



Unity Academy Primary Newsletter  
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Your weekly roundup of all things years N -6!



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I can't believe another week has gone by! It will be Summer before we know it!

### **Teaching and Learning**

I have been out of school for a couple of days this week and have had two days as Acting Headteacher at Unity so I haven't been in and out of classrooms as much as I like. That said, I was extremely happy to hear about our Year 4 and Year 5 children who have been out of school on trips this week. Year 4 went on a tram trip to look at Blackpool, linked to their History topic and Year 5 went to UCLan to learn about the solar system. Both year groups behaved exceptionally and were a real credit to themselves, their families and our school. Well done to you all!

Phoebe in Year 3 brought her English book to show me on Tuesday. She had a huge smile on her face and was clearly very proud of herself as she had tried so hard with her handwriting. Good girl!

Our behaviour curriculum has continued this week with a focus on positive greetings. We talked with the children about greeting each other politely e.g. "Good morning" and asking "Have you had a nice day?" We have noticed a real difference in the way the children are

talking to each other and to the staff. I wonder if you have noticed it at home too? Next week we will be focussing on taking turns and sharing. Try it at home, if we all have the same expectation we should soon notice a real difference!

### **Free school meal vouchers**

For information - The Local Authority has today confirmed the allocation of free school meal vouchers for the Easter holidays. We will send further information out next week.

### **School holidays**

A reminder that we break up next week on Thursday 28th March at 3:10pm. School reopens on Monday 15th April at 8:40am.

### **And finally...**

It looks like we are in for some wet weather unfortunately! Fingers crossed that the sun comes out to play again soon. Have a great weekend everyone!

Contact us!



Our year group emails are no longer be monitored. If you wish to contact a teacher within school please use this link [Parental Messages / Queries \(Non-urgent\)](#). 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



	<b>Attendance %</b>	<b>Late Marks</b>
• RMT	98.50	8
• REB	93.33	11
• 1CBL	88.57	11
• 1BW	96.02	9
• 2KG	95.37	10
• 2AM	96.63	9
• 3HB	95.37	7
• 3LC	92.24	8
• 4TC	93.97	15
• 4CL	96.25	12
• 5TT	94.53	13
• 5JB	95.98	10
• 6VA	92.50	10
• 6NO	89.29	16
• 6MB	100	1



Keeping children safe!



Celebrating Culture and Difference





Next week is celebrated as Holy Week by Christians. The week begins with Palm Sunday and concludes with Good Friday that marks the Crucifixion of Jesus. [Click here for more information](#)



This Monday marks the end of winter and the celebration of the victory of good over evil. Many Hindus will celebrate the Holi Festival or festival of colours. [Click here for more information](#)



Next week is the third week of Ramadan. This is a month-long period of fasting, reflection, community and family time. This year Ramadan will conclude on the evening of the 9th April. [Click here for more information](#)

## Nursery



This week in Nursery we have been reading the story 'A Superhero like you.' We have carried on our discussions about people who help us in our community and the children have enjoyed sharing with each other the jobs that their parents/carers have.

The children have been counting objects and identifying which pile has the most objects and which has the least as well as identifying when two groups have the same amount of objects. The children have also continued to practise their cutting skills and have match a job role with the correct vehicle they use such as a paramedic and an ambulance.

The children enjoyed going over to the reception class to visit the chicks, they each held a chick and we spoke about what noise a chick makes, where they live, what they eat and if we thought they were a boy or a girl.

## Reception



Another busy week in Reception!

This week in mathematics the children have revised their knowledge of one more and one less. The children loved moving the frogs on and off the lily pads to find one more and one less. Later in the week, the children explored number bonds to 10 and number composition to 10.

In Literacy this week the children have focused on a non-fiction text 'Egg to Chicken'. The children have learnt complex key vocabulary specifically around our life cycles topic.

The chicks moved into REB for the week and had lots of opportunities to be held and touched by the children. The children were all so Respectful, Ready and Safe. Throughout the week, the children wrote thank you letters to give to the farmer as a token of their appreciation. On Thursday, the children said their goodbyes to the chicks and gave the farmer their letters. Miss Bond and Miss Tench have been very busy keeping daily records of the chicks and taking lots of photographs that the children can revisit.

In RE, the children have enjoyed learning about Ramadan. Some of the children even brought in religious items to share with their class.

In PSHE, the children have developed their understanding of a healthy bedtime routine. We discussed the importance of brushing our teeth and keeping our bodies clean. Miss Bond and Miss Tench were so impressed with the children's knowledge of why sleep is important.

Important Ridgeway Farm notices:

- On Tuesday 26th March, Reception will visit Ridgeway Farm.
- The coach will depart by 9.30am and return before 3.00pm.
- On the day of the visit, all children who already have a school dinner will be provided with a school packed lunch to take on the trip. Children that usually bring a packed lunch will need to bring this as normal, in a named disposable carrier bag. Please pack all of your child's lunch into containers/wrappers that can be thrown away.
- Please can you send your child into school with a pair of wellies on and a waterproof coat.

Have a good weekend, The Reception Team.



Year 1



It has been a busy week in Year 1 this week.

The children have enjoyed having the ducklings for part of the week and wrote some lovely letters to them and the farmer thanking him for letting them stay with us for a while.

In Maths, we have started looking at Mass and Volume including weighing objects to compare 'heavier and lighter'. The children have been using balancing scales making predictions before they compare.

In DT, we have been using our sewing skills to make hand puppets. They have been taught a running stitch to sew 2 pieces of fabric together and have needed lots and lots of patience !

Have a fabulous weekend everyone, The Year one team





This week in Year 2, we have been working extremely hard on our Length and Height topic. In Maths we have used rulers to measure objects around our classroom in cm and m. Please ask us at home whether we would measure things in cm or m.

In Art we have sketched our final piece of Queen Victoria using all the techniques we have used over the last few weeks. We have used charcoal and oil pastels. We are so proud of our final piece.

In English we have been listening to The Queen's Orangutan and have created and presented our own plans of how the Queen might escape the palace.

In our rewards afternoon, children have made some beautiful Easter wreaths and have watched an Ice age Easter themed clip.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Spellings next week are: **Mrs**    **because**    **mind**

Year 3



This week year three have had another fabulous, busy week!

In English, we have been writing our very own version of the three little pigs, impressing both Miss Cavanagh and Ms. Brayne with their our use of adjectives, conjunctions and speech!

In Maths, we have continued our learning on length and perimeter! We have measured 2D shapes to find out their lengths and then added all sides together to find the total perimeter.

Geography: We have continued to explore the island of Samoa. This week we learned about the islands natural resources and set off the dormant volcanoes we made in class! It was magnificent hearing the children discuss the key vocab of dormant, active and extinct.

DT: Using our creativity, resilience and team we were able to begin constructing our own Samoan fale homes.

Have a wonderful weekend year three!

Year 4



What a fantastic week we have had!



In English we have been having our own debate on deforestation, it has been great to see the children so passionate about their for or against argument, using their persuasive techniques to convey their ideas.

In French 4TC have all participated well in their French lessons. They have revised their numbers to 20 this week and particularly impressed me. They have also learnt some new words for pets they may have. They can say "J'ai un chat et un chien" - I have a cat and a dog.

In Geography, the children are continuing with their research of New Zealand. This week 4CL focused on the climate and were amazed at the difference in temperature ranges between the North and South Islands. They are all really enjoying finding out about the geographical features of the countries we study.

We were lucky enough to attend our class trip on the tram this week! What an amazing time we had, it was great to see all of the attractions we learnt about last term in History. We were all very excited, even in the rainy weather! We have also been lucky this week to go over to high school for a science lesson in the labs, we looked at sound proofing and which materials would be best for a pair of headphones.

Have good weekend Year 4!

Year 5



**Space @ UCLan** - This week in Year 5, both classes have had the chance to visit the Young Scientist Centre at UCLan. The workshop took the students on a journey through the solar system. They investigated the Sun and the planets, learning about size, distance and learned the concepts of day, month and year. Through experimentation, students discovered the conditions on each of the planets and their implications for human space exploration. The second half of the workshop focused on the determination of the relative gravity on Earth, Moon, Mars, Venus and Jupiter using Newton meters. This engaging workshop blended Biology, Physics and Chemistry to explore our Solar system. The children had a fabulous time and their behaviour was exceptional.

**English** - In English, the children have started to write a formal application letter to Ernest Shackleton, who was a renowned polar explorer best known for his remarkable leadership

and resilience during the 1914 Antarctic Expedition. The children all applied for a position on the ship that they thought would best suit them and persuade Mr. Shackleton to let them join his crew.

**Geography** - This week in Geography, the children looked at the similarities and differences between Blackpool and Antarctica.

Similarities: Both had some sort of tower; Both have penguins (Blackpool in the zoo; Antarctica wild); Both have beaches

Differences: Antarctica has research facilities; time zones; Antarctica has ice caps; Antarctica is a desert.

**History** - This week in History, the children we looked at the timeline of the Tudor explorers. The children learned that King Henry VIII didn't believe in exploration, so during his reign there was no exploration until King Edward VI became monarch.

**Maths** - We have continued with our fractions and decimals topic. The children have been looking at the equivalent fractions and decimals and looking at fractions as thousandths.

### Forest Schools

After half term, Year 5 will start their forest school sessions. The children need wellies or old trainers please.

5JB - Monday

5TT - Friday

**Have a lovely weekend, The Year 5 Team**





## Year 6



This week in Year 6, we have been immersed in a range of writing genres: instructions via our DT lessons, non-chronological report writing about The Crystal Palace and poetry linked to the Victorians to celebrate World Poetry Day. We always try where we can to link our children's writing to things that we have either experienced or that we are learning about to make it purposeful for them!

In maths we have been having a problem solving week using the acronym 'RUCSAC':

Read

Understand

Calculate

Solve

Answer

Check

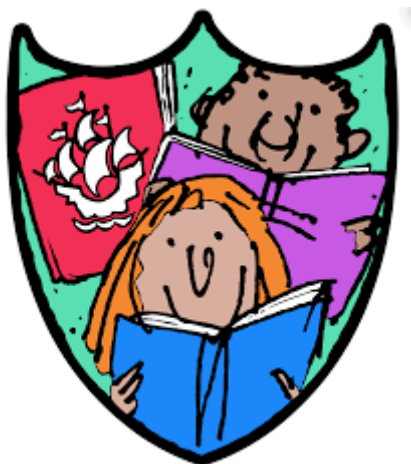
Children should apply these strategies when continuing to use their revision guides at home - only 5 more school weeks to go now! We will share your child's mock SATs results with you next week so that you can view the progress your child has made since January. Please be aware that the March mock SATs papers were those provided to last year's cohort; the pass score is lower for all papers than of the January mock SATs to reflect the trickier nature of these. Please ask us if you have any questions around this - we are happy to advise on any queries.

### **Something for the weekend:**

Have you heard? LS Lowry's masterpiece 'Going to the Match' is on display until 30th March at The Grundy Art Gallery, which offers free entry. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to see a painting by one of the most famous artists of the 20th century! Our Year 6 children were first exposed to the fabulous work of LS Lowry when they attended the Imperial War Museum North in Manchester where they saw 'Going to Work'. There are five new displays at the gallery which have a local or regional focus, with three exhibitions additionally linked to football as a shared theme.

Letters have been shared regarding next week's Faberge Egg event on **Wednesday 27th March**. Please ensure reply slips are returned by **Friday 22nd March** so that we can make arrangements for the afternoon. Thank you!

[Last call for Blue Peter Book Badge application forms!](#)



We will be posting the children's applications to Blue Peter on **Wednesday 27th March** for children in years 1-6. It is not too late to return your application form! Please ensure it is



returned to school no later than this date to ensure your child earns their book badge. Thank you for your support with this and we hope that your family enjoy attending some attractions around the country where your child can enter for FREE with the badge!

### *Star of the Week*



- **RMT - Evie-Rae** - For always being so respectful and polite with her beautiful manners!
- **REB - Blessing** - For her fantastic attitude to learning and being a role model to her peers.
- **1CBL - Sienna** - For excellent writing all about our ducklings.
- **1BW - Yethumi** - For putting so much effort into becoming a more independent learner, especially in English.
- **2KG - Hill** - For having a fantastic attitude towards his learning and really impressing me and Miss Holmes.
- **2AM - Arlo** - For being respectful and polite. This week he has greeted all staff every morning and has wished them a lovely day. I am so proud!
- **3HB - Astin** - For being ready to learn with an excellent piece of independent writing in science.
- **3LC - Jessica** - For always being respectful, safe and ready!
- **4TC - Josh** - For fantastic effort and attitude in lessons with Miss Tully

- **4CL -.Summer** - For being really involved with all of our lessons this week, for being extremely well mannered and producing some amazing work!
- **5TT - Lucas** - for being an always person, always ready, always respectful and shows pride in all his work
- **5JB - Catalina** -For her fantastic answers during our Science trip to UCLan
- **6NO - Alex** - For making a conscious effort to become a more independent learner.
- **6VA - Matei** - For his impeccable manners in the lunchtime queue - very considerate and thankful
- **6MB - Clayton** - For fantastic leadership skills and support to others in the playground.

## 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

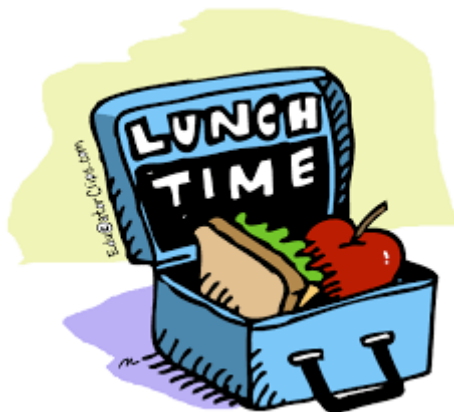
Black Pumps

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
Pasta bake with crusty bread and mixed vegetables	Roast pork dinner with stuffing, gravy, mash, green beans and carrots	Beef burger in a bun with herby diced potatoes and beans	Chicken curry with naan bread, mixed veg, rice, peas and sweetcorn	Fish fingers with chips, beans or peas
Cottage pie with mixed vegetables	Vegetarian sausage roll with mash, green beans and carrots	Crispy veggie burger in a bun with herby diced potatoes and beans	Mexican tortilla wrap filled with melted cheese, peppers, tomato sauce with peas and sweetcorn	Golden crispy vegetarian nuggets with chips, beans or peas
Jacket potato with beans	Jacket potato with cheese	Jacket potato with Tuna mayo	Jacket potato with cheese	Jacket potato with beans
Cheese sandwich	Egg mayo sandwich	Roast Turkey sandwich	Roast ham sandwich	Tuna mayo sandwich