



Newsletter Friday 21st May 2021



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 10th May 2021

	193		263
	247		273

Message from Mrs Grainger

The term continues at pace and it is hard to believe that we are approaching half term already. As always, there are a multitude of wonderful things going on in classrooms. Please try to find time each day to talk to your children about their learning as this makes such a difference to them and helps keep you in touch with what is going on.

This week we have focused on our safety procedures by discussing and implementing both fire and lockdown drills in school. Both these practices have generated excitement with the children – and I do mean excitement! By including the children in the discussion around the reasons for these practices, and the sensible measures we can take to keep ourselves safe, the children embraced the systems and enjoyed putting them into context. I spoke with each class after the lockdown drill and all children and staff were keen to tell me how well it had gone. We really do hope we never have to undertake these drills for real, but by being prepared we hope we can instil confidence in our community.

Drop Off and Collection

All parents and carers are reminded to wait patiently before doors open in the morning and as children are dismissed. Please do not arrive too early, which will then cause congestion. Please keep your children stood next to you while waiting, rather than running around. Please 'Don't Give Up Now', we are still following stringent Covid safety guidelines in school to protect the safety of everyone in our community.

Tempest Photography – Year 6 Leavers

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 7th June to take the Year 6 Leavers photographs for their Leavers Book – please ensure you return the permission slip by Thursday 27th May.

School Sunflower Competition

The KS2 sunflower challenge has begun. The challenge has been set using a potential record breaking variety, Titian, so who knows how tall they could grow. Each class has submitted one seedling and we will be tracking their progress over the coming months. Let's hope that they bring some good weather with them!!!!

Whit Week Holiday
Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021 – back to school for Summer Term 2 on Monday 7th June 2021.



curriculum

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

Years 1 & 2

This week, Cherry class have been using the Beebots in computing lessons! We have created algorithms for our Beebot and then 'debugged' them if they didn't end up where we wanted them to. We even created our own Beebot mats with a partner!

Elm class have been comparing 2-digit numbers using Dienes in maths lessons and Apple class have been adding ones to 2-digit numbers. Cherry class have been working really hard to learn the 2 times table this week and have been completing a daily Times Table Rockstars challenge! They've made super progress so far!

In writing, we have been looking at different sets of instructions for bird feeders and have planned and written our own instructions for a class bird feeder.

Please can we remind children not to bring toys into school. The children become very upset if these get lost and they are often distracting in the classroom.

Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have had a very productive week this week. We have worked very hard in maths, writing and theme. Chestnut class have really enjoyed their week in the computing suite learning all about animation, desk top publishing and databases.

We have explored circuits this week in science, predicting which circuits will work after looking at a diagram with various combinations of batteries, switches, lights and buzzers. It has then been interesting to test the different circuits to see whether or not we predicted accurately.

We are having a real push on learning times tables at home over the next few weeks. By mid-June we hope to have most children in Year 4 happy with their times table knowledge up to the 12x tables. We advise using Times Table Rockstars for 15 minutes 5 times a week. Just a little bit of time each day will secure a deep working knowledge which is extremely useful in maths. Your support here is appreciated.

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 are close to finishing their class text Darwin's Dragons, we are really intrigued as to how it is going to end. The book has a habit of leaving us on a cliff hanger at the end of each chapter!! In writing, we have worked on different ways of starting our sentences and have then used these ideas to write a predicted ending for our book from chapter 35 onwards.

In maths we have been measuring, drawing and calculating angles. Theme work this week has been science. We have looked at Darwin's Finches and investigated how the shape of a bird's beak ensures it is adapted to feed on certain food types.

Please can we remind a few parents that we are still waiting for slips and/or payment for our Year 6 Mission, Survive and Thrive Days.

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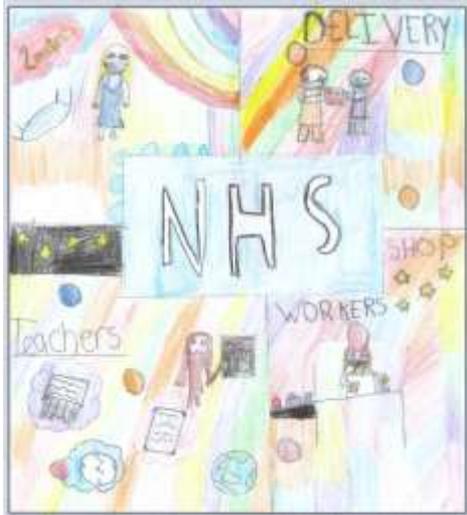
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A selection of some of our amazing stamp designs – we have posted our entries this week – good luck everyone!

