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Our values are: **RESPECT, RESILIENCE,
TEAMWORK, ASPIRATION and KINDNESS**



SPRING TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

What a lovely start to the Spring Term it's been. This newsletter is all about our new Learning Meets the World curriculum as the children across school have made a fantastic start and embraced the new topic themes fully. We have been sharing images on our X (Twitter) feed and also on our new Facebook page. We also have a blog on our new school website so there are plenty of ways to keep up with us online; please like and follow us!

Learning meets the world curriculum – Foundation Stage

We have had a fantastic half term in FS1 learning all about our new topic 'Under the Sea'. We went on a super trip to The Deep, we drew and painted our own sea creatures and we have also explored raw fish! We have had lots of fun in our role play area pretending to sail our boat and catch fish and we have also made some box model lighthouses and boats.



We are well underway with our Under the Sea topic in FS2. We kicked it off with a visit to The Deep aquarium in Hull where we enjoyed looking at all the animals.

We found out what animals need to survive and how they take care of them at the aquarium. We have been learning key facts all about Sharks, Whales and Dolphins. Annabelle has said "I like learning about the sea because it's cool. I liked it when we read the book Nugget and Fang and found out about shadows."



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Year 1- Miss Tabani

In Class 1 we are well underway with our Arctic Circle learning. We have learned about the landscape, weather and the animals that live in the area. We even designed and made our own protective snow goggles!



Year 2- Mrs Divit

Year 2 are loving our new topic - 'Zero to Hero'. We have already learned about Michael Jordan's struggle to become a basketball player and Thomas Edison's determination to invent the lightbulb despite lots of failed attempts. We have learned that determination and perseverance are really important when things are tricky. We were inspired by artist Christy Brown's art and even had a go at drawing with our feet ourselves.



Year 3- Miss Bennett

Class 3 are loving their new Dimensions topic called Come Fly with Me: Africa! They have been so enthusiastic about their learning in the afternoon, and they have already produced some brilliant pieces of work to showcase their knowledge. As part of our ELE, we had an amazing afternoon African drumming, singing and dancing! We are so very grateful to Mr Petta and his friends for enabling us to have this unforgettable learning experience. As part of our PE, we have even demonstrated excellent teamwork skills, working as a group and creating our own dances inspired by African dance moves! Ask your child to perform their dance for you at home.



Year 4- Mr Bishop

In year 4, each child created their own jigsaw piece to show what makes them unique. Children connected all of their pieces to signify the diversity in the class and then discussed how we can celebrate each difference. There were some lovely comments made such as "the jigsaw shows that we all on a journey together" and "if another child joined our class, they could do their own jigsaw piece to show them they are welcome and feel part of our class."



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Class 7- Our Speech and Language resource- Mrs Martin Chambers

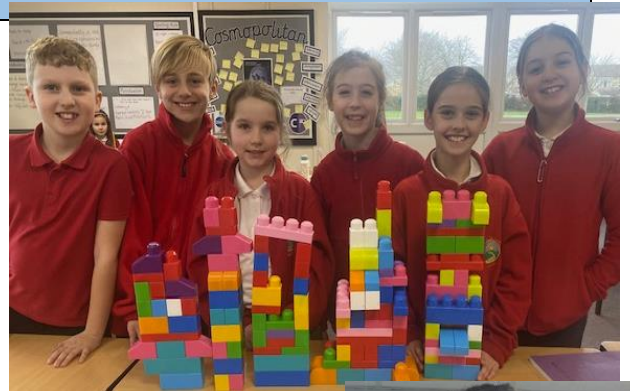
Through our Learning Meets the World curriculum we have been learning all about perseverance and how we respond to failure.

We have learnt about Thomas Edison and how he never gave up, this has linked to our science where we have been discussing electricity and making circuits!



Year 5- Miss Curle

In Year 5 we have LOVED our Dimensions unit "Cosmopolitan". The children have explored New York and Australia comparing both and looking at immigration and the impact this has had on those countries. The children loved learning how to produce excel spreadsheets- we used our computing skills to create a budget to visit Alton Towers (we thought this was a similar place to New York's Coney Island (minus the air fare!) In DT children created their own NYC skyscrapers with building blocks and discussed the different architecture and how this has changed from the 1920 to now. They were amazed to see how the land in NYC has changed so much too-very eye opening! I have been so proud of Year 5 and how much they have engaged with this new curriculum so much that they have recalled so much information and researched more about things they have learnt in their computing sessions too! We also studied the work of John Curtis and Year 5 have produced some incredible pieces of art. We cannot wait to start our next unit!



Year 6- Mr Brooks

Year Six have been studying the 'I Have a Dream' unit, which is all about the fight for racial equality throughout history.

They have written their own persuasive speeches based on the famous one by Martin Luther King and are currently writing newspaper reports of his death. These posters are a collaged timeline of the life of the South African freedom fighter and later leader, Nelson Mandela. They have also been learning folk songs- ask them to sing you 'Sweet Chariot'!



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Maths Passports

We are launching our new and updated Maths Passports to the whole school. These are something we have done in the past and want to reintroduce again! Children have up to ten passports to complete as they journey through the school.

Maths passports are used to help children learn important maths facts that they should be able to recall off by heart, quickly and easily. These include counting in a given number, number bonds, times tables, division facts and adding and subtracting mentally.

Your child will receive a Maths Passport which has targets set at the level at which they are learning. This passport is something that they will be taking home and encouraged to practice with a grown up so that they can quickly recall these facts. Each child will be encouraged to work through the targets in their passport at their own pace. Your child's progress will be checked by the teaching staff in school on a regular basis. As soon as a passport is completed, then your child will receive a certificate. A new passport will then be given to your child on which to start working.

If you have any questions about Maths Passports, please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher, Miss Curle or Mr Brooks who are leading on this in school- Good luck!

INSET dates 2023/24	Just a reminder...
<p>Our INSET dates;</p> <p>Monday September 4th (Autumn 1) Friday December 22nd (Autumn 2) Monday June 3rd (Summer 1) Monday 22nd July (Summer 2) Tuesday 23rd July (Summer 2)</p>	<p>Mobile phones as well as smartwatches come under our online safety policy rules. Mobile devices are not permitted to be used during school hours by pupils, this includes smartwatches such as Gator, Fitbit, Apple Watch, etc – those devices designed to monitor children's movements, particularly those devices able to make or receive phone calls/texts. Although we are happy for the children to wear them, these must not be able to send/ receive messages or allow for the user to access data and go online or make calls. If your child wears a watch, please speak with them about this. If these rules are ignored, your child will not be able to wear it in school again.</p> <p>Also there are a number of older children bringing phones into school; these should not be used on our school site and children are asked to only bring them where absolutely necessary.</p>

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2024

19.2.24	Spring term 2 starts
20.2.24	Maths passports launch assembly in school for the children
23.2.24	Text to Y6 parents re. after school 'booster' sessions
27.2.24	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents (KS2 hall) - 3:15pm
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5.3.24	3:15- 4pm Year 6 additional support/ Booster sessions
27.3.24	Year 2 Matball @ Wales High School
6.3.24	Year 1 Matball @ Wales High School
7.3.24	World Book Day (Pjs & comfies- see Mrs Divit's letter)
13.3.24 & 14.3.24	Parents Evening from 3:30-6pm
25.3.24	Year 3, 4, 5 visit to the Methodist church
26.3.24	Wales high School Dance festival- Year 3,4,5,6 selected children
28.4.23	Easter assembly in school with Deacon Emily
29.3.24	School closed for Easter- Good Friday

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