



The Palmer Academy

Weekly Round-up



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Friday 14th May 2021

Note from the Executive Headteacher

After what must seem a long week after our rather short one last week, I want to start by wishing all our families and pupils who are celebrating Eid this week, a very happy Eid Mubarak.

Miss. Druce, Miss. Thomassen and I have spent some time this week undertaking learning walks around the school, focussed on how we teach writing at Palmer. Writing is such a key skill for life, and it begins right from when our children enter our Nursery. What was fantastic to see is the use of vocabulary across the school – children learning new words, new phrases and finding out meanings so that they can not only understand a text, but also use and adapt in their own composition. Our writing curriculum is built around the principle of 'Talk for writing', which basically means if our children cannot say something orally, then they are probably not likely to be able to write it. As such, we spend a lot of time rehearsing texts and becoming familiar with them before we engage in writing, so that our children have every opportunity to use the language they've learned. One aspect we're going to be working on over the summer is the children's presentation and handwriting – this can be something that every child can practice in every subject, and indeed at home too if you have the opportunity!

Have a lovely (and hopefully dry!) weekend,

Mr. Aaron Wanford



Request for material

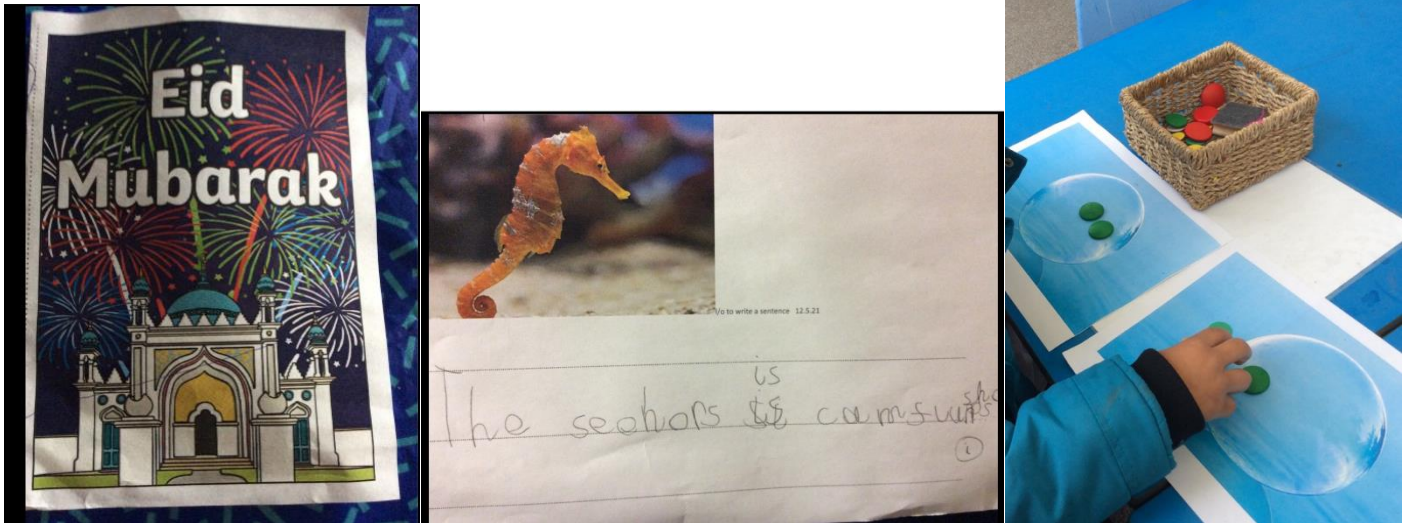
Do you have any old material laying around at home? Year Six are on the lookout for animal print material or material with traditional African prints on them to use in their production at the end of the year. If you have any material you think would be suitable and you would like to donate it, please pass it on to any of the staff in Year 6. Thank you in advance!

What have Reception been learning about this week?

This week we have been continuing with our Under the Sea theme and learning about sea creatures. We have been looking at seahorses, puffer fish and starfish amongst others. We have found out lots of fascinating facts and loved looking at all the pictures and videos. We have also been learning about doubling using double bubbles in Maths – why not have a try and see if your child can double numbers up to 10 at home this weekend?

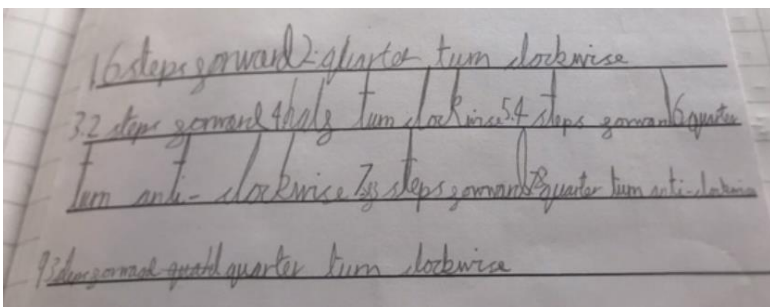
Happy Eid Mubarak to any of our families who have been celebrating. We have been learning a little bit about Eid and we've made some lovely Eid cards to celebrate too.

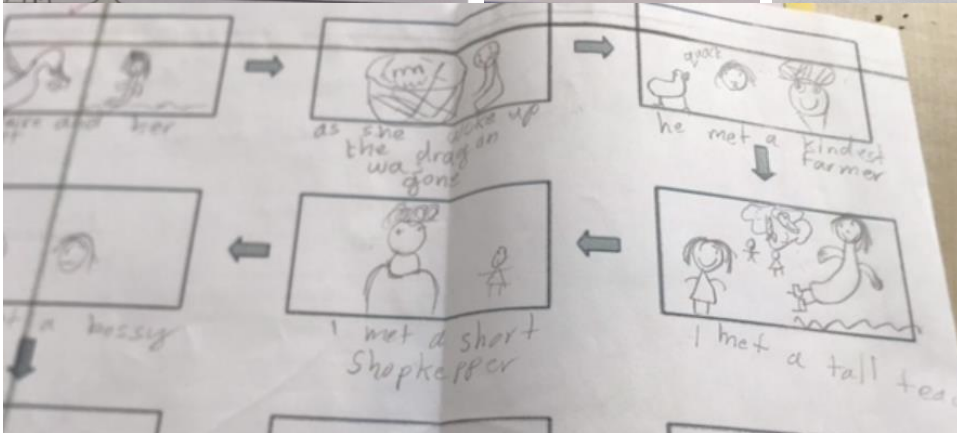
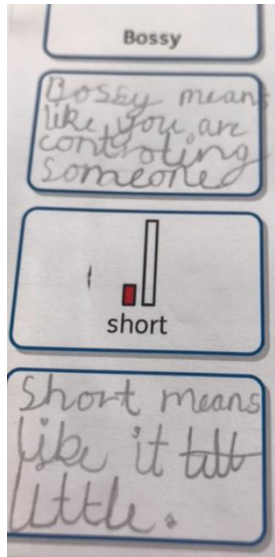
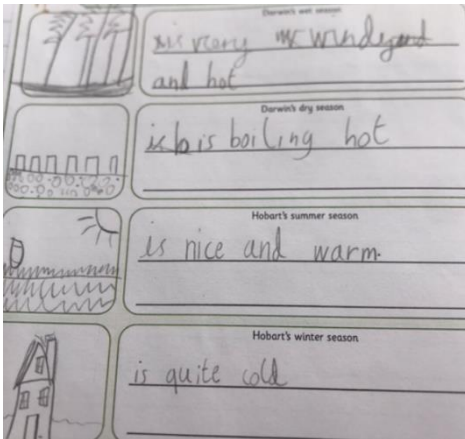
We are currently working on trying to change reading books a little more frequently and it would be a great help for us if you can make sure your child brings in their reading records every day to help with this. Thanks – Reception Team.



What have Year Two been learning about this week?

It has been another busy week in Year 2 and they have impressed us as always with their zest for life and learning. In writing we have been immersing ourselves in the story of Maisie and her dragon. We have explored new vocabulary, discovered writing features and created our own story maps. The children have loved reading the story and acting out the story and are excited to begin writing it next week. In Maths we have been using bee bots, spinners and small world toys to follow directions using quarter and half turns and moving clockwise and anti-clockwise. We have explored bee bot directional activities on the iPad and created our own mazes to direct toys around. In geography we have continued learning about Australia and exploring different climates of different regions. We have also been working on improving our presentation and letter formation to ensure our work is of a high quality! As always the children have risen to the challenge and made us very proud. From all of us in Year 2 have a lovely weekend.





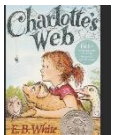
What have Year Four been learning about this week?

Year 4 have had another exciting week of learning. We have begun our new English unit on Diary Writing. Perhaps your child may want to start keeping a diary at home?

We have continued developing our understanding of decimals in Maths.

Do you know how tall you are in ft or cms? Write it as a decimal.

We are still enjoying reading Charlotte's Web and getting to know all the characters. Has your child told you who their favourite character is so far, will it change, we wonder? We are also loving learning some technical vocabulary in Geography related to volcanoes.



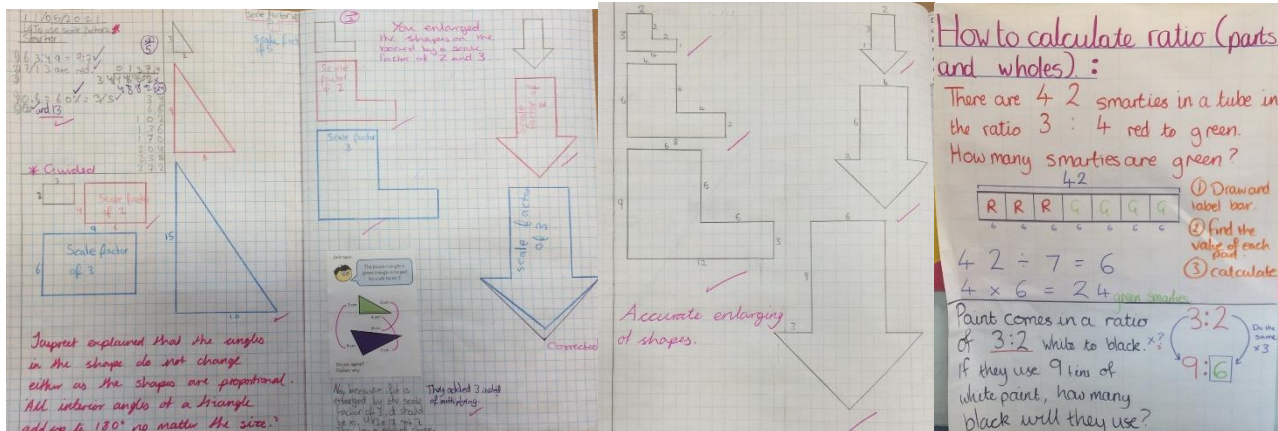
The children are also really enjoying the swimming in year 4, they are all now water confident and many have progressed to kicking their legs, forming the correct swimming movements!

Well done year 4, we are proud of you all!

What have Year Six been learning about this week?

What a week we have had!

The Year 6 team have been blown away by Year 6's work on Ratio and Proportion. Children have used known facts to help them calculate ratio and solve proportion problems. They have also looked at scale factors: they enlarged shapes by given scale factors and drew them accurately in their books.



We have been planning investigations in science and learning all about mountains in Geography. We have also been practicing some of the songs for 'The Lion King' and we think you'll be blown away by our beautiful singing.

We have also seen a performance from Maddox, Dionte, Rico and Istun. They have been working hard in their RockSteady sessions and performed a brilliant rendition of Seven Nation Army. We were so impressed!



COMING SOON...

Next week, a new competition will begin for Year 2 - 6!

Each Thursday a 'Battle of the Bands' competition will start and will run until Wednesday evening at 6pm.

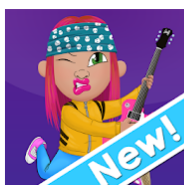
The results will be shared in the Weekly Round-up (there will be certificates for the most valuable players too!).

Which class will be the year group winners?

In preparation, make sure you know your log in details and practice your times tables.

Parents: Children can access on a laptop or desktop via the website or they can use the free app on a phone or tablet.

Miss Gundry 😊



Times Tables Rock Stars

Maths Circle Educational

PEGI 3

This app is available for all of your devices

What's happening next week at Palmer?

Monday 17 May	
Tuesday 18 May	
Wednesday 19 May	
Thursday 20 May	
Friday 21 May	Share a Story Day – Donate a book to the school Library

Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
94.5%	80.5%	86.1%	90.7%	88.5%	90%	89%	90%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
91.1%	91.1%	93.8%	93.8%	91.4%	95.6%	93.3%	84.4%



90.4% attendance this week

Attendance for the whole school year is currently 95.4%

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.

Congratulations to Karanveer, Gemma and Mukhtar who were our weekly 100% attendance winners. Well done 😊