

Unity Academy Primary Newsletter 6/12/2024

Your weekly roundup of all things years N -6!



A message from Mrs. Shaw



This half term is simply flying by. Christmas will be here before we know it!

Teaching and Learning

This week, myself and the other Senior Leaders are completed walkthroughs of all lessons. The Primary Leadership team have also started our lesson observations so the children have had lots of visitors into their classroom this week. They have all loved sharing their learning with their visitors and have articulately discussed what they have been learning previously to support their lesson that day. We have worked incredibly hard as a team to ensure that our curriculum is right for and meets the needs of Unity children. In our daily teaching, we focus heavily on the knowledge we want the children to learn and give them plenty of opportunities to share what they know with us.

In Year 6, they were sharing their whole class text and had a real focus on the Y5/6 vocabulary that the children show know. Year 5 were learning how to use dictionaries quickly and using their knowledge of spelling strategies to help them find different words. Year 4 completed an online quiz with Fit2Go this week and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Year 3's Maths lesson on Arrays was fantastic. So fast paced with all children taking part in working out and explaining their ideas. Year 2 had their Parental Engagement session this

week which focused on Christmas Sewing. The children loved having their parents in and there was such a lovely and supportive atmosphere! Year 1's Science lesson was hands-on with the children learning what the word 'Absorption' was and then testing different materials. There was plenty of hands up in assembly this morning when I asked who could tell me what they had learnt yesterday in Science. Willow and Oriana could confidently say the word and explain its meaning. Nursery and Reception are in the throes of their Nativity practice at the moment. I sneaked in to see some of their first practice on the stage earlier this week - bless them, they look so small! It will be lovely though and I can't wait to see it!

Our Behaviour Curriculum this week focused on knowing how to 'Support others' using the story 'Giraffe is left out' by Sue Graves. The children enjoyed hearing all about Giraffe, who realises how upsetting it is to be excluded from a group. We spoke at length in assembly about what bullying actually is. I was very happy to hear that the children knew what bullying was and knew that it was very wrong! Archie explained it perfectly by saying that "bullying is being **repeatedly** unkind to someone". We talked about the word 'repeatedly' and the children understood that fallouts with each other do happen but when it is continuous, then it becomes far more serious. We then discussed who the children's 'Trusted Adults' are so that we can be sure they all know who they can turn to should they need support. Next week we will recap on everything we have talked about this half term. This will give class teachers licence to focus on what their individual class needs.

Diary Dates

- 9th December Y1, Y5, Y6 Christmas pantomime Lowther Pavilion (Snow White) -Please pay via ParentPay
- 10th December Rec, Y2, Y3, Y4 Christmas pantomime Lowther Pavilion (Snow White) Please pay via ParentPay
- 10th December Choir perform at the BMS Christmas Festival at the Winter Gardens. Tickets are available from the box office now.
- 11th December Year group Christmas Tree Competition deadline
- 12th December Nativity dress Rehearsal.
- 12th December Scouts Christmas Fair After school.
- 13th December 9 9:45am Reception Curriculum/ Reading Parent Session.
- 13th December 2:15 3pm Reception Curriculum/ Reading Parent Session same as morning session.
- 16th December 9 10am EYFS Nativity.
- 16th December 2:15 3pm EYFS Nativity.
- 17th December Elf Run your child will have brought home a sponsor form.

- 17th December Christmas Jumper Day.
- 17th December Christmas Dinner Day.
- 18th December Christmas Party Day Your child is invited to wear their Christmas Jumper.
- 19th December Individual Santa Visits (N-Y4). Classroom visit for Y5/6.
- 20th December Staff Panto for Year 5/6 children only.
- 21st December School closes for the Christmas Holiday.
- 6th/7th January INSET Days School closed for children.
- 8th January School reopens to children for Spring 1.

And finally...

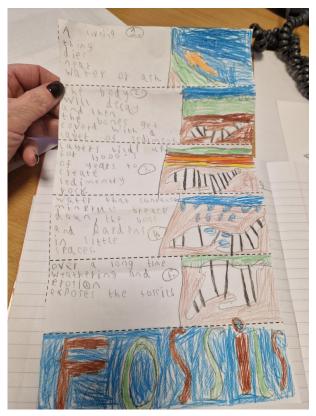
For the first time in a long time, I have no plans this weekend and Evie is at her Dad's so I am going to take the opportunity to get Christmas ready. Have a great weekend everyone!









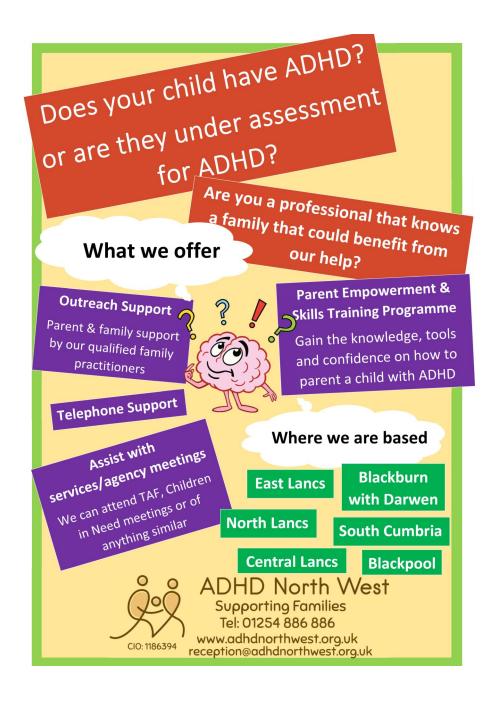






Community Information







Contact us!



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



		Attendance %	Late marks
•	RHH	97.12	2
•	1CL	91.67	8
•	1MT	91.30	14
•	2BH	97.92	5
•	2AP	96.02	5
•	ЗКС	92.23	13
•	3НВ	93.00	6
•	4JB	87.89	4
•	4CBL	96.12	17
•	5TT	94.96	17
•	5NO	99.14	16
•	6MB	95.83	13
•	6VA	96.12	14

Keeping children safe!







Celebrating Culture and Difference





Human rights Day on Tuesday commemorates the day in 1948 where the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Click here to learn more.



Geeta Jayanti on Wednesday commemorates the birthday of Bhagavad Gita, the sacred text of Hinduism. <u>Click here to learn more</u>

Nursery



This week in Nursery we have enjoyed reading the story 'Stickman.' The children have been joining in with the repeated phrases in the story and loved seeing Santa come down the chimney at the end. We have enjoyed wrapping presents in our grotto and dressing up as Santa to deliver them to our friends. The children have also created their own Christmas decorations. We have been working really hard on practising our Christmas Nativity.

If you have any old pots, pans, photos frames, hats, scarfs, bags a donation would be greatly appreciated in nursery.

Reception



Stickman has been our focus story this week and the children have absolutely loved it! They have really enjoyed hearing about Stickman's adventures and have even been drawing their

own maps of his journey. The children have made their own Stickman and have enjoyed playing with hi and using their imagination.

We have been creative this week and are making our decorations for the Christmas Tree competition. We have been developing our fine motor skills to make snowflakes and Christmas trees using lolly sticks and pipe cleaners. Mrs Hanvey and Mrs Hillier really think Reception are in with a good chance of winning this year but know that it is a tough competition as every year groups goes all out and tries their very best!

Our Nativity performance continues to be a real focus for us in Reception as we try to remember our lines, the songs and when and where we need to move on the stage. We are getting there now and can't wait for you to see it!

Have a lovely weekend, The Reception Team

Year 1



What a lovely week in Year 1!

This week in English we have been reading the story 'Snowball' focusing on the rhyming words we could hear in the story. We began the week by exploring syllables,. The children really impressed us with their wonderful knowledge. The children really enjoyed listening to the adventures of the Snowball and what he got up to as the story developed!

In Maths we consolidated our knowledge of addition number sentences. We began the week by reviewing part-whole models and how these can be used to support us in writing addition number sentences. We then continued our learning by completing very tricky addition number sentences, using strategies we had explored.

In Science we focused on some very tricky vocabulary, including floating, sinking and absorbing. We completed experiments to investigate how a range of materials reacted when added to water. The children really impressed both us and Mrs Shaw with their wonderful knowledge. Well done Year 11

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Tench and Miss Lee.

Year 2



This week the children have been getting into the festive spirt by decorating the classroom by making Christmas tree decorations and paper chains. The children thoroughly enjoyed the parental engagement session on Monday afternoon where they had lots of fun showing off their sewing skills and making elf tree decorations with their grown ups. (Thank you so much to everybody that came we hope you all had a lovely afternoon)

In English this week the children have been writing their own diaries all about the great fire of London and created their own front covers for their diaries. In science this week the children have been looking at the material fabric and predicting whether the material bends, twists, stretches or squashes before we tested it. In Math the children have been finding the missing numbers to complete the number sentences and have been using less than, greater than and equal too signs.

Year 3



Another busy but wonderful week in Year 3!

This week, in Math, we have moved onto our topic of Multiplication and Division. We have been looking at sorting objects into arrays, patterns in our 2 times tables and our 5 and 10 times tables. **Please continue to access TTRockstar** at home to support with this learning.

In English, we have been finishing our diary entries as the Stone Age Boy with lots of interesting adjectives and even including time conjunctions!

In Science, we looked at how fossils are formed and created pull out books with diagrams!

Have a fabulous weekend.

Year 4



This week in Year 4 we have enjoyed beginning to read A Christmas Carol. We have explored the different characters and how the author creates suspense at different parts of the story. We are looking forward to finding out how the story ends next week.

We have also enjoyed making our decorations for our Year 4 Christmas Tree and enjoyed our French and recorder lessons.

Please remember to log on and complete TT Rockstars at home at least 3 times a week to support our multiplication knowledge for the upcoming multiplication check.

Have a great weekend.

Year 5



We have been working really hard in computing, learning new skills to create Vector Drawings. This week, we learned how to duplicate objects, move the duplicated objects and then group them to make a final drawing.

As part of our Enrichment curriculum, the children have learned how to finger knit! They have created the most beautiful decorations for our Christmas tree competition - let's hope we win this year!

Have great weekend everyone, The Year 5 team

Year 6



The Christmas tree has gone up on our corridor (thanks to Skye, Jacob and Rachel for decorating!) and we have been getting into the festive spirit this week by making decorations for the annual 'decorate a Christmas tree' competition. Will Year 6 be the winners this year???

The Year 6 students have started to receive visits from Lancashire's Fire and Rescue Service; leaflets containing useful tips for the whole family, including a fun crossword should be brought home by your child once they have received their training about *Road Sense* and *Fire Safety Tips*. Remember Year 6 - 'GET OUT, STAY OUT'. The Lancashire Fire and Rescue team also offer **FREE** home safety checks to all Lancashire residents, so please call **0800 169 1125** if you would like to make use of this service.

This week we have also shared the results of your child's mock SATs for reading, GPS (grammar, punctuation & spelling) and mathematics. Should you have any queries, please contact your child's class teacher. There is also the opportunity to attend one of our SEND/SEMH coffee mornings, one of which was held this morning and the next one will take place on 7th February from 8.45 - 10.15. Please do pop along and speak to our fantastic

team, as well as various other professionals such as NDP, Youth therapy, Speech & Language and SENDIASS for any support or questions no matter how big or small.

If you wish to purchase revision guides for any areas you would like to offer your child more support with, we recommend the following companies:

- 1. Rising Stars
- 2. CGP
- 3. Collins

Finally, we would like to share a platform that children can use online at home to help develop their arithmetic skills. It is: https://mathsbot.com/ - select the 'primary' light grey lozenge at the top of the page, followed by 'Key Stage 2 Arithmetic Paper' which is the second option in on the second line. We have started to use this in class on a Friday, so the children are familiar with it but can most certainly make use of it at home too! The paper can be answered, marked and answers given all online; your child may just benefit from a scrap piece of paper to jot their workings on. There are many other resources too if your child wishes to explore (let us know if there are any you find particularly useful!).

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend, The Year 6 Team

Star of the Week



RHH - Edith - For showing great enthusiasm for drawing club!

1CL - Harrison - For fantastic efforts in his learning this week and for showing resilience when answering tricky questions.

1MT - Antonia - For being such a wonderful role model and helper!

2BH - Kai - For having a positive attitude towards learning and producing a fantastic piece of writing.

2AP - Laiken - For always being a kind friend to everyone.

3KG - Jettson - For his wonderful and enthusiastic attitude to everything he does!

3HB - Riley - For always being positive and making an excellent effort to answer questions in the classroom!

4JB - Sophie - For a more positive attitude to her school days and her enthusiasm for DT.

4CBL - Jasmine - For her enthusiasm for DT week

5TT - Zekiye/Isaac - For their excellent work as a pair in science

5NO - Brogan - For making excellent progress on our fractions topic in Maths

6MB - Ian - Amazing work with adding and subtracting fractions.

6VA - Karzan - For excellent progress in his writing.

School Uniform



Revised policy from September: From September our uniform is changing. The decision was made following consultation with children, parents and staff. Large numbers of people shared their thoughts for the options given and the vast majority voted for a change to some aspects of our 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 - All students should wear:

- Black V Neck school jumper with embroidered Unity Academy logo this item is compulsory!
- Plain White Shirt or blouse
- Plain black socks or tights
- House Badge (Provided by the academy initially, replacements can be purchased from the academy)
- All black footwear with no identifiable markings. If this footwear is a boot it must be no bigger than ankle length. No crocs!

Students have a choice of: (students must wear one of these)

- Plain black tailored skirt
- Plain black trousers or shorts (tailored type, not tracksuit bottoms/ jeans)
- A Black Blazer with the Unity logo is optional

P.E. Kit - Red polo shirt Black shorts Black socks Black Pumps

Summer Uniform

- Red check dress with white ankle socks
- Black short trousers

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





Footwear should be all black with no identifiable markings. If this footwear is a boot it must be no bigger than ankle length. No crocs or sandals are permitted rainers are permitted as long as they are fully black. Please checkthe guide opposite



Jewellery and Hair



Lunch time menu for this week



