

Unity Academy Primary Newsletter 19/04/2024

Your weekly roundup of all things years N -6!



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Welcome back! Can you believe we are in the Summer term already?! I really hope you had a lovely holiday? I spent a lot of it with friends and family and even managed to squeeze in reading 7 books! I am a bit of a speedy reader!

The Summer term is always a funny one. We come into it thinking ooooh, we are on the run down to the Summer holidays but then we stop and think about what we have in this term! :-o - Y6 SATs, Y1/2 Phonics Screening Check, Y4 Multiplication check, transition for our new Reception children into school, various trips, transition up to new classes, end of year reports etc. These things are on top of the normal day to day things we do in classrooms. The icing on the cake is that the last half term is a 7 and a half week one - eeeeek! Anyway, what have we had going on in school this week?

Teaching and Learning

I have seen a number of PSHE lessons this week which have focussed on families. The focus has obviously been different across the year groups as our curriculum is sequential and progresses. Reception focussed on who was in their family and what job they do, where as Year 2 looked at differences in families and what we can all do to support a happy home life.

Year 3 have been working very hard with their writing this week. I was very happy when Arlo and Oliver came to show me their Flat Stanley letters. They were both beaming and were very proud of the work they had produced and I could really see why! Well done boys!

We have all been feeling quite zen this week as we arranged for every child to have a yoga session in a bid to make them recognise how good it is to be mindful, to breathe and to relax. Everyone seemed to have a really good time and I hope it has supported our children and staff with their mental well-being.

As I mentioned earlier, Phonics Screening takes place this term for Year 1 children and those in year 2 who did not reach the standard last year. I have spent time with Mrs Hanvey this week looking at where we can provide additional support to any children who need a little extra encouragement. Please support your child at home in any way you can with reading and phonics. The best support is sharing books together and practising blending to read. If you would like any further information or any more ideas, please speak to Mrs Hanvey.

Our **behaviour curriculum** continued on Monday as we focused on **communicating compassion and understanding**. Being empathetic is difficult for children to understand but basically it is about listening deeply and trying to understand what the other person is feeling, thinking, and experiencing. I have noticed a lot of children being very mindful when they are interacting with others and being reflective of how their words or actions can affect other people. I hope you have noticed it too?! Next week our focus will be on **Active Listening.** We will think about the importance of listening and the problems that can arise if we don't listen properly.

Blackpool Elmer Trail

Don't forget that the Elmer trail started on 13th April. There are 71 elephants around Blackpool which you can walk to see. There is an app that you can download for you to tick off when you have seen an elephant. Don't forget to look out for our 'Comm-Unity Elmer' - More details are here! We are looking at holding some different events in school to continue to raise money for Brian House.

And finally...

I had hoped that the weather would be far nicer considering that we are in mid April now. This time last year, I was enjoying reading and relaxing in the garden with a nice cold drink in my hand! This year we have had hail stones, wind and a lot of rain so far! Fingers crossed it starts to pick up soon. Have a great weekend everyone!

Contact us!

Contact Us

Our year group emails are no longer be monitored. If you wish to contact a teacher within school please use this link <u>Parental Messages / Queries (Non-urgent)</u>. and we will get back to you. This form should be used rather than contacting an individual teacher email address as we can then ensure that you are responded to in a timely manner. Messages will be passed on and dealt with as quickly as possible. Our aim is to respond to you within 48 school working hours. Please note that this may not be checked during teaching hours and so **please do not add anything urgent** e.g. about your child being collected by someone else at the end of the day. If you have an urgent message or query, please contact the school office on 01253 355493. Thank you.

Attendance



		Attendance %	Late Marks	
•	RMT	96.04	11	
•	REB	94.17	8	

•	1CBL	87.06	11
•	1BW	98.86	9
•	2KG	92.13	7
•	2AM	90.38	4
•	ЗНВ	87.04	10
•	3LC	90.09	7
•	4TC	95.39	13
•	4CL	96.67	9
•	5TT	96.77	20
•	5JB	92.41	4
•	6VA	86.88	13
•	6NO	95.00	12
•	6MB	86.88	3

Keeping children safe!











Celebrating Culture and Difference



On Monday, Jews around the world will celebrate Passover. This is a celebration of the Exodus, the freedom from slavery of the children of Israel from Ancient Egypt that followed the 10 plagues. <u>Click here to learn more</u>



Tuesday is St George's Day, It is the commemoration of the Patron Saint of England. <u>Click here for more information</u>

Nursery



In Nursery this week we have started our spring topic. The children have spoken about how the weather has changed so much throughout the week. We have discussed and looked at the different flowers growing in our garden and how the environment around us is changing now we are in spring. The children have been doing some observational drawing of some flowers that we have picked and have spoken about the colours they can see and how what a flower needs to grow.

We have also created an obstacle course for the children to complete and have then discussed the route the children have taken to get from point A to point B. The children have used language such as 'we went over the chair' 'under the table' 'around the bin.'

Reception



What a fantastic start to the Summer term!

In mathematics, the children have explored 3D shapes. Firstly, we practised pronouncing the names and then went on a 3D shape hunt. The children enjoyed finding the shapes within the continuous provision and then learnt how to describe 3D shapes.

In literacy, the children focussed on the story Jack and The Beanstalk. The children were so excited that Jack had left us a letter, a golden egg and shiny gold coins. This topic was supported by learning about the life cycle of plants. We learnt key vocabulary, such as germination, and used our knowledge to label the life cycle of plants.

In PSHE, the children built upon their prior knowledge of their family and others. We discussed the different occupations family members have and discussed jobs that we have at home.

In RE, the children started their new enquiry 'What can we learn from stories?' and learnt about Eid.

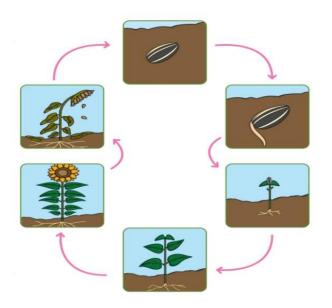
In continuous provision, the children have been very busy:

- Retelling the story of Jack and The Beanstalk
- Making playdough beanstalks
- Measuring beanstalks
- Making a zip line for Jack

Polite reminders:

- REB library books are changed on a Wednesday and will be sent home on Friday.
 Please return your child's reading record every Wednesday.
- Phonics books are changed every Friday.
- Please ensure your child wears a coat to school.
- PE is on Thursday.
- Phonics books/resources must be returned to school.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Bond and Miss Tench.





Welcome back to school, Year 1!

In Maths this week, we have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. The children have found this challenging, so any help at home would be much appreciated!

English this week has been focused upon The Tiger who came to tea book, which on Friday culminated in a fantastic Afternoon Tea Party... I wonder if a tiger appeared?

In History, our topic is The Titanic, and have been learning lots of facts about the ship of dreams! Did you know there were 7 million letters onboard and 2,200 passengers! Wow!

We have continued to work on our Crest Awards in Science. We have looked at how bubbles are formed and what is inside a bubble and how to make bubbles making bubble wands. We had a fantastic time outside exploring bubbles, bubbles, bubbles!

Each child has gone home with a new phonics book today. As always, please read with your child 3 times a week and log this in your reading record or boomhub.

Have a fabulous weekend, Mr. Wainwright and Miss Blunden.





What a fantastic start to our Summer term!

This week in English, children have been learning about using apostrophes for contractions. Children have worked both independently and in pairs to match up the expanded version to the contracted version. Children have also had a go at writing their own contractions and putting them into sentences.

In Maths this week, children have been looking at capacity and volume. We have discuss as a class what 'capacity' and 'volume' means. Children have used key vocabulary to describe the capacities of different jugs. Children have also compared different volumes of liquid in containers and have learned about how we measure volume in ml and L.

In Art this week, we have looked at the Artist Henry Moore. Children have looked at the different sculptures he makes and have discussed what they like/dislike about them, how they make them feel, and asked to imagine what they would sound like.

In History this week, we have started our new topic 'dinosaurs'. Children have discussed when the dinosaurs lived and we created a real timeline on the playground.

In PSHE this week, children have discussed 'families'. We have spoken about who is in our family, why they are special and why some families might be different. Children have then had some circle time in the playground to think about what the 'recipe' would be for a happy home.

Please remember to bring your slips back for Mindfulness Colouring Club on Monday.

Spellings next week: Mr money gold

We hope you have a lovely weekend, The Year 2 team



A very busy, but great, first week back in Year 3!

This week, we have been writing a letter response pretending to be Flat Stanley. We have been looking all about the features of a letter and writing our own response to say we will be going on an archaeological project to Egypt!

Which leads us into our History and Geography topics this half term - Egypt! In Geography, we have been learning all about the country of Egypt including the capital city, hemisphere, continent and seas. We are very excited to learn more about Egypt.

Meanwhile, in History, we are learning about Ancient Egypt. We started our first lesson by looking at a wide variety of artefacts on loan to us from the Museum. We made predictions

about what they could have been used for and have already found out some interesting information about mummification! We are so excited to discover even more.

In Maths, we have been looking at Mass and Capacity. We have been looking at measuring objects in grams and learning how many grams are in a kilogram. We are finding this a little bit tricky but making incredible progress!

Please be reminded that PE is on Monday and Tuesday (3HB) and Monday and Wednesday (3LC).

Year 4



Year 4 have had a fantastic week back in school! It has been lovely to have everyone back learning in the classroom.

We have started our new book in English called Akimbo's Adventures. This is all about a young boys life living on an African game reserve. We have been loving reading it so far and we are excited to see what happens next in the book.

In Maths, we have been learning about fractions, we have been doing amazing and been very resilient. We have been using lots of manipulatives to help us understand the concept and develop a deeper understanding.

In History we have started to look at the Anglo Saxons, this week we started off looking at who they are and how they came to Britain and where they settled. We are excited to learn lots more!

In Geography we are learning about South Africa, this week we looked at where it is and delved deep into why it is called the 'Rainbow Nation'.

What a lovely week it has been starting all our new subjects, we are really looking forward to getting into them all properly.

A big well done to our boys who took part in our football tournament on Thursday, we came 2nd and you really did do us all so proud representing our school!

Have a well deserved chilled weekend after a busy week back and we look forward to seeing you on Monday morning!

The Year 4 Team.



Welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely Easter Break. We have had a very busy 1st week back in our Summer Term.

English - In English, we have started our new class read "Holes" by Louis Sachar. The book centres on Stanley Yelnats, who is sent to Camp Green Lake, a correctional boot camp in a desert in Texas, after being falsely accused of theft. The children are pretending to be an inventor like Stanley's father and have started to think about an invention they are going to persuade us to buy.

Yoga - On Tuesday, Year 5 took part in a Yoga session with The Yogi Group. The children learned a variety of yoga positions such as: The Lotus Pose; Mountain Pose; Tree Pose; Warrior Free; Downward Dog; Cobra; Crescent Moon and Guided Relaxation. Take a look at the photos below.

Forest School - This week we started our forest school sessions. We looked at ordnance survey maps to see what facilities are in Blackpool and the surrounding areas. We also looked at the map of the UK and the world to identify the capital cities and counties. The children worked with Mrs. Bateman to look at the 8 points of the compass and incorporated these into a game.

DT - This week we have started our textiles topic. Over the next 6 weeks, the children are going to be making a puppet based on a Greek God or Goddess. If you have any spare fabric, thread or any resources at home, please can this be brought into school by Monday 29th April.

Dates for your diary - Wednesday 15th May - Finger Knitting afternoon at 2.15pm We hope you have a lovely weekend, The Year 5 Team























Year 6



Unstoppable with Blackpool Football Club started this week. The children have enjoyed reading the first chapter and digging deeper into the story through the activities BFC completed with them.

We also started a new class text this week called 'The Island' by Armin Greder. The children took part in a 'Philosophy for children' lesson developing their own questions based on the theme of the book and took part in a detailed discussion about what had led the character to be at sea. Their reasons were well thought out, taking into account a varied set of reasons and building on each other's responses.

In maths we have been interpreting data from a variety of different charts to answer a range of questions. Thank you for your support with using the revision guides over the holidays, a number of children have been discussing the different tasks they have completed. This will really help towards their SATs which are coming up during the week commencing 13th May.

Advance Notice - We will be going on a trip to UCLAN in Preston on Tuesday 21st May and two letters will be sent home regarding this trip. Please can you complete and send both slips back in to secure your child's place on the trip.

Star of the Week



RMT - Indi - For being such a kind and respectful friend!

REB - Blake - For using his phonics knowledge in his writing.

1CBL - Ganul - For an excellent first week in Year 1!

1BW - Kai - For being ready to learn in our first week back, engaging in boat making and bubble investigations!

2KG - Nevaeh - For always being ready to learn and putting in 100% effort

2AM - Caylan - For a fantastic first week at Unity Academy. Caylan has been ready to learn and has been so polite and respectful to both staff and children. Well done!

3HB - Elsie-May - For being so ready to learn! Especially in our challenging Maths lessons about Mass and Capacity

3LC - Arlo - For his improved attitude to learning, and his lovely handwriting.

4TC - Oliver - For great effort in English and always being positive and hardworking with a good sense of humour.

4CL - Mason - For coming back to school with a fantastic attitude to learning and trying is best at everything. I am super proud!

5TT - Amelia - For always being ready to learn and putting loads of effort in every lesson

5JB - Farrah - For being much more confident in joining in class discussions.

6NO - Dylan - For very mature approach to our P4C session in English.

6VA - Ruby - Taking pride in all she does

6MB - Luke - Great contribution to the class discussion about our new book 'The Island.'

School Uniform



As a reminder, please have a look at the list below and make sure your children are correctly dressed for both the school day and PE. To request items of uniform please click here and complete the short form. We will do our best to meet your needs, stock permitting.

Nursery Uniform

Black sweatshirt with logo

White polo shirt

Black trousers, tracksuit bottoms or skirt

Black shoes if wearing trousers or skirt or Trainers (preferably black) if wearing tracksuit bottoms.

Primary Uniform

Black sweatshirt/cardigan sweatshirt with logo

White collared shirt

Black trousers/ Unity Tartan Skirt

Tie in house colour

Black socks/plain tights

Black shoes

Primary PE Kit

Red polo shirt with logo

Black shorts

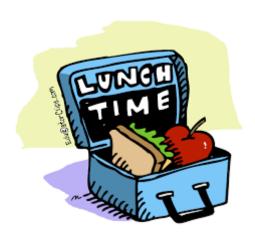
Black socks

Black Pumps

Optional Items - Unity Tracksuit or plain black tracksuit (A Unity tracksuit will be provided for the Reception children)

If your child has outgrown any uniform items and they are in good condition, please do send them into school where they can be added to our supply for other parents to access. Thank you

Lunch time menu for this week



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chilli and Wholegrain rice	Roast pork, mash potatoes, carrots and gravy	Sausage, chips, and gravy	Chicken curry, wholegrain rice and naan bread	Fish fingers, potato wedges and beans
Meatballs with tomato sauce & wholegrain pasta	Plant power veggie roll, mash potatoes and carrots	Pizza, chips and beans	Cheese flan and new potatoes	Crispy coated golden nuggets, potato wedges and beans
Jacket potato and baked beans	Jacket potato and tuna mayo	Jacket potato and cheese	Jacket potato and baked beans	Jacket potato and cheese
Savoury cheese sandwich	Roast ham sandwich	Tuna mayo sandwich	Egg mayo sandwich	Grated cheese sandwich