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Newsletter for Parents and Carers: 23/10/2020

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Thank you for all your help and support this half term. It has been a very challenging half term to say the least. Your children have coped well with the changes and been fully focussed on learning, as usual their behaviour has been amazing. Please keep up with Google Classroom if your child has been asked to self isolate, we understand that this can be challenging, but do not hesitate to contact us if you need any help and support with online learning.

Have a restful and well deserved break this half term and (hopefully) we will see you back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Louise Guthrie, Headteacher

Breakfast Club

Following a Health and Safety review of our premises, the capacity of our staff and the current COVID-19 local lockdown situation, the management of our school has concluded that it is not possible to offer a Breakfast Club session for our families at this time. This is until further notice and at least up to the end of the Autumn Term 2020. Of course, we will review this on a regular basis. If the situation and government guidelines change we will inform you of our decision to re-open Breakfast Club. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

October Half Term Holiday

Break up on Friday, 23rd October 2020

Return to School Monday, 2nd November 2020



Christmas Holiday

Break up Friday, 18th December 2020

Return to school Tuesday, 5th January 2021



Year 6 Lions enjoyed problem solving during their Commando Joe session on Monday. They showed great teamwork skills and plenty of resilience! This week in their Commando Joe session, the Year 6 Tigers worked as a team to build a strategy to break another team's code. They had to think smartly and communicate with one another to try to beat all of the other teams. We thoroughly enjoyed this and were keen to create the most complex code.



Year 5 Dolphins started their new STEM topic today - Properties and Changes of Materials. This afternoon, we investigated properties of everyday materials. We grouped materials according to similar properties such as magnetism, flexibility and permeability. The Whales have had a fantastic start to their STEM week 'Properties and Changes of Materials' - we investigated the properties of a range of materials this afternoon and learned some new scientific terms to describe these properties.



Year 4 have been catching up on our science this term, learning about rocks and soils. We have look at different types of rocks and discussed their properties. This then helped us when we discussed fossils and how they are formed. We enjoyed our fossil dance where we pretended to be dinosaurs. We even made some fossils using salt dough. This week we looked at soils and worked well together to conduct and experiment to see which soil would let more water through and discussed why this was.



This week is STEM week and Year 3 are learning about all things light and dark. Today we had to sort light sources and learned about why we need light to see. Ask us about our eyes and what kind of amazing things they do to adapt to light. In our athletics, year 3 have been practicing our throwing technique. Firstly with a ball and then with a javelin. We had to use our body and stance to help us throw further.



In Reception the boys and girls have been exploring Autumn. As part of this we have been investigating pumpkins. We have been weighing and measuring different squashes, looking at the colours and patterns we see on the outside and checking to see if the insides look at smell the same. We have discovered they have lots of seeds inside and the middle can bear very slimy!



This week we explored 'The very hungry caterpillar' story and have had a very busy week! We learnt Makaton signs for the story and used them to help us to retell it. We thought about who was in the story and what happened, sorting and counting the food he ate! The Children loved creating giant pictures of the different food from the story using all sorts of craft materials. We then used those to act out the story using the cocoon that we made whilst wearing caterpillar costumes. We also coloured the pictures and made stick puppets and enjoyed the story stones and matched them to the pictures.



Some of our 55 Club Superstars

