



# The Palmer Academy

## Weekly Round-up



Edition 10

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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

It's hard to believe we have now reached December, and suddenly, the weather seems to have turned pretty bleak and the temperature has dropped again. Please ensure your child has the necessary outdoor clothing such as coats, hats and gloves to ensure that they can be outside at break and lunchtimes for their play.

With just two weeks now left until the end of term, we will begin some of the activities and events we sent out in the letter to you earlier this week about Christmas arrangements. More than ever, we want to ensure the children have opportunities for enjoyment and reward after such a difficult and unusual term, and make it as memorable as we can, with the restrictions we have.

Please continue to support us in keeping everybody safe by wearing masks around the school site and keeping a safe distance, wherever possible. We have been extremely fortunate over the last few months to prevent any closures as a result of positive cases, and we want to ensure that this continues for as long as possible and we do all we can to limit any spread.

Have a well-deserved weekend rest and see you all on Monday.



*A. A. Wanford*

**Mr. Aaron Wanford**

### *Bags2schools*

Many thanks to all parent/carers who donated a bag of clothes, we raised £80 for school funds. Well done everybody.

### *Christmas Jumper Day*

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper day, this raises money for the charity, *Save the Children*. We ask that you donate £1 so your child can wear a Christmas Jumper/T Shirt instead of a school jumper. All other school uniform (e.g. trousers/skirts etc.) will still be required to be worn.

### *Food Banks*

At this time of the year it is always good to remember folk who are less fortunate than ourselves. If you wanted to donate any food items to a local food bank here are the details:

Readifood, 33 Boulton Rd, Reading RG2 0NH, [0118 987 2672](tel:01189872672)

Suggested items to collect

- Tinned fruit / Tinned vegetables
- Pasta sauce
- Long life milk
- Long life fruit juice
- Tinned meat / fish
- Packets of biscuits / Chocolate
- Rice, pasta or noodles
- Tea bags / Coffee
- Tinned soup

- Cereal
- Tinned & packet puddings / custard – it is Christmas after all.
- Toiletries – Shower gel / shampoo / deodorant / Nappies / wipes / sanitary products / dental products

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

This week the children have enjoyed learning the names of different shapes. We have been on a hunt inside and outside to find different shapes in the environment. The children used the shape finders during choosing time and challenged each other to find shapes.



What have Year One been learning about this week?

This week has been a busy week for year one yet again! The children are always working hard to challenge themselves in their new phonics sounds. This week in maths we are learning how to compare different calculations - both addition and subtraction! In writing we are learning how to write instructions for how to make gingerbread cookies. Hopefully we can make some next week! In Science this week we learned all about herbivores and carnivores and even classified some common herbivores and carnivores. We are getting super excited for Christmas, but we will keep working hard right to the end!

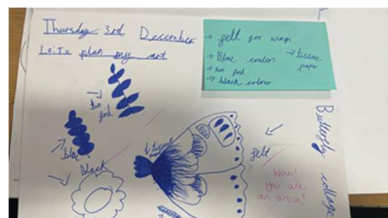
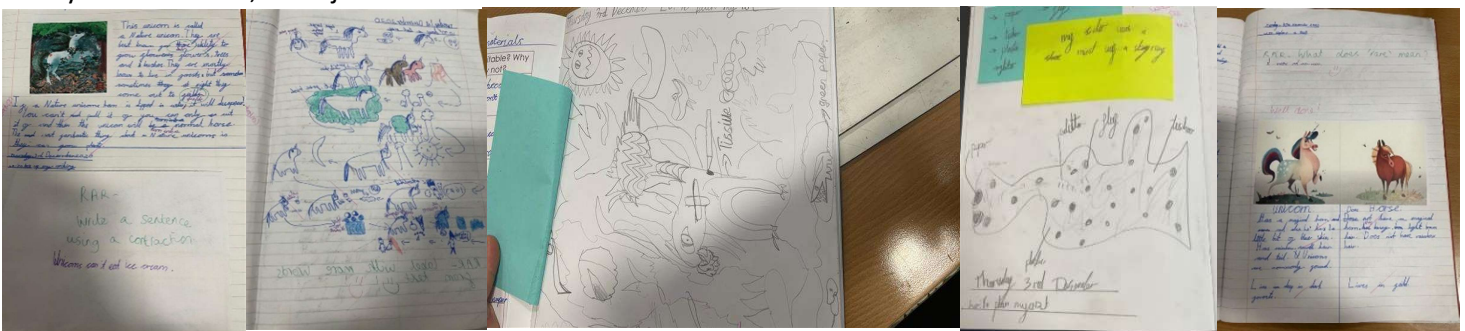
What have Year Three been learning about this week?

Unicorn writing and collage creativity!

This week we have been having so much fun with our writing. We have been exploring a non-chronological report all about Unicorns! We have used this model text to create a text map to help us learn it better and then create sentences. Next week we will be learning how to use new features and then in the last week, we will be writing our own non chronological report!

In art, we have been letting our creativity shine! Using famous artists such as Picasso as inspiration, we planned our collages which we will be creating in next week's lesson! We cannot wait to bring our designs to life and apply our newly learnt art skills.

Martyna and Ronnie, 3 Benjamin



What have Year Five been learning about this week?

This week in Year 5, we have been doing tests and having to really focus on our Reading and Arithmetic skills. Our teachers, Miss Mulvena and Miss Vink have been incredibly proud of how hard we have been working over the past few weeks and this has been showcased in our results this term. In Maths we have been focusing on perimeter and had to investigate how we can work out the measurements of shapes using information to find missing sides by having to use our spatial awareness and knowledge of the properties of shapes to determine its measurements. We continue to enjoy our music lessons learning the song, 'Livin' on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi. Perhaps some of us have been singing to our parents and performing this song at home?

Our Art lessons have been really inspiring and recently we investigated various art collage pictures by our powerful person, David Hockney and have used elements of his work to create our very own David Hockney inspiration collage. In Science we continue to be amazed by living things and thoroughly enjoyed our yeast experiment – observing how something can be dormant and with the right 'ingredients', it can be revived. We also created a dance movement sequence to remember the 7 life processes – perhaps something to be showcased at home? Our Ufton sessions helped us learn all about fire safety this week. We cannot believe we only have 2 weeks left of this term and look forward to all the festivities that it has to offer in the coming days.



What's happening next week at Palmer?

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| Monday 7th    |  |
| Tuesday 8th   |  |
| Wednesday 9th |  |
| Thursday 10th |  |
| Friday 11th   | Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation for Save the Children) |

## Attendance Information



|                     |                     |            |             |            |                 |               |                   |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Nursery<br>Carle AM | Nursery<br>Carle PM | YR<br>Kerr | YR<br>Rosen | Y1<br>Cole | Y1<br>Donaldson | Y2<br>Ahlberg | Y2<br>Butterworth |
| 92.1%               | 91.3%               | 95.8%      | 97.8%       | 99.0%      | 98.2%           | 96.3%         | 97.9%             |



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|----------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Y3<br>Benjamin | Y3<br>King-Smith | Y4<br>Binch | Y4<br>Pullman | Y5<br>Hughes | Y5<br>Morpurgo | Y6<br>Horowitz | Y6<br>Lewis |
| 94.6%          | 97.1%            | 92.4%       | 96.4%         | 99.1%        | 96.6%          | 96.3%          | 96.9%       |



Attendance for whole school to date this academic year: 96.5%