



Newsletter Friday 11th June 2021



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 24th May 2021

	309		248
	310		254

Message from Mrs Grainger

I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break. We seem to be enjoying a spell of good weather – long may that continue!

Please remember to send your child in with a suitable hat to wear at playtimes and that you apply cream BEFORE YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL. Children need to have had their hay fever medication before they come in to school and bring a water bottle with them. Please ensure all belongings are named and labelled.

We continue to wait and see exactly what the Government decide with regard to the further relaxing of lockdown restrictions from June 21st. As I have stated previously in communications, we follow the guidance provided by the Department for Education and Public Health England. We will be guided by this before making any changes to the measures that we have in operation at school. Once clear, I will communicate any change to you in the normal way. As has been the case throughout, headteachers do not get any advance warning from the Government of changes that affect our schools and I find out by watching the same news briefings as you all do. Then we usually have to wait a week before we are provided with the actual detailed guidance. Subsequently, your patience is always appreciated.

Annual Reports to Parents/Carers

You will receive your child's end of year report as normal in July. If your child received remote education from January to March, this will be included in the report. You will also have the opportunity to discuss your child's report with their teacher at the end of year.

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.

Gardening Club

With all this wet and warm weather, the crops planted in the school allotment are growing well with some now ready to harvest. Sycamore class helped lift the garlic, that was planted last October. It is only the first year of Chadsmead garlic and so the bulbs were quite small - but we all agreed that it smelt good!



Twinning

An exciting new Twinning project has started between ourselves and Ecole Chatelaine in Sainte Foy-les-Lyon, France. 23 children have written to us in French to introduce themselves individually. Children in Years 5 & 6 have also sent introductory cards to France with a drawn picture of themselves. Mrs Baines has led this project - "It has been a fun exchange which has enhanced our children's understanding of international relations".

curriculum

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

Years 1 & 2

Well we had a VERY exciting first day back after half term! We received messages from Mr Farmer and Mrs Grainger saying that there had been a dinosaur roaming the school grounds! We watched some video footage of the dinosaur chasing Mrs Grainger in the hall and wandering around Apple class! We decided to investigate and see if we could find any evidence to help us decide which dinosaur it was. We found some footprints outside the classroom and followed them until we discovered some dinosaur eggs! They were lined up neatly in a line - another clue! When we got back to the classroom we used fact files and the iPads to find out which dinosaur it could have been. After reading carefully, we found out that it was an apatosaurus. We were so excited! This was all to start our new theme "Dinosaur Planet".

In writing lessons, we have been reading and retelling "The Good Dinosaur" and learning about friendship tales. Cherry class have also begun reading some non-fiction texts about dinosaurs in our reading lessons. We wrote our own questions for the texts - hopefully we'll find out the answers in the coming weeks!

Years 3 & 4

It has been lovely seeing the children return to school after a great, sunny half term - everyone looks well and rested!

We have begun our new theme called Gods and Mortals which is all about Ancient Greece. Later in the term (wb 05.07.21) we will be having a 'Greek Olympics' dress up day where children will need to come to school wearing an Ancient Greek outfit (toga style is fine!!). Watch out for a separate letter on this.

In maths this week, Year 4 have been working really hard working out rules which can be applied to different patterns. Year 3 have spent a lot of time working with scales as they have been learning all about measure.

It has been interesting starting our theme with some map work and the children have enjoyed locating different countries in Europe.

Years 5 & 6

We have begun and are really looking forward to our new theme titled 'Tomorrows World'. We have looked at a timeline of tech' based inventions and then researched some famous people that have changed the world of technology. We have debated which of these influenced our world the most. We have also started to read our new book 'Skellig', which has already got us hooked. In writing, we have written a biography of David Almond who is the author of Skellig. Whilst in maths, we have been solving problems related to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

The Year 6's have also been looking at their transition to high school by carrying out a series of lessons titled 'Go Big Be Awesome'.

We have another exciting week planned next week where Year 6 will be tackling their Mission, Survive and Thrive event.

The Big Bee Challenge



The Big Bee Challenge is Radio 2's brand new competition for children, in partnership with the Royal Horticultural Society. It's a fun and creative way to learn more about bees and other insects that help provide much of the food we eat, and are essential for a healthy environment. If you are between the ages of 6 and 12, we want you to design a bright, buzzy garden that will attract bees and other pollinating insects. The winner's design will be built by the RHS at an NHS Trust site which is used by children and young people with mental health needs.

To enter, download a copy of the Big Bee Challenge garden design entry form:

<https://downloads.bbc.co.uk/radio/bigbeechallenge/big-bee-challenge-design-entry-form.pdf>

