

What we are learning about:

Every fortnight, we will try to give you a snapshot of what we have been learning about and what we will be learning about in the coming weeks and ways you can support at home. This information will also be posted on google classroom.

Fenstanton and Hilton Preschool

For the last two weeks we have been learning about:

Autumn

We have been using magnify glasses to look at leaves, conkers and acorns and describing how they look. We have also used number cards to help sort the conkers into different groups.

Some of the children made some 'Edible Conkers' (cake pops) which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The children have also worked incredibly hard making some fantastic Christmas cards as a fund raiser for the PTA.

For the next two weeks we will be learning about:

After the Half Term break, we will be looking at the book, 'Room on The Broom' - making potions and spells, broomsticks, and hats, just to mention a few activities.

You can help by:

Go out on any autumn walks and talk about the different things you can see, maybe collect some colourful leaves, and make a collage using them. If you have the story, 'Room on a Broom' at home, it would be lovely if you could read it to your child. We hope you all have a lovely Half Term break.

Reception: Pine Class

For the last two weeks we have been learning about:

Pine class really enjoyed our Fairy Tale day, thank you so much for all of your fantastic costumes!

Phonics: Learning to recognise and say o,c,k,ck,u,r,

English: Reading, sequencing and rewriting Fairy Tales.

Maths: Counting to 20, recognising numbers to 10 and naming common 2d shapes.

For the next two weeks we will be learning about:

After half term our topic will be Superheroes! We will be learning about the importance of looking after our environment with the help of Captain Planet.

You can help by:

Reading daily.

Thinking about routines, days of the week and months of the year.

Talking about what you do at home to protect the environment, e.g. recycling

Year 1 and 2: Ash, Birch and Elm Classes

For the past two weeks we have been learning:

English: language in poems; rhyming words, adverbs, verbs, adjectives and similes.

Maths: using a number line to add and subtract numbers up to 100

Science: we have come to the end of the unit, Animals including Humans. The children have created information text on an African animal of their choice.

For the next two weeks we will be learning about:

English: beginning to look at creating poems for our new topic, Great Fire of London.

Maths: continuing with addition and subtraction and then moving on to multiplication

Science: we will be looking at different materials.

You can help by:

Reading daily

Practicing weekly spellings

Recalling number bonds to 10 and 20

Recalling 2, 3, 5 and 10 times table

Year 3 and 4: Sycamore, Chestnut and Cherry

For the last two weeks we have been learning about:

Maths - Finding either 1, 10, 100, 1,000 more or less than a given number.

English Setting out poems in verses or stanzas and writing in lines, not sentences! As well as using powerful vocabulary.

We have now finished our **Science** topic of Rocks, Fossils and soil so will be moving on to 'Light' after half term.

For the next two weeks we will be learning about:

In **Art** we will revise our paintbrush and colour mixing skills.

You can help by:

Please send in a small cardboard box to use in science.

Discuss and read different forms of poetry e.g. Haiku, Tanka, Cinquains.

Discuss how personification, imagery, rhyme, repetition, metaphor, onomatopoeia, simile and alliteration can be used to write poetry.

Year 5: Willow

For the last two weeks we have been learning about:

Written our discussion texts on a subject of our own choice. Some children have chosen to ask whether homework should be banned or whether school uniform should be banned.

Developed our skills and knowledge of tables, bar charts and line graphs.

For the next two weeks we will be learning about:

Reading and writing war poetry linked to Remembrance Sunday on the 8th November.

We will be developing our multiplication and division skills through learning about factors, prime, square and cube numbers.

You can help by:

Talking about why Remembrance Sunday is important to many people and encouraging your child to practice their times table facts (if they are not already fluent).

Year 6: Oak

For the last two weeks we have been learning about:

We have had a good couple of weeks and the children have been working hard.

They have been learning about the four different operations in maths and writing a narrative, focusing on setting description in English.

In history they have learnt about the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and shown what they have learnt about light in our final Science lesson on this subject.

For the next two weeks we will be learning about:

We will be moving on to fractions in maths and looking at non-chronological information texts in English.

You can help by:

Other learning trips and curriculum info

Other Events News and Information:



STAR OF THE WEEK



Pine – Teddy
Birch – Ariana
Elm – Ruby
Ash – Austin
Chestnut – Izzy
Cherry – Jess
Sycamore – Harry
Willow – Holly
Oak – Jack

Pine – Grace
Birch – Sebastian
Elm – Samuel
Ash – Martha
Chestnut – Lucas
Cherry – Jake
Sycamore – Mia
Willow – Travis
Oak - Ben



PTA News

As we approach half term, this seems like a good time to give everyone an overview of the term's plans.

Firstly, don't forget to order your Lego keyrings: the perfect stocking fillers for adults and children alike! We're also seeing people order them labelled for sheds, garages and spares – so you never need lose a key or not remember what it's for again. Here's the Google form again <https://forms.gle/iL2G4S1fQ6GPKqkq5> and completed forms should be received by **Saturday, 31st October** (end of half term).

We will also be taking part in the Christmas Card Project with Art Projects for Schools Ltd (APFS) this year. Your children are creating their festive masterpieces this week and will be coming home with their artwork on Friday for you to order cards, gift wrap and tags. Each purchase contributes to PTA funds. Look out for more info, key dates, etc., coming out in a separate email.

After half-term, we will be focusing more on Christmas activities. There will be the usual Christmas present room, where children can choose a gift for the adults in their lives and have it wrapped ready to give on Christmas day. The format will be different this year, but the gifts will be as good as they always are.

We are also hoping to bring some fun to the children themselves in the form of a children's Christmas Lucky Dip (in class bubbles) and we are investigating the logistics of arranging a Christmas-themed Movie Night (also in class bubbles).

Finally, look out for news on a brand new school lottery that will help raise funds for school whilst giving you a regular chance to win a prize. Have a lovely half term break, whatever you're doing.



Fenstanton and Hilton Primary School

Message from the Acting Headteachers

Message from the Headteachers:

It seems like only yesterday that Ms Roberts, Mrs Calverley and I were visiting the school for the first time and now we find ourselves wishing you all a happy and healthy half term break. It has been a busy half term with lots for us to learn and lots for the children to learn too.

It has been such a pleasure to get to know you all since we joined the FHPS community. The children of Fenstanton and Hilton are a credit to you all. We have also been so impressed by the dedication and commitment of all the staff, who work so hard to ensure that the children in our care are happy, safe and enjoying being back in school and learning.

The new behaviour policy, which we shared with you earlier this half term, is working well. The children understand that they have rights and responsibilities and we have seen a significant improvement in children's behaviour, how they resolve conflicts and find solutions to problems for themselves.

We are delighted to be able to inform you that we have appointed a new Deputy Headteacher; Mrs Emily Gore-Rowe. Mrs Gore-Rowe has already been working in Elm and Cherry class this half term. She will be taking up her position, officially, in January and will continue to work in Elm and Cherry class next half term. I know you will all join me in congratulating her on her appointment.

The governors will be advertising for the post of headteacher next week. Interviews will take place next half term.

In the last newsletter we shared with you some changes we are hoping to implement after half term with regards to drop off and pick up at the beginning and end of the day. Here is a reminder of the changes:

Reception children will be brought by their teacher to the main gate at the front of the school at 2:50pm where parents can collect their children.

Children in Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 will continue to come into school via the Fen Gate. The gate will be open for children to be dropped off between 09:00am and 09:05am. Parents do not need to wait with their children. A member of staff will be on duty.

The children in Year 1 and 2, will finish and be brought to the Fen playground at the end of the day at 3:00pm and the gate will be open from 2:55pm for parents to wait in the playground to collect.

Children in Year 3 and 4 will finish and be brought to the Fen gate playground at 3:05pm.

Children in Year 5 and 6 will continue to enter and exit the building via the current main gate but they will start at 09:00am. This will ensure that Reception parents have left the area and we can maintain social distancing.

Children in Year 5 and 6 will continue to wait in the zones inside the gate and outside the Year 5 and 6 entrance to the school. They will leave at 3:05pm via the same gate and we continue to ask parents to wait on the path opposite the school.

| | <u>Start time</u> | <u>Finish Time</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pre School and Reception | 08:50am | 2:50pm |
| Year 1 and 2 | 09:00--09:05am | 3:00pm |
| Year 3 and 4 | 09:00-09:05am | 3:05pm |
| Year 5 and 6 | 09:00-09:05am | 3:05pm |

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If you are collecting from the Fen Playground and have a child in Year 5 and 6, once the majority of the children have been dismissed a member of staff will walk children whose parents are waiting in the Fen Playground down to the playground, so please remain on the playground and not walk around to the Main Gate.

Thank you again for all your help and support this half term we look forward to continuing to work with you over the coming months and ensuring that together we create a school that staff, parents, children and the community can be proud of.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultation appointments will be sent via the class teacher by the end of this week. These consultations will be done virtually and you will be sent a link to access the meeting. Please only click on the link to join the meeting at your allocated time, the teacher will then accept you into the meeting. Please also, keep to the 10min appointment (unless you have an extended appointment), as there will be other parents waiting in line for their appointment. Thank you.

School Vision Review

The Governing Body are currently reviewing the school vision and would love to hear the views of parents, as well as the views of pupils and staff already being collected. This is our current school vision:

Children only have one childhood. Being part of a community of children is unique within life's experience. In this school we value every child and strive to enrich the whole person. We believe that learning should be vivid and real: a joy in itself. We nurture adaptable and flexible learners who are passionate about learning and have the skills to embrace every challenge and opportunity with confidence.

What do you think the vision of the school should be? What would you like to see included in the vision of our school for the future? Please email your comments to Jennifer Dover, Clerk to the Governing Body – jdover@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk

Please see attached Flyer from One Leisure - Family Fun this Autumn Half Term New Lunch Menu, please follow link to website http://www.fenstantonandhiltonschool.com/website/school_dinners/164813

Events happening over the coming weeks:

W/c 2nd Nov – Parent Consultations

Friday, 4th Dec – Bikeability Level 1 years 3/4

Monday, 7th Dec – Flu Immunisations

Half Term: 26th-30th Oct
Autumn Term Ends: 18th Dec

Spring Term Starts: 5th Jan
Half Term: 15th-19th Feb
Spring Term Ends: 26th March

Summer Term Starts: 12th Apr
May Day: 3rd May (school closed)
Half Term: 31st May-4th June
Summer Term Ends: 16th July

Birch Class – PE Days are Thursday & Friday starting w/c 2nd November

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