Ahlberg	98.4%	Y4 - Binch	97.3%	Y6 – Horowitz	97%
YR - Rosen	99.2%	Y2 - Butterworth	100%	Y4 – Pullman	98.4%	Y6 - Lewis	100%
<b>Attendance for whole school to date this academic year: 94.7%</b>							