



Alfriston School



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Newsletter - 15th November 2019

Curriculum Corner

Each newsletter we will be taking a peak into a curriculum area. This time: maths.

Maths is a fundamental part of our curriculum here at Alfriston Primary School. The children have maths lesson every day where we adopt a concrete-pictorial-abstract approach in all classes. The children use a range of different resources such as Numicon, Base Ten and place value counters to explore and secure their understanding of key concepts. After developing their fluency of a concept, the children then have opportunities to deepen their learning through reasoning and problem solving activities. These activities often offer 'real life' contexts so children develop an understanding of the essential role maths plays in our everyday life. At Alfriston, maths isn't limited just to our daily lessons. We embed maths into all areas of our curriculum, offering children a rich range of opportunities to apply and deepen their understanding.

To find out more about maths at Alfriston, please check out our website where we have our Calculations Policy alongside other useful information.

Supervision of Children

Please remember until the bell goes at 8.42am all children must be supervised by a parent/carer. We appreciate there may be occasions when you're unable to wait with your child, in this instance you are more than welcome to arrange for another parent/carer to supervise your child on your behalf.

Remembrance Sunday & Armistice Day

Thank you very much to those children who attended the service on the Sunday. They represented themselves and the school brilliantly, showing respect and courtesy. Nicole read 'In Flanders Fields' poem by Jon McCrae and Isobel read out a prayer she had written. We have had many compliments from the community, saying how Nicole and Isobel read so well and what a credit the children are to the school.



In addition, the Year 4 children met The Royal British Legion and other villagers at The Market Cross on Armistice Day. The children have developed their understanding of the issues of Remembrance, conflict and the importance of peace, so those sacrifices are never forgotten. We are very proud of them all.



Anti-Bullying/Friendship Week

This week the children have been participating in Anti-bullying week activities. The children enjoyed wearing their odd socks, celebrating that we are all unique. This year's Anti-bullying theme was 'Change Starts with Us'. The activities in classes were aimed at ensuring the children are aware that bullying can be prevented and the need to always choose to act respectfully towards others both face to face and on-line. The week finished with an assembly on Friday in which each class presented their learning in different ways. Our Behaviour and Anti-bullying policy can be found on our website.



Ruby Class Request

Can children from Ruby Class please bring in a cereal box which will be used to make a Tudor House as part of this term's learning.

Nativity Costumes

If you have any unwanted Christmas Nativity costumes you are willing to donate to the school we would really appreciate it.

Changes to Friday Celebration Assembly

As from the start of term in January, Friday's celebration assembly will be held in the afternoon at 2.45pm. We have made this change to take advantage of a full morning of teaching and learning which is generally a better time for the children's focus and concentration.

House Talent Competition

On Tuesday we held our annual house talent competition. All acts were amazing and it was extremely hard for the judges to decide on the top 3. In the end, in first place was Amelie from year 4, second was Bow from year 2 and third Georgia from year 4. The winning house was Cuckmere. We are really proud of everyone that took part. Credit also needs to go to the House Captains who presented the afternoon brilliantly!

What's coming up next week

Monday 18th November
Wednesday 20th November
Thursday 21st November
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Orca Whale Workshop for all classes
Forest School - Emerald Class
Open morning for prospective parents (9.30 to 11:00)
Year 5/6 football match against Chyngton
Open evening for prospective parents (18:30 to 19:30)

This Week's Class News

Pearl Class

This week in Pearl Class, they have been learning about Bonfire Night. They have read non fiction books to find out about why and how we celebrate Bonfire Night. They have drawn fireworks in chalk on the playground and written exciting words to describe them. They created our own Bonfire Night images using collage and printing materials and using the computer program, '2 paint a picture'. They have created a firework dance in P.E too! In maths, they have learnt all about number 6 and have played lots of games to practise recalling 1 more and 1 less than numbers to 10. The children also talked about how to be a good friend to others and learnt a song to perform in assembly.

Ruby Class

This week in Ruby Class, they have been thinking about what makes a good friend. They created an acrostic poem to share our ideas. This week, we have also been getting really stuck into our 'Great Fire of London' history topic. We have started to explore what happened and why the fire was started. In PE, we created a dance using 'sneaky' movements to represent the 'plotting' that happened on the lead up to November 5th. In maths, year 1 have been further developing their understanding of numbers from 20-100 using resources. Year 2 have been learning how to use number facts to support their mental addition. During online safety, we looked different rules which can help us use our technology safely. Next week, we are looking forward to exploring the diary of Samuel Pepys!

Sapphire

In their Learning Journey project, Sapphire Class have been finding out why the Anglo Saxons came to Britain and where they came from. They looked at a map of Great Britain to see the areas that they settled and talked about what a kingdom is. In maths, they have developed their use of resources to complete subtraction calculations as well as looking at a formal column method. In English, they have written acrostic poems linked to Friendship Week. They also read some books by Neil Gaiman, who wrote the novel that they are reading that links to their Learning Journey topic. In Science, the class have looked at the scientific names for bones in their skeletons and the functions that they have.

Emerald Class

Emerald Class have been exploring a range of strategies for division this week to support the formal short and long division methods. The Rotary Club of Seaford have invited Year 5 and 6 to enter their Young Writers Competition. The class have planned their own week of learning to produce a story that meets the theme 'Connections'. In science, we have been learning about the figures who made important discoveries and advances with electricity.

Dates for your Diary

Any new dates that have been added are in bold

2nd December	Christmas decoration day
4th December	Year 5/6 cross country trials at Seaford Head
4th December	Wreath Making organised by the FoAS (7pm)
6th December	Christmas tree decorating assembly
6th December	Christmas Fair organised by the FoAS
10th December	Pearl & Ruby Nativity performance (9.30am - 10.30am)
11th December	Pearl & Ruby Nativity performance (1.45pm - 2.45pm)
18th December	Class parties (PM)
19th December	Christmas lunch
19th December	Christmas film afternoon
20th December	Christmas Carol Service (14:00 to 15:00) - School Hall
20th December	Last day of term
23rd Dec – 3rd Jan	Christmas holiday
6th January 2020	Children return to school
6th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 17:00 & 18:00 to 20:00)
11th February	Safer internet day
12th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:00)
14th February	Last day of term

Friends of Alfriston



Wreath Making

This is being held on 4th December at 7pm. Tickets are £20 and available from the Friends.

Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets have been sent home, we have some fantastic prizes so please sell as many as possible!