

**In our classes this week.....**

**EYFS**

The children have settled in lovely back to school. They have loved discussing our new Topic What I Know About Me? They have made houses and drawn inside the members of their family that live in the house including pets! We have coloured and made our faces using playdough in nursery and the children have created pictures of themselves using collage materials. At story time we are enjoying reading 'The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me' by Roald Dahl.

**Key Stage 1**

Key stage 1 have had a fantastic first week. We have spent our time getting used to our classroom and routines as well as completing our standard lessons.

The children enjoyed our science experiment where they tested materials to see which materials were waterproof/absorbent.

**Key Stage 2 - Lower**

We have had a super first week back. We wrote some letters to Professor Brownstone to persuade him to let us visit his magnificent vault. We have started looking at our new artist, Mary Cassatt, and have practised some oil pastel techniques. We finished the week off learning about a timeline of events from the Big Bang to present day.

**Key stage 2 - Upper**

Upper key stage 2 have had a great week settling back into our school routines. Everyone has returned their reading bag to school and over half of our class have more than one comment in our reading records! This is a brilliant start to the year. The children enjoyed swimming on Thursday and they performed a range of strokes to show the swimming teacher what they could remember. In history we have been ordering events from the Georgian period onto a timeline and thinking about what came before and after this. In literacy we have begun to explore our CLPE book Seasons of Splendour.



**Notes**

Reminder that the cost for school meals has increased to £2.50 per meal from 1<sup>st</sup> Sep. Replacement book bags can be purchased from etika uniforms. Replacement water bottles can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £2.50 each.

**Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> Sep**

Wednesday – KS1 – Multi-Sports\*  
Wednesday – KS2 – Multi-Sports After School Club\*  
Thursday – Y5 + Y6 – Swimming

**\*Please wear PE Kit**

**General**

Welcome back!  
We started our assemblies this week with Hedwig's theme from Harry Potter and a story about Torbjørn Pedersen from Denmark who has completed a life-changing journey with a goal to visit every country in the world, without flying on a plane. From this we discussed our new school journey and what can we learn from new adventures?

**Individual Liberty**

There are many challenges and adventures we will face throughout our lives. Some we may choose to do; others we do not. We can, however, choose how we respond to these challenges and the actions we take.



**Dates for your diary:**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Break up for half term  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Return to school  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Break up for Christmas  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Return to school  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Break up for half term  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Return to school  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Break up for Easter  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – INSET day (School Closed)  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Return to school  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Bank Holiday (School Closed)  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Break up for half term  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Return to school  
**Please check dojo for further dates and details**