



Newsletter Friday 30th April 2021



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 19th April 2021

	273		302
	280		258

Message from Mrs Grainger

Lots of reports this week in the media, of the damage caused by the lockdowns to children's development, particularly to early reading. NEVER UNDER ESTIMATE THE HUGE DIFFERENCE you can make as a parent by taking an interest WITH YOUR CHILD in their learning. The simplest ways of making a difference do not change. Little and often, when you can – 10 to 15 minutes.

- Talk to your child about their day. Having a conversation and encouraging them to speak clearly, slowly and pronouncing words clearly is important. Explore new words and vocabulary.
- Read with them. Unpick their understanding of words read. Use who, what, why questions to explore their language.
- Experiences like walking to the park, to the shops, in the garden or cooking. Talk about these events to build up their language use.
- Make eye contact and encourage your children to do so. Put key words, vocabulary up around the house, in the kitchen as a reminder to practice.
- Return to key facts or language and get your child to show you what they know – and if they can then praise them.

A child has a much greater chance of developing a love of learning, with regular interest from you. A child's life chances are greatly increased by developing basic reading and maths skills as soon as they can, as fully as they can.

The Government continue to move ahead with their 'roadmap out of lockdown' and we are planning how this will affect some of the events in school towards the latter part of the term. We are considering how we can continue with certain things in the safest way possible, although any arrangements will be subject to changes based on the Government requirements. We will provide you with more information as soon as we can.

Contacting the Governing Body/School Standards Committee (SSC) – Reminder

If you wish to contact the Local Governing Body (SSC) you can either email them direct using: governorsclerk@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk or write to the SSC c/o the school office at Chadsmead Primary Academy, Friday Acre, Lichfield WS13 7HJ

May Day Holiday

Don't forget that school will be closed on Monday 3rd May 2021 due to the May Bank Holiday. Thank you.

INSET Days

As previously stated, we consider our training days to be of highest importance. We plan these days ahead for the whole year and use them for school improvement and training. Therefore, I wish to highlight the remaining INSET days and confirm school will be closed to pupils:

Thursday 6th May 2021
Friday 18th June 2021

curriculum

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

Years 1 & 2

This week, we have been learning more about plants and the parts of them that we eat. We have also learned about the four seasons and have created some seasonal pictures showing how deciduous trees change throughout the year. In maths, Cherry class have continued learning about shape; this week moving onto 3D shapes and their properties. We explored which shapes were good for rolling and which were best for building towers! Elm class have continued to find the difference to solve missing number calculations and Apple class have continued to use Dienes to recognise the place value of each digit in a 2-digit number. In writing, we have written some fantastic retells of Hansel and Gretel and have started to create our own characters ready to innovate the story next week.

Years 3 & 4

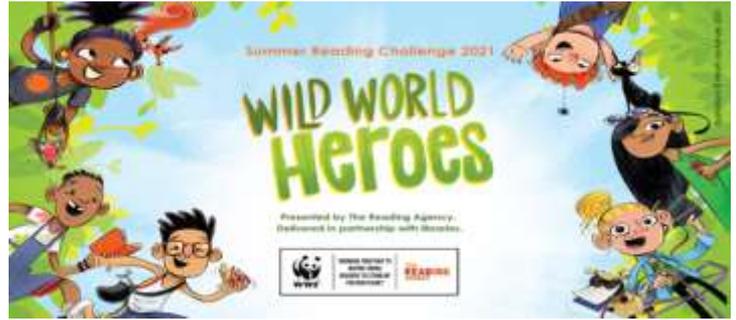
Many thanks to all of you who have sent in the creative homework from our new theme - Road Trip USA! It has been lovely to see so many great information texts, tomahawks and spectacular headdresses. The children seem well motivated to learn about the USA and the continent of North America. They have enjoyed using compasses this week to navigate around a map of the USA. They have also been gripped by the book 'The Indian in the cupboard' and it is clear from their expressions that they really are using their imaginations to empathise with the boy in the story.

We have also been busy innovating a story in our writing lessons where we have substituted different word groups e.g. nouns, adjectives, verbs and even some speech to improve it. Please look out for some English homework this week involving conjunctions of place and cause.

Years 5 & 6

This week we have continued to look at our new theme 'Darwin's Delights'. We have completed our art work, sketching living things we found on our school grounds. Some classes have looked carefully at the wide range of unusual animals and plants that can be found on the Galapagos Islands whilst another has focused on data bases using the computer room.

In reading we have continued reading 'Darwin's Dragons' and answering questions about what has been read. In writing we have used a range of sources to create a Biography about Charles Darwin, written questions to interview him and then role played that interview. In maths Y6 have worked on interpreting line graphs, Y5 have worked on decimals and percentages. We would like to thank all parents that supported their children's homework over Easter, we have seen some very interesting new creatures with good explanations as to how they have adapted to their environment.



Summer Reading Challenge 10 July – 13 September

The Summer Reading Challenge will be back in Staffordshire libraries in its physical format this year. This year's challenge will be a blended offer in response to the changing Covid-19 restrictions. This means that there will be the option to complete the challenge on-line on the Reading Agency Website or at the library. If customers choose the library option, there will only be 2 visits necessary this year to complete the challenge.

This year's theme - 'Wild World Heroes' - will inspire children to explore ways of helping to save the planet. The challenge focuses on taking action for nature and tackling real-world environmental issues, from plastic pollution and deforestation to wildlife decline and nature loss. The Reading Agency is partnering with WWF for this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

Staffordshire libraries re-introduced browsing with managed numbers to keep everyone safe on 12th April 2021.

Lichfield Library

Great news - the local library in Lichfield has reopened! This is super news for everyone, so that we can get back into borrowing books and doing plenty of reading with Covid safety measures in place.

You can attend the library to browse books, use the computers and study spaces. You can borrow books using the 'click and collect' option, previously set up in lockdown or you can use the library's 'Grab and Go' or 'Request' service.

If you or a child are not already a member of the library, then perhaps this is the ideal time to join and borrow books.

