



The Palmer Academy Newsletter



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First week back has been a busy one already! It was wonderful to see you all back to school and ready for learning after a break. We heard lots of brilliant Halloween stories and look forward to hearing about another exciting weekend coming up with Bonfire Night tomorrow. We hope the children get to see some fireworks this weekend and remember to stay safe around bonfires and when using sparklers!

Year Five all visited Reading University this week to see what life in further education would entail. It is so important that our children have high aspirations and know that the world is their oyster when it comes to further study and job opportunities. It would be wonderful if everyone could speak to their children this week about what they want to be when they grow up! The career that we are exploring this term in our assemblies is working for the NHS. This includes doctors, nurses, porters, surgeons, office staff, emergency services, midwives and so many more! I look forward to being able to share some of the activities that we will do this term linked to high aspirations! Have a wonderful weekend and don't forget to log a reading session on BoomRead!



Miss. Thomassen
Head of School

Playground Toys

The children are really enjoying playing with some of the toys/equipment we bought through fundraising last year. We are asking if any families have any Duplo, Lego, colouring books, felt tips etc that you don't use anymore, we would appreciate a donation to the school to supplement our resources. If you do have something to donate, please bring into the office. Thank you!

Poppy Appeal Collection 2022

Please could we ask pupils to bring in any small change for a donation in aid of supporting The Poppy Appeal.

Anti-Bullying week

A reminder that we will also be marking anti bullying week as a school for the week beginning 14th November. We will be wearing odd socks on **Monday 14th November** to celebrate differences and joining the nationwide assembly on kindness.

What have Reception been learning about this week?

In Reception this week we have started our Celebrations topic. As part of this topic, we have been reading the story Kipper's Birthday and talking about why and how birthdays are celebrated. We then made cakes and talked about how the mixture changes. In our Explore and Learn session this week we collected natural materials and used them to make pictures, the children made trees, houses, dinosaurs, a school bus, butterflies as well as many other pictures.



What have Year 2 been learning about this week?

It's been another busy week in year 2! Well done for your dedication and enthusiasm toward your learning. In Maths, we have continued our topic on addition and subtracting while crossing ten. We have enjoyed drawing out our answers and using the resources to help us solve the number sentences. In English, we have all learned about diary entries and the toolkit that we need in order to write a diary entry. We continue to read about Claude and all his adventures with Sir Bobblysock in our reading unit. We have been exploring lots of new vocabulary and are developing our retrieval skills to find information from the text. In Science we had a lot of fun learning all about different fabrics and being able to sort the different fabrics into categories using a venn diagram. Who knew there could be so many different types of fabric that could be used for different things?!

What have Year 4 been learning about this week?

This week, Year 4 have begun lots of exciting new topics. In History, we are learning about the Romans and how they built their empires. We were very fascinated by how the army worked and how they managed to conquer vast amounts of land. Our new Maths topic is Area and we have discussed how area is the amount of space within a 2D shape. We used post-it notes and cubes as a practical way to understand the amount of space a shape takes up. We also made the link that we can use our times tables to help us calculate area! In English, we are learning to write diary entries. We have explored our model text all about a trip to the waterpark and will be coming up with our own ideas next week. Finally in DT we are starting a new topic called "On a Roll." Can you guess what we might be learning to do?

What have Year 6 been learning about this week?

This week, Y6 have begun their next Maths topic of fractions. Some children got right back into the swing of things and made links to previous learning which was amazing. Remember – all children can access fractions practice using the school login for MyMaths: login- thepalmer and password- multiply43

Here they can access all previously learnt skills from Year 2-5 as well as the Year 6 skills. Why not make it practical for them to practice fractions? When cooking dinner tonight, can they divide your vegetables into equal parts and give different fractions to each person? E.g. I have 24 carrot sticks, Dad has $\frac{3}{8}$, Mum has $\frac{2}{8}$ and each of the 3 children have $\frac{1}{8}$. How many carrot sticks do they each get?

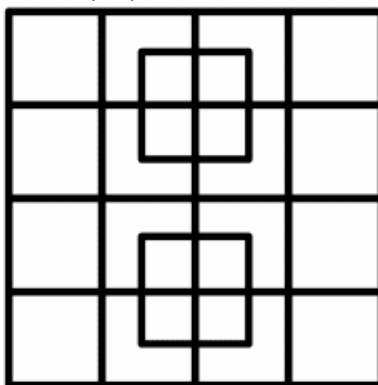
As we have started new topics, keep your eye out for some project-based homework coming soon.



The competitions began again in earnest yesterday which I will report to you next week.

But for now I thought I would set you a puzzle:

How many squares are in this image?



Attendance Information



Nursery AM	Nursery PM	YR Kerr	YR Rosen	Y1 Cole	Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Ahlberg	Y2 Butterworth
96.4%	96.2%	98.2%	94.0%	94.5%	92.5%	90.8%	91.7%



Y3 Benjamin	Y3 King-Smith	Y4 Binch	Y4 Pullman	Y5 Hughes	Y5 Morpurgo	Y6 Horowitz	Y6 Lewis
90.0%	97.0%	98.5%	95.0%	91.8%	95.7%	98.0%	98.3%

Attendance for the whole school year is currently 94.1%

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.



Well done to ALI, WYNFORD AND JENSON on winning the Attendance raffle!

A special well done to TURING House who won the most HERO (here, every day, ready on time) tokens!