



Well done to our amazing award winners this week—keep up the great effort!

Term 3 and Term 4

It has been another enjoyable and hectic term for all of the adults and children at our Academy. Thank you to everyone who supports us in so many ways, we really appreciate it. Our children have benefited from some great learning experiences, most of which you have seen every week on our newsletter, on our Twitter feed and on our website. Looking back on all of the visitors, events, trips and classroom adventures is a great thing to do. The hard work from the staff team is very clear to see - they go over and above every single day and I would like to thank them all for their on-going commitment and enthusiasm.

Thank you for coming into school for events, to look at your child's books, for Maths/EYFS information sessions and to pass on key information about your child. It is always great to see you getting involved and being part of your child's school journey.

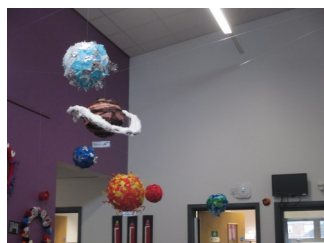
If you are not already following us on Twitter, please do. We 'tweet' on an almost daily basis and share a lot of photographs and capture a variety of learning experiences that the children have enjoyed. It is a great way to see what goes on in our Academy. **Join us on Twitter: @BeaconAcad**

We are looking forward to another exciting term as we approach Term 4 - the year is flying by! The staff team have already got some great plans in place - watch this space! Please keep checking/using the Xpressions App to stay up-to-date with what is going on.

Reception (EYFS) News

This week in Reception we have finished our work on Space. Our Solar system is now complete and is on display in the corridor. The children and staff have worked very hard and it looks amazing! They have had lots of fun learning different facts about the planets and having a go at naming them all! In Maths, we have been looking at different 3D shapes. The children have been naming them and discussing their properties. They even had a go at making their very own 3D shapes with Miss Byers.

The children are continuing to work very hard on their letter formation. They will be bringing home a letter formation sheet so you can practise with them too! Thank you for all your contributions on Tapestry. It's lovely to see what they are getting up to at home and don't forget to have a go at the 'Home Learning Challenges' posted earlier this week. Have a lovely half term.



Year 1 News

This week in Year 1, we have moved on to missing number problems and began to look at the inverse and what this means. The children have got on fantastically well with this and have really impressed us.

In English, we have been busy writing a recount about our trip to The Deep, these have been brilliant to read, some of the children even included the part of the day when they had to go to the toilet. We have been looking at onomatopoeia and trying to add this into our writing too.

Team 4 have won this terms stick man spelling game. This is where we have to spell our common exception words correctly so we don't lose the stick man's body parts. Well done to team 4! They have chosen to have popcorn and a short film as their treat for winning.

We have been busy putting together some personalised learning packs for your child to take home. These will be ready for you to use over half term.

Have a great half term holiday.



Year 2 News

What a week it's been in Year 2!

This week we have written a letter in response to Christopher Columbus' letter to his wife. We used a visual literacy to help us write it and what an amazing job we have done.

In Maths, we have looked at estimation, multiplication and division using a number line. It's been a busy week in Maths but again we have tried really hard and increased our own confidence in all areas.

Music has been challenging this week looking at notes in music but we persevered and did our best. P.E. was very competitive, especially between Miss Struggles and Mrs Allen, but Team Struggles won again. A bit of healthy competition is always good.



Year 3 News

In English this week we have been focusing on different elements of SPAG (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation). We have been identifying the importance of adverbs and using them to improve our writing.

In Maths, we have been continuing to solve division calculations and have been applying our division skills to solve problems.

In Science, we have been investigating what soil is made from. We have also been looking at the importance of having a compost bin and how we can make our own soil.

In Topic, we have been writing all about the Stone Age and how life has changed since then. We have been comparing how houses were built in the Stone Age and how transport has changed.



Year 4 News

The Lemurs have had a busy last week of term. In English, we have been learning the key features of explanation texts and writing our own about our Science conductivity test. Children could write their own explanation text at home about an interest of their choice this holiday too.

In Maths, we have been solving fraction problems and testing out the new PiXL times tables app. Don't forget to try it out at home using your log in details that are in your reading record book!

We have started making our shields for our Roman battle, following the lamination process that Lupus, the Roman Soldier told us all about. We can't wait to show them off next term!

Our entries into the Rhyme Craft poetry competition have been posted; we will let you know how we do as soon as we find out!



General Reminders & Information...

- Our Reception children will be involved in our Balanceability Programme next term. The sessions support the children in learning how to ride a bike, using our own set of balance bikes. This is led by trained staff and will take place within the school day. Your child will be asked to bring in their helmet on the day of their session - details to follow.
- Our Y4 children will be completing a Lives first aid session on Tuesday 20th February. This event has been supported by the Skegness Rotary Club.
- We have now moved our swimming sessions to Southview - the first session will be on Monday 19th February (1st day back) with our Y4 children. Remember to bring your kit!
- World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March. The children will be encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character to celebrate this national event.
- If you need someone else to collect your child after school, please remember to let us know. We will not release a child until we have confirmation of this from you for safety reasons. Please support us with this important process.

Seeing The Good In Others

The world and the society we live in can, at times, be a critical and negative place so we are going to have a big emphasis in school about seeing the good in others and giving praise to those around us. It would be great if you could support us with this work and discuss this topical issue with your child(ren) at home and continue to model it to them in your daily lives.