



Newsletter Friday 2nd July 2021



Message from Mrs Grainger

We seem to be rapidly gathering pace towards the end of term and after this week we will have just three weeks left before the end of the summer term and our break for the holiday. Next week will be our Sports Week, remember to wear sports kit every day and your house colour.

On Friday 9th July, your child will be bringing home their annual school report. Inside will be details of your child's next class teacher, who hopefully they will have met briefly during the day. Inside the report also gives details of how to book a telephone call with current class teacher.

As you will no doubt have seen on the news, cases of the Covid delta variant are on the rise. So, whilst restrictions are relaxed outside school, we continue to follow the existing guidance closely, remaining vigilant and aware of staying as Covid secure as possible whilst looking forward with positivity and purpose.

Sockosaurus Puppets!

Cherry class have had fun making sockosaurus puppets this week!



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 21st June 2021

	538		592
	568		605

Sports Week 5th - 9th July 2021

We have decided this year to organise a sports week for the children, not a day. The children will wear sports kit and house colours for the whole week and partake in events within their bubble. They will also have a taster of some Olympic activities such as Kata, Curling and Boccia. Activities will generate points for their house, and an overall winner will be shared during a celebration assembly on Friday. Unfortunately, parents/carers are unable to attend the events as they are spread throughout the week, but at least we can be sure that these plans will not be disrupted by varying Covid guidance.

Music Tuition September 2021

Thank you to all parents and carers who completed music tuition forms. We still have some places available so if your child will be in Years 3-6 from September please use MyEd to apply for a place and let us know by Monday 5th July. We also have availability in Years 3 and 4 to join the large group Violin tuition or Years 5 and 6 to join the large group Guitar tuition - £60 for the year.

Dinosaurs in Elm Class!

Elm class have been using trundle wheels to find out how big different dinosaurs were. They found out that a diplodocus was 26 metres which is even longer than all of the class lying down in a line on the playground!



curriculum

What has your child been learning about in class this week?

Years 1 & 2

This week, we have begun to research dinosaurs in more detail and make notes about them in preparation for making a dinosaur fact book next week. We've found out lots of interesting information and couldn't believe how big and heavy some of the dinosaurs were!

During theme, we have been carrying out some science investigations to find out why humans have 2 eyes and why we have teeth! We completed some tasks by covering one of our eyes and seeing what difference it made to our vision. We used some new vocabulary such as 'monocular' and 'binocular' to describe the vision of different animals. We also looked at different dinosaur teeth and identified whether they were herbivores or carnivores based on the types of teeth they had. We looked at which types of teeth we have in our mouth and why we have them.

Years 3 & 4

Year 3 & 4 have had another hard-working week. We have been doing our End of Year assessments in reading, writing, maths and VGPS (vocabulary, grammar, punctuation and spelling).

The children have been working extremely hard and have really put a lot into trying to remember as much as possible from what has been a very difficult year.

We look forward to next week which is Sports' Week when we will participate in all sorts of fun activities including class races, a Tokyo Olympics Day as well as an archery session with Mrs Swallow. We are lucky in Years 3 & 4 because we also have Greek Olympics and our Greek feast next week.

Please remember to send the children to school in their Greek costume and if they haven't sent in a pound, for them to bring a few 'Greek food' items e.g. houmous, pitta, dips, bread sticks, dates, olives, tomatoes etc. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Birch class have been creating algorithms to order numbers in ascending order using precise instructions.



Years 5 & 6

This week, we have been learning about algorithms in theme lessons. We have followed, written and debugged them; Elder class have also worked in the computer room using some software called 'Crumble' which also uses algorithms to give instructions to lights, buzzers and motors. Both Oak and Birch classes will use the computer room in future weeks.

In writing, we have looked at the poem 'If I had wings' and in reading we have continued with our text 'Skellig' The Year 6's due to attend The Friary and King Edwards VI high schools have had an enjoyable transition morning this week, other schools will visit later this term.

Year 6 children have also now started to work on their Leavers Service - time is going fast!

Suncream, Hats and Water Bottles

It would be wonderful if the hot and sunny weather lasts until the end of term. Please ensure that suncream is applied before coming to school. Children can bring their own sun lotion into school as long as it has their name on it and they understand that they cannot share it with other children. Children are also encouraged to wear sun hats when outside for break or PE lessons. Please can we also ask that all children bring a water bottle to school every day – staying hydrated is even more important in warmer temperatures. Please make sure they are filled with water only, no fizzy drinks or juice.



ParentPay

As we near the end of term – please can you log on to your ParentPay accounts and ensure any debts are cleared before we break up on the 21st July. Thank you.

