School Newsletter: Friday 12th Jan 2024

In our classes this week…..

EYFS

This week the children have enjoyed P.E on Monday with Aaron working on gross motor skills. I have introduced Reception children to their new Literacy book 'Bedtime for Monsters' and they created their own monsters using junk modelling resources. In nursery children were introduced to their Literacy book 'he Naughty Bus'. We had lots of brilliant discussions and ideas about the story.

Our new topic this half term is all about People Who Help Us, the children have all painted a picture of their favourite Emergency Worker. We have transformed our home corner to include dressing up clothes and resources to practice being emergency workers. The children enjoyed building a Police car and Fire Station in our Reception yard, selecting their own resources from our sheds and working together.

What a busy first week back!

Key Stage 1

KS1 have had lots of fun this week. We have planted beans to begin our science topic on plants and created sculptures of our hands in art.

In P.E. the children have been linking travels, shapes and balances to create routines in gymnastics. They will be developing these routines across the half term and I can't wait to see how these improve over time.

Next week, we will be creating sculptures from cardboard boxes, if you have any at home that you can send in we would be grateful. Thank you, Mrs Dixon.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

This week we have started learning about the Romans. We looked at which countries were part of the Roman Empire and how the Romans expanded their empire.

In maths we have started our new topic- fractions.

In RE we have been looking at Christianity, we looked at some of the items we might find in a church and what they are used for.

Key stage 2 – Upper

In number work this week we have been developing our confidence to find a percentage of an amount and applying this knowledge to a range of problems.

In science we have begun to explore changing the properties of materials.

In PE we have been learning the routine for our performance at the dance festival in February.

Note: PE is Wed and Fri
(Fri - additional session until 09 Feb only)

Week commencing 15th Jan

Monday – SATS After School Club
Wednesday – KS2 – Multi Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y3 + Y4 – Swimming **

*Please wear PE kit

**Please bring swimming kit

General

This week in assembly we have looked at story where Teddy Cottle from Oxfordshire has launched a petition calling for Apple to change the glasses emoji, also known as the 'nerd' emoji, as he says it gives the wrong impression of glasses-wearers. We discussed whether 'emojis' become an important part of communication along with **article 2: no discrimination.**

Dates for your diary:

Friday 16th February 2024 – Break up for half term
Monday 26th February 2024 – Return to school
Wednesday 27th March 2024 – Break up for Easter
Thursday 28th March 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Monday 15th April 2024 – Return to school
Monday 6th May 2024 – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Friday 24th May 2024 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd June 2024 – Return to school
Friday 19th July 2024 – Break up for Summer holidays
Monday 22nd July 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 23rd July 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Wednesday 4th September 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)
Thursday 5th September 2024 – Return to school

Please check dojo for further dates and details