

FRIDAY BULLETIN

08 October 2021

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

Our Year 6 children have had the time of their lives on their first ever school residential to Kingswood. It has been a jam-packed 3 days with night-line, zip wires, climbing and songs and roast marshmallows round the campfire but the highlight has to be the raft building and jumping in the reservoir! All the children were fantastic and challenged themselves to try new things, plus we did manage to get some sleep at night!



SCHOOL PHOTOS

A reminder that individual school photos will be taken on **Monday 11 October**, including school-aged siblings together. For children who have PE that day, they can come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit to get changed into afterwards.



TT ROCKSTARS LAUNCH

We are inviting **all** children in school to come dressed as a rock star for the day as part of our Times Tables Rock Stars launch next **Friday 15 October**. Although children do not officially learn their times tables until Year 2, children in Reception and Year 1 learn how to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

READING

Reading plays a vital part in children's learning and is a high priority in our school. Children having opportunities to read themselves and being read to are both hugely important and we expect parents to play a part in this. Ideally, we would like you to hear your child read at least 3 times a week and to please record this in your child's Home School Diary if in KS1 and encourage those in KS2 to record themselves.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The children have been practising their class pieces ahead of our Harvest Festival next week and I don't know about you, but the Harvest Shotgun song has been on a permanent loop in my head!

This year we are collecting for the very worthy charity, Deepings Foodbank and we will be joined by a representative from the Foodbank in our KS2 assembly.

On **Wednesday 13 October** we kindly ask that children bring in a donation for our Harvest table (e.g. tinned vegetables, UHT milk, puddings etc) which we will then present to Foodbank.

POSH VISIT

We were very fortunate to have a visit from Bobby Copping and mascot Peter Burrow from Peterborough United Football Club this week. During an assembly they spoke to the children about POSH's background and goal scoring, even finishing with a dance off between some of the teachers! The children from the KS2 football clubs had the opportunity to have a training session with the Bobby followed by a Q&A. To top it all off, everyone in the school has been given free tickets to see POSH play a home match against Huddersfield on 2 November!



GROUNDFORCE DAY

A sign-up form has been sent via ParentMail for our Groundforce Day on **16 October**. We have identified key areas to be worked on from weeding and planting to pruning and building. We would love as many people as possible to join us for the afternoon (**12:30pm-4pm**), even if it's a short while. Our Year 6 children have written letters to local gardening centres and business and a couple of responded with the kind offer of donating bird feeders, plants and bulbs.

PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Booking forms for parent/teacher consultations that take place on 2 and 4 November, will open at **6pm Friday 15 October**. Please ensure to book an appointment for each child you have in school and please specify if you require a telephone appointment (providing a contact number) instead of via Teams. Once all appointments have been allocated, a Teams invite will emailed ahead of the meetings.

F.O.L.S UNIFORM COLLECTION

If you have any **logoed** uniform you wish to donate to school, F.O.L.S are currently collecting so please put any items of clothing in the box **just inside the office.**

CLASS UPDATES

For week commencing 11 October 2021

Please find information about what each class are learning next week.

FOUNDATION STAGE

This week in Reception we are going to learn about our senses. We will focus on our sense of touch and hearing. We have some fun games to play together! The clay hedgehogs we made last week look amazing and the children have asked if they can paint them so we will do that this week.

In phonics, we are going to learn to read and write the sounds r, j, v, y and w. We will keep practising our Fred talk and begin to learn how to read and spell words with adult help.

In maths, the children will be finding different ways to represent 1, 2 and 3. For example a 1p coin, the number 2 on a clock face or the number 3 Numicon piece.

In PHSE we are thinking about working together and considering other people's feelings. Jigsaw Jenie will help the children understand why we need to use kind and gentle hands.

We also have our Harvest assembly to look forward to on Wednesday. The children have learnt two new songs and will be showing the Autumn painting they have made.

YEAR 1

In Year 1 this week we will be learning all about Harvest and starting to think about healthy eating. In English we will be listening to our story of the week The Little Red Hen and thinking about question marks and how to use them in our writing. In Science we are going to learn about thermometers and finding out about different landmarks in our topic work. For maths we will be moving on to subtraction.

YEAR 2

In this week's English lessons we will be revisiting how to use question marks and exclamation marks. We will be using these skills when we write a letter from Duncan back to the crayons to apologise for treating them so badly. I wonder what he will say...

In maths, we will be developing our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will be focusing on adding and subtracting 1s and 10s from two-digit numbers, using equipment to support our understanding. We will continue to work on our number bonds to 20. Keep practising this at home too!

After being explorers ourselves in our local area, we will find out more about famous explorers from the past. We will look in more detail at the life of Christopher Columbus and find out who he was and what life was like when he lived. We will write a letter persuading him that we should be a sailor on his boat. We will also learn the names and locations of the seven continents and the five oceans. Can you find out more about these at home?

YEAR 3

In Year 3 we shall be attempting to make Stone age bread as part of our Harvest festival. We will continue to explore animation in computing and making progress with our greetings in Spanish. In mathematics we are moving onto addition and subtraction of ones and tens whilst continuing with our instructional writing. We will be exploring how fossils are made in Science using a range of sources.

YEAR 4

In mathematics this week we will be learning how to add four digit numbers using a formal column method. We will build on this skill over the week beginning with representing the calculations using practical resources and increase the number of

exchanges needed. We will continue to remind ourselves of the learning we have covered with place value in arithmetic each day. We will also continue working on our individual times table targets.

In English, we shall be returning Ancient Greek myths after taking a break to create some wonderful harvest poetry. We will be reading a range of myths then discussing the differences and similarities. In our skills sessions we will focus on identifying and using fronted adverbials followed by a comma.

In science, we will be looking at the best materials to use for soundproofing by using our knowledge of how sound travels. We will create our own investigations using a data logger to collect sound levels. In history, we shall find out more about the lives of the Ancient Greeks including the Gods and Goddesses that they believed in.

YEAR 5

In maths, we shall complete number sequences and describe the term-to-term rule, counting forwards and backwards in powers of ten up to 1,000,000. Also, we compare and order numbers up to 1,000,000 using comparison vocabulary and symbols.

In English, we revise punctuating direct speech and explore characters' feelings during our whole class guided reading session.

We shall be finalising our mini performance of our 'Harvest Shanty' in preparation for our Harvest assembly on Wednesday morning.

Will a beach ball or a boulder fall to the ground first? Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) was an Italian scientist and mathematician who wondered about this. In science this week, we learn about air resistance, which is a contact force that acts between moving surfaces.

In PE, we shall select and apply tactics in a game of dodgeball, considering what worked well for the team. What was successful in our own and others' play? What tactics worked, which ones didn't, and why?

Some fantastic sketchbook artwork was produced last week. This week, the aim is to design our own pendant using the research gathered about the Anglo-Saxon period.

We shall complete our Anglo-Saxon settlement maps, using I.C.T., ensuring all key features have been included.

YEAR 6

This week we are going to be reviewing our fabulous trip to Kingswood, writing in a variety of different text types. We are going to be looking at long division in maths and completing investigations in science. In history we will be continuing recounting events in the Battle of Britain as a Spitfire pilot and printing in art.