



Mrs Foxwell

Mrs Foxwell will be starting her maternity leave next Friday (9th February). We would all like to wish her every happiness as she prepares to welcome her bundle into the world - it is such an exciting time for her, Mr Foxwell and her wider family. We will certainly keep you all posted about any baby news as we get it along the way.

Mrs Ryan will be taking over in Y3 after the holiday. She has fitted in perfectly and has benefited from having just over 5 weeks to get to know the children and work alongside our existing staff team - what a great 5 weeks it has been! Mrs Ryan is a lovely, welcoming lady who has a wealth of teaching experience and I know you will all get to know her very quickly.

Internet Games - Safety Message

Are you aware of the most recent online games that your children are playing? Are they accessing YouTube? Did you know that there is a YouTube version for children?

It is difficult to keep up with the speed that these games and videos are released but it is so important for us all to stay informed, check our children's devices and ask the right questions.

You may have seen the reports in the press about the online game, Roblox. There have been many concerns raised about this game (and others) due to the inappropriate information, photographs and personal details that are being shared with, and by, children. Having spoken to our Y3 and Y4 children, it is clear that many of them are playing this, and other online games. There are significant dangers to this. We have reminded the children about the key safety messages to support them in using the internet safely.

Please ensure that you also speak to your children about this and monitor what they are playing and who they are playing with.

Our key messages (shared in an age-appropriate manner):

- Avoid playing any online games with people that you do not know - speaking to others online does not make them known to you or make them your friend. Friends are people you meet at school, clubs etc.
- The people you may talk to online (if you are allowed) may not be who they say they are.
- Never give any personal information to others online - name, address etc.
- Never sent anyone a photo of yourself.
- Never arrange to meet anyone.
- Report any problems - inappropriate language, requests etc.
 - ⇒ There is a 'report' button within the game
 - ⇒ Tell an adult at home if you think something is not right
 - ⇒ Speak to any school adult if you need to - we can help with any situation, however bad it may feel.

We will continue to share our key internet safety messages at school - please do the same as often as you can at home. It is one of the biggest risks that our children face in our modern world.

We are currently in the process of launching our new Internet Safety teaching package in school that includes all of the most current information included in it. When fully up and running, this will provide you with information about how your child responded to certain questions and situations so that you can be aware and follow this up with them at home.

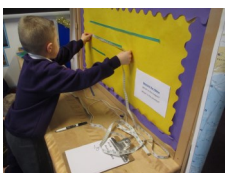
Thank you for your on-going support with this very important safety issue.

Reception (EYFS) News

This week we have again been busy exploring everything space! The children are working hard to finish off our solar system and are being very creative and paying lots of attention to detail to make sure our planets look real!

We have also been reading a David Walliams book called 'The first Hippo on the Moon'. It's a very funny story and the children have enjoyed comparing the different characters in the story and looking at new features such as speech bubbles. The children also had a fantastic time at making their own rockets, just like Hercules with their grown-ups. It was a fantastic turn out and I hope you all had a fantastic time. The rockets the children made were amazing!

In our maths the children have been comparing different lengths using the correct terminology. We are also working hard to practise our handwriting and the children are very proud of their work!



Reception Parent Event

A great afternoon being creative together. Who enjoyed it more, the adults or the children?



Thank you to everyone who came along and made this a special event for the children.

Drop In Sessions - Look at Books

Please pop in to your child's classroom after school (3:15pm) on the following days to see your child's books and ask any questions about your child's learning.

Reception: Tuesday
Y3/Y4: Wednesday
Y1/Y2: Thursday

Please remember that there are no clubs next week.

Year 1 News

This week, Paddington sent us some African animals and they caused quite a stir. We went for a hunt around school to search for them and picked up some clues along the way.

As a result of our excitement and inspiring context for learning, we have created some fantastic learning outcomes. In Art, we have done some fantastic African artwork and we have also written a set of instructions, including using some great bossy verbs (imperative verbs).

In Maths, we have been revisiting our understanding of halves and have been learning about how to find a quarter of a shape or a quantity. We have really impressed all of the adults with our amazing knowledge.

The end to the week could not have been better with a fabulous trip to The Deep to further enhance our learning about the equator. We have also found out a lot of information about the weather in the North and South Poles. What a brilliant experience it has been and what a fun and engaging learning experience we have had this week.



Year 2 News

This week in Year 2, we have moved our learning on to looking at a letter written from Christopher Columbus to his wife. This week we have focused on the skills found in a letter so we have looked at types of sentences, proper nouns, and many other features that we see in a letter. It has actually been fun to look over the skills and master that before we apply it in our writing.

In Maths, we have started to look at missing number calculations for addition and subtraction. Now let me tell you, this has been tricky but we have persevered and not given up. We have used the inverse operation to help us solve the missing number problems. We are still working on this but we don't mind putting in the extra work now as we will reap the benefits for our hard work later.

In other areas of the curriculum, we have continued with our bat and balls skills in PE with Mr Parker, we have looked at musical notes with Mrs Taylor in Music and we have researched animals from our first three continents in Science. What a busy week!



Year 4 News

The Lemurs have been acting out a Roman battle this week in drama sessions with Mrs. Hall. Their shield designs are coming along nicely, which they will eventually use to perform with. In English, they have also been using role play to practise using causal connectives (joining words and phrases to show why something happened). This will help them to write detailed explanation texts next week.

In Spanish, they have been learning basic phrases for conversation and practised these in pairs, where they were able to ask and answer questions about their name and how they felt. Mrs. Parkins was very impressed with their learning. Try practising these at home too!

In Guided Reading, they have been learning the Roman story about Romulus and Remus. Remember to keep reading and researching about more Roman stories at home.

Next week, the Lemurs are looking forward to another Puffin Virtually Live session, so please research this at home on the website puffinvirtuallylive.co.uk to see which authors and books we will be finding out about.



Year 3 News

In English, we have been looking at the features of instructions. We have written our own instructions on how to make Stone Age jewellery. We have made sure we include a list of equipment followed by a step by step instruction guide.

In Maths, we have been solving multiplication calculations using the grid method. We have also been impressing Mrs Foxwell with our times tables!

In P.E, we have been improving our tennis skills. Mr Parker was very impressed with our determination and resilience on Wednesday. We have also been investigating what happens to our body when we exercise and what muscles we use.

In Science, we have participated in a fossil experiment. We used bread and jelly sweets! Ask us all about it, we would love to tell you.

