



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



Edition 1

Friday 10th September 2021

It's been a busy start to the school year but great to see everyone back. Thank you for your support and patience while we tweaked new routines and arrangements. Thank you also for ensuring your child(ren) were safe in the hot weather! Inspired by the Nursery news below, next week, during assembly, I will be setting out our daily routines to support the best learning environment for all pupils. I will remind the children how we can be ready to learn, respectful to all and safe within the school.



Prendergast

Mr D. Prendergast

What have Nursery been learning about this week?

In Nursery it has been lovely to see both our existing children and our new children join our Nursery. The children have settled really well and have enjoyed exploring the environment. We have been focussing on our rules, routines and the behaviours needed to be able to keep safe. The children have been listening really well to the social stories we have read and have been contributing to group time discussions already!



My Hands

A Social Story

**Sharing Toys at School
Social Story**



Tidying



Social Story

Carpet Time



Social Story

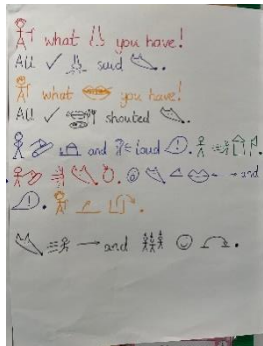
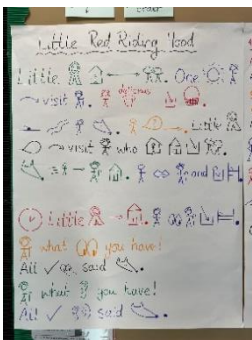
What have Year 1 been learning about this week?

Year One have had a fantastic couple of weeks packed full of new learning and getting to know each other. We have begun all our new topics, which the children are really excited about!

In English, we have started learning to retell the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We've had fun creating our class story map and acting out the story using our best actions. In maths, we have been exploring our resources by finding out how many different ways we can sort them (colour, size, type, shape) and finding out how we can use them to count. In science, we have been on a nature walk to search for the beginning signs of Autumn, as part of our seasons topic. We found some leaves changing colour, some had already fallen and we even found some conkers on the ground! In geography this week, we have been discovering what we already know about farms and what we would like to know next. In computing, we became robot children who had to follow a sequence of instructions to reach the

treasure chest full of colourful, shiny treasure! We have also been sharing lots of different picture books – our favourite so far has been Ruby’s worry.

Our P.E. lessons are on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week, so please remember to come to school in your kit on these days.



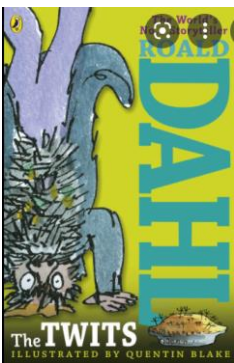
What have Year 3 been learning about this week?

We have been delighted to welcome all the children back to school the last two weeks, it is so lovely to see all the happy, smiling faces and the children have settled really well, showing they are keen to learn and show us what they can do. We have been really impressed and pleased with them so far, well done Year 3!

We have had a busy week and a half, settling into new routines and timetables as well as picking up new subjects. We have been looking at place value in Maths and reminding ourselves about Hundreds, Tens and Ones and how to read and write numbers up to three digits long (eg 324). In writing this week, we have been learning a short story about a boy called Alfie who has something in his pocket he isn’t allowed – please ask your children to tell you more if they haven’t already! We have also started reading our class text, The Twits. We will be reading this book for the whole of the Autumn Term so hopefully you will hear lots about these dirty, smelly creatures.

In our afternoon subjects, we have been starting all of our new topics, including Light in Science, Our European Neighbours in Geography and Getting to Know You in French, to name but a few. We will also be having PE lessons on Tuesdays and Fridays, so please remember to come in PE kit in those days.

We look forward to speaking to some of you and answering any questions at our Meet the Teacher Zoom Meeting on Friday 17th September at 4:00 – 4:30pm.



Just a Reminder

Parking

Please park responsibly when dropping off and picking up your child. Please do not park in the private road in Scholars Place.

School Meals

Meals now need to be booked before 9pm the day before your child will be having a school meal. You can book a week or term in advance. We are unable to book meals for your child on the day, so please remember to pre-book.

Uniform

Please label your child's clothing, lunchbox and stationery so it is easier to locate and item if it is lost. Any lost property will be placed in a plastic bin near our edible garden.

School Photos

We have our school photographer due to be in with us on Tuesday 12th October.

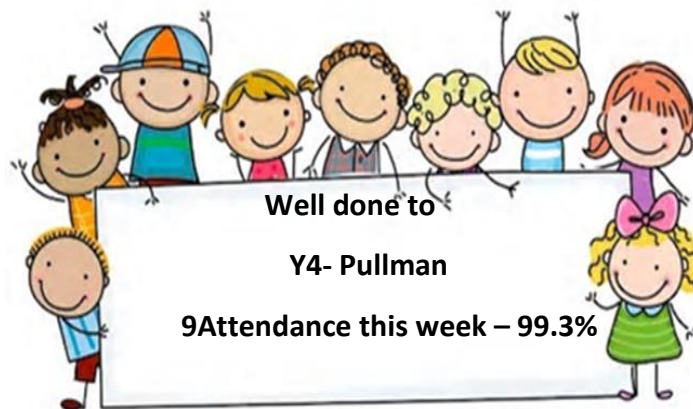
Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
98.7%	95.4%	94.1%	91.3%	97.2%	94%	98.5%	94.4%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
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Attendance this week

Attendance for the whole school year is currently 95.3%

An exciting attendance raffle has started at The Palmer Academy.

You have to be in it to win it! If you attend school every day you will automatically be put into our attendance raffle which will be drawn on a Friday afternoon. A winner from KS2, KS1 and Early Years will be selected and win a special prize. We are always looking for exciting prizes so if you have any new items which would make good attendance prizes please feel free to donate to the office.

This week's winners are Jahriah, Zinan and Lily-Mae. Well done 😊