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Headteacher's Message

Hello

I am pleased to share that since our return after Easter, we have had no reports of cases of Covid-19 in school, either children or staff. I would like to draw your attention today to changes to the official guidance around the provision of Remote Education. Whilst this has included the removal of it being a statutory requirement, we do value the benefits of this provision for children in particular circumstances. You can view our response to the updated guidance, including our new remote education plan, on our website ([click here](#)). If you would like to read the full government guidance you can do so by [clicking here](#).

Next week sees the start of statutory assessment season for the first time since 2019! For parents/carers unfamiliar with this, Year 6 and Year 2 complete maths and English tests in May, Year 1 complete a phonics screening test in June and for the first time this year, Year 4 have a statutory multiplication tables check in June. We wish Year 6 the very best for next week and I will be writing to Year 2 parents/carers with further information soon. Tests are only ever a snapshot of attainment in a short period of time; what is most important to us is the day to day evidence we have of our children making super progress over time. We are proud of them all, particularly in light of the challenges faced over the last couple of years.

Have a lovely weekend.

Liz Clark



EYFS

This week we have really enjoyed learning about the story of 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' and in Literacy the children wrote a letter from Goldilocks to the 3 Bears to say sorry. Their wonderful writing has been put on the wall; the children were very proud.

In maths we have been continuing our work with numbers to 20 including some subtraction skills. We have also been looking at shapes made up of cubes and matching them exactly and spotting the mistakes.

Our new phonics scheme is 'Little Wandle' and this week's digraphs and trigraphs are on the homework reading sheet. From this week the children will also be taking home the book they have been reading in class during the week with the teacher. We have made a note of the number of the book your child has taken home and we will send it home on a Thursday to be collected back in on a Monday. We are encouraging fluency so your child should be able to read a large part of this book to you. If your child knows what a word is without sounding it out, please encourage them to say the word rather than sounding out every single word. Hopefully you will be impressed with our new books and the developing fluency of your child's reading.

The children have enjoyed changing their reading for pleasure 'library book'. This is changed every Monday and we hope you have had chance to read this story to your child during the week.

In our creative activity this week the children made some wonderful Kente cloth collages using block colours onto black card. This was inspired by the book 'The Ghanaian Goldilocks' which is a modern twist on the classic Goldilocks story.



Miss Griffiths, Mrs Greenwood, Mrs Daniel and the EYFS team.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)



We have had a lovely week in Key Stage One while developing our grammar skills in English. Each day, we explored a different Julia Donaldson book and character, as well as a grammatical feature, to incorporate into our writing. We have been very impressed with the children's use of conjunctions, vocabulary, use of supporting materials like vocabulary and spelling mats, different sentence structure, accurate punctuation and editing skills. Everyone thought carefully about how to bring in the grammatical feature into their writing, which resulted in some amazing pieces of work. Well done everyone!

In PE, all three classes have enjoyed working with the PE specialist Miss Eaton. This week we focused on the skills behind long distance running and the need to pace ourselves as well as having resilience as we run the distance.

We hope you have enjoyed sharing the 'reading for pleasure' books. It has been great to hear the children talk about their book, as well as bringing it back to swap for another one. Some children also delighted in recommending a book to a friend. Children can either read these books themselves or enjoy reading them together with a family member. During the week, maybe you could do both!

Books can be swapped for a new one on the following days,

Class 3 - To be chosen on a Monday and brought back by the following Monday.

Class 4 - To be chosen on a Friday and brought back by the following Friday.

Class 5 - To be chosen on a Monday and brought back by the following Monday.

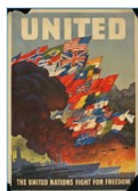
As a polite reminder, please bring into school 3 small to medium sized boxes on **Monday 9th May**.

Please do contact us at school or come and speak to us, if you have any questions.

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Reeves.

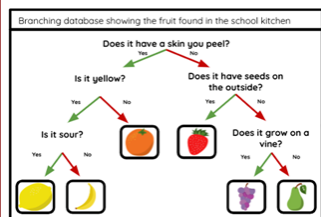


Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)



In history this week, we have continued learning about World War Two. More specifically, we have delved into the timeline of main events that sparked the beginning of the war and that occurred throughout the war. As part of this, the children had a brief introduction into some of the key figures of World War Two.

For PE this week, the children in all three classes have competed in a virtual multi-skills competition. For the competition the children had to complete a number of activities which included: using two hoops to navigate across a measured area, balancing on one leg for as long as possible with a bean bag on their head, completing a standing long jump (with the aim of jumping as far as they can when taking off on two feet and landing on two feet) and collecting numerous bean bags in the quickest time possible.



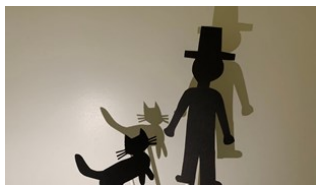
As part of our branching databases topic in computing, the children, this week, have created a branching data base using information about fruit. The children created a number of yes and no questions that allowed them to sort the fruits into various categories that eventually lead to the identification of the fruit. Every child did a wonderful job at creating their databases.

A fabulous week Year 3 and 4, well done!

Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or queries.

Miss Hodgson, Mrs Greenwood, Mr Bennett and Miss Clapham.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)



This week, the children learnt that shadows are created when an opaque object blocks light emanating from the light source. The children then tested their ideas by creating shadow puppets and used torches to project the shadow on to a wall. Children then experimented changing the size of the shadows by moving the object closer or further away from the light source and the wall. They realised this was caused by more or less of the light being blocked.

Our history topic this term is the study of Ancient Greece. The children began by looking at the geographic location of Greece and ordered key events chronologically on a time line before Greece was conquered by the Romans.



In RE the children have been learning about Zakat, also known as Zakah, which is the third pillar of Islam and means 'to purify' the wealth of Muslims in the name of Allah. The children learnt about the importance of charity in Islam and discussed the difference between Zakat and Zakat Ul-Fitr.

Have a lovely weekend.

Please contact us or speak to us directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr Daniel, Mrs Stephenson, Mr Tod and Mrs Walker.



Snippets from the Log Books of Ralph Butterfield School



6th May 1935 – School closed today and tomorrow to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of King George V



Midday Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

We currently have a fantastic opportunity for somebody who would be enthusiastic about providing our children with enjoyable, positive lunchtime experiences as part of our wonderful midday supervisory team. It would be great if you could help us spread the word about this vacancy so that we can find the perfect candidate. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the school office.



Queens Jubilee



Alongside activities going ahead in school for the Queens Jubilee, on **Thursday 26th May** there will be **Non-Uniform Day**, where we are inviting children to wear anything red, white and/or blue (the colours of the Union Jack).

We will also be giving out special commemorative pin badge, from the school, as a little keepsake for this very special year. These will be free to every pupil!



There will be a letter sent out next week about the pin badges and if you would like to order them for siblings not attending the school for £1. Buying these has been in collaboration with Headlands and Wigginton School PTAs – so every primary school child in the village should receive one, which is really nice.

Events this term – SAVE THE DATE!

- **Thursday 26th May** – Non-Uniform Day – Red, White and Blue (as above)
- **In May** – date TBC Second Hand Uniform sale and Ice Pop sale
- **Friday 17th June** - Bags 2 School collection – 8.45am
- **Friday 17th June** - Father's Day Secret Room (in the school day)
- **Thursday 23rd June** - Outdoor Disco (if it's sunny!)
- **Friday 1st July** – Non-Uniform Day
- **Friday 8th July** – SUMMER FAIR – we will be asking for volunteers to run a stall/game (30mins) on the night so please keep this date free

Cuddly Toy Request



We are looking for excellent quality and clean cuddly toys to use on our soft toy tombola and another couple of games at the Summer Fair.

If you have any donations, especially dogs, cats and rabbits – please bring them to the school reception next term. Thank you.

