



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



Edition 6

Friday 15th October 2021

Exciting news! We have a new promotional video being filmed in school on Tuesday 19th October. The video will showcase all that we can offer and capture a day in the life at The Palmer Academy. Children, staff and parents will have the opportunity to share their thoughts. Please can I ask for your co operation in returning the video consent forms to school **no later than Monday 18th October**. Please can all the children come to school looking their best. I look forward to sharing the video with you all when it's ready.



Mr D. Prendergast

Just a Reminder

Absences

If your child is absent from school any day, please use the email address absence@thepalmeracademy.com to let us know why so we can record it accurately and ensure unauthorised absence marks are not given unnecessarily. Thank you for your support in this, it hugely reduces the administration time involved for missing pupils.

Interested in volunteering?

ABC to Read provide valuable reading support to children in local primary schools and are currently recruiting. If you are interested in volunteering with them, please do get in touch: Tel: 0118 9511336 Email: info@abctoread.org.uk More information can be found at www.abctoread.org.uk.

Spare Clothes

Nursery are in need of boys and girls trousers to fit ages 3-5 to keep as spare clothes. If you are having a clear out and have boys or girls trousers please pass them our way. Many Thanks

Tapestry

Nursery and Reception parents all have a log in for Tapestry. Please make sure you are able to log in, if you are having trouble using Tapestry, please let your class teacher know. We use Tapestry to send homework and important messages home. You can also see all of your child's learning.

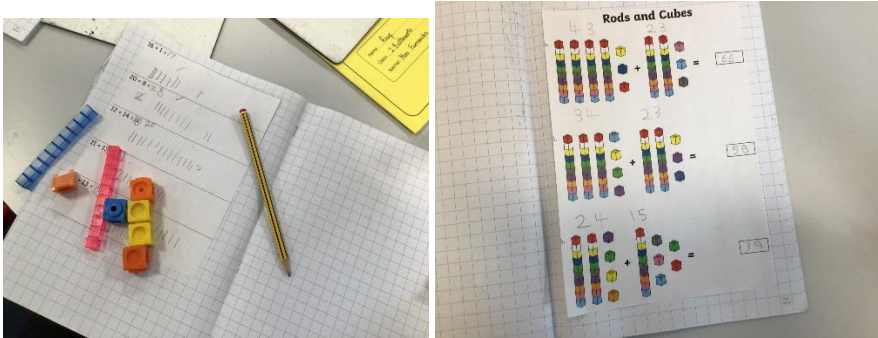
What have Reception been learning about this week?

In Reception this week we have been looking at feelings and what we can do if we feel a certain way. We read the book Angry Arthur and talked about what we can do if we are feeling angry, we have also had a go at writing our ideas down using our phonics. In maths we have been looking at how we can represent numbers up to five using five frames, including what happens when we add one more or take one away. This has involved lots of singing songs such as 'Five little ducks' and 'Five green bottles'. In outdoor learning we used 'magic marbles' to listen to all the nature we could hear around the school, we could hear birds, wind and even ants' footsteps! We have also had fun creating our own butterflies where we did some folding, finger painting and cutting, they look fabulous!



What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

Year 2 have had a very busy week learning how to write instructions. We wrote out ideas on how to catch your very own star from the sea so be sure to ask us all about it. In our Maths, we have been learning how to add and subtract two digit numbers. We have used dienes and counters to support us with this and we have also done some word problems!



In Geography we have planned a trip to London and have listed down all the different sights and landmarks that we would love to see. We hope to be able to go and see them in real life one day! Our Science lessons have taught us all about living things and their habitats. Did you know that even a rock can be home to many living things? We have certainly enjoyed all our learning and are ready to rest our brains this weekend 😊

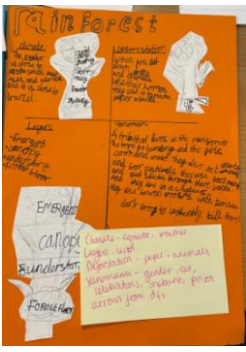
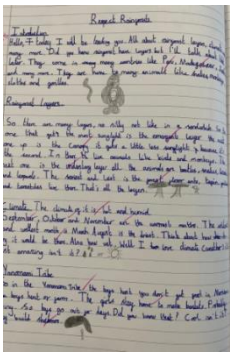
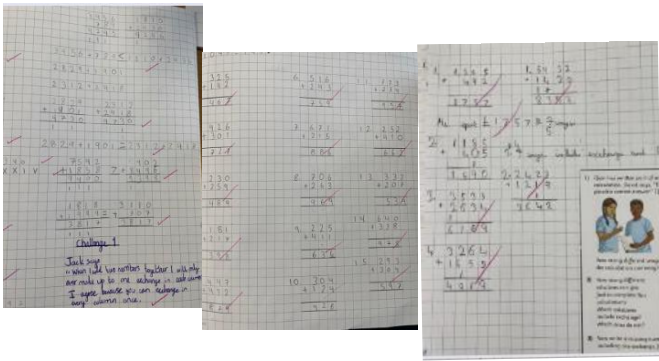
What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

Year 4 have had so many fun lessons this week! In our maths sessions we are currently recapping our column methods for addition and subtraction- something that requires good application of place value skills, knowledge and understanding and of course perfect presentation! Have a look at some of our superstar books below.

In Geography we are sadly almost at the end of our Rainforest topic! We had the opportunity to show off our acquired knowledge for this unit so our teachers could assess our understanding. Have a look at the written reports and posters below for just a sample of our fantastic learning.

As we approach half term, please can we ask you to ensure your child is reading their AR books and taking tests where possible and of course keep using TTRock stars to get the multiplication recall up to speed.

Thanks, as always for your support
Miss Davies and Mrs Aucock 😊



What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

Year 6 have spent this week looking at division by 2-digits and have moved on to looking at factors, multiples and primes. We continue to impress our teachers with some of the presentation in our books. We have also been celebrating Black History Month and enjoyed listening to some songs by Bob Marley as we wrote letters to and fact files about Olaudah Equiano. Both of which are pictured on the Black History Mural in central Reading. We enjoyed finding out about his story and celebrated his successes. We took such pride in our work just as he did in paving the way for the abolition of enslavement.











Year 6 Horowitz have also been looking at photography this half term and had great fun in a photo shoot where we put our knowledge to the test to take portraits of our peers. We considered lighting and the rule of thirds alongside props, perspective and background. We look forward to appraising each other's photos next week and to inviting our parents in to see our work after half term. Here is a sneaky peek of a few photos:





TTROCKSTARS Battle of the bands!

Are you all running out of steam? Let's crank up the volume on that rock music and power through with practicing our times tables. There has been lots of trophy swapping this week. Who will get the trophy this week to keep over half term???

Class one	Class Two	Running total
Ahlberg  MVP – Aqsa, Chidinma & Matas	Butterworth  MVP – Shanaya, Divina & Hooriya	Ahlberg 2 – 2 Butterworth
Benjamin  MVP – Raif, Aarna & Rupa	King-Smith  MVP –Richardson, Gadi & Hasnat	Benjamin 1 – 3 King-Smith
Binch  MVP – Arjun, Martyna & Advay	Pullman  MVP – Hope, Samhita & Faxon	Binch 1 – 3 Pullman
Hughes  MVP – Godwill, Ahmed & Robin	Morpurgo  MVP – Godwin, Mariam & Levi	Hughes 3 – 1 Morpurgo
Horowitz  MVP – Joel, Suyog, Samanvitha and Wahaab	Lewis  MVP – Jai, Rizma & David	Horowitz 2 – 2 Lewis

A massive shout out to our MVP's (Most Valuable Players) for rocking their times tables this week! I look forward to seeing some even closer battles next week.

Who will become a Rock Hero this year and be invited to the Rock Hero party in Summer Term?

- Miss Gundry 😊

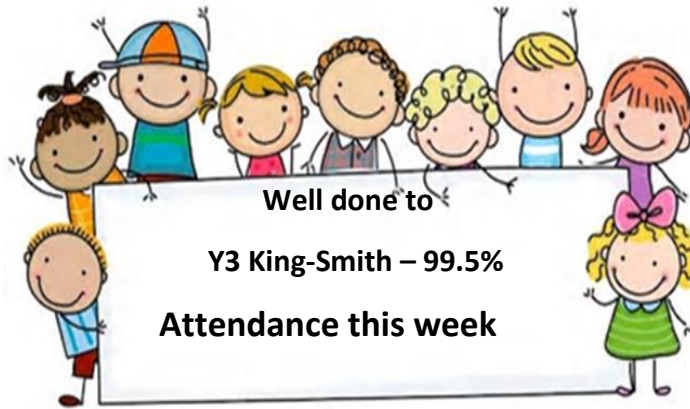
Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
95.9%	88.2%	93.7 %	90.4%	87.3%	93.0%	97.5%	94.2%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
96.0%	99.5%	86.5%	96.9%	93.4%	98.4%	94.2%	97.7%



Attendance for the whole school year is currently 94.2%

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 Tayon- Joe, Wele and Charlie. Well done 😊