



AYSCOUGH FEE HALL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: 12/01/24

Dear Parents,

We seem to have had an exceptionally busy week in school this week. The new term's topics have generated several visits and visitors, which are always exciting and engaging for the children. Years 5 and 6 had a fantastic day out at Warning Zone on Monday, learning some highly valuable life lessons about how to keep safe, both online and when out in the community. The Reception children really enjoyed the visit by Riverside vets (and Ruby the dog) who explained all about the vital work that they do, and today, Year 3 have gone off to Peterborough looking very fierce and noble, to enjoy their day learning about the Romans. The children always make us extremely proud on these occasions, with their impeccable behaviour and enquiring minds – well done everyone!

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful weekend, ready for more adventures next week.

KINDERGARTEN

In Kindergarten this week, we have begun our 'Winter Wonderland' topic. We found a strange suitcase in the classroom and a rather sad and lonely looking penguin. We wanted to help the penguin so we thought of some questions that we could ask him. When we started to read our book, 'Lost and Found', we realised that the penguin was going to travel to the South Pole so we tried to guess what might be in the case. I wonder if we got it right!



RECEPTION



This week Reception class had a special visit from Riverside Vets and from Ruby the dog too! We enjoyed learning about how to take care of our pets; the job of a veterinary nurse and all the equipment that is used. We even used a stethoscope to listen to Ruby the dog's heartbeat.



YEAR 1

This week year 1 have enjoyed lots of practical maths, helping them to understand 'teens' numbers. The children were really confident using Numicon, cubes, bead strings, maths frames and Rekenrek to show the groups of ten and the ones for given numbers. We have started lots of curriculum work linked to this terms topic and in geography had some great discussions about whether we would prefer to live in the country or in the city. The quiet countryside was outnumbered to the busy city where there are lots of shops! The children have become space artists and completed some lovely pieces of work in the style of Peter Thorpe. We used a variety of media including paint, chalk and colouring pencils.



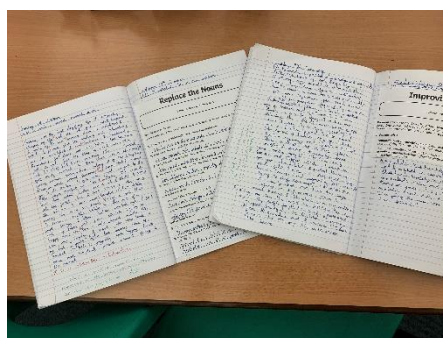
YEAR 2

Year 2 are well in the swing of the new term! We have made herbal posies and orange and clove pomanders to disguise the horrid smells of the Plague! In Geography we have started thinking about the oceans, their names and relative sizes and what makes the oceans move. In Science, we have considered the meaning of the word 'Habitat' and what a habitat needs to provide, including such aspects as food and a safe space to rear young. We have had great fun with our new English text, 'Jim and the Beanstalk', considering the meaning of the word 'Sequel' and acting scenes from the book, considering Jim's feelings and emotions at various points in the story.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have enjoyed settling back into the flow of things! They have enthusiastically "dived" into our new topic: The Ancient Romans. The children marvelled at the talents of the ancient world mosaic makers and started working on their own masterpiece. In English lessons, we have been looking at the story of Romulus and Remus and analysing the features of personal recounts. The children are looking forward to writing their own personal recounts of our exciting visit to Peterborough Museum on Friday.



YEAR 4



In English this week, we have been reading A Series of Unfortunate Events 'The Bad Beginning'. We have used our inference skills to write a character description for the three Baudelaire orphans and then extended our learning by creating a setting description using the motif of an eye, to create a dark atmosphere! We have also been sharpening up our acting skills by jumping into the role of Count Olaf. What a despicable man he is!

In maths, we have continued building on our learning of multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and can apply our new knowledge to a variety of questions, using our critical thinking skills. Next week, we will be learning formal methods of multiplication and division and will continue to work hard on TTRockstars to learn our times tables.

YEAR 5



This week, the children have been introduced to the formal method for multiplication. They started to use counters to develop their understanding in a conceptual way, before moving onto the visual and abstract forms. The children learnt the importance of carrying and exchanging, and these methods enabled them to go even deeper into this challenging concept.

In English, the children have been writing sections to their Biography based on Tim Peake. Using the iPads, they researched his life including his family, main achievements and how his work has inspired others. The children have been using a range of writing elements including parenthesis, relative clauses, and openers for cohesion.



Year 6 enjoyed their day out with Year 5 to 'Warning Zone' in Leicester this week, learning about a range of dangers and how to stay safe. The children showed great maturity in their listening skills and through the questions they asked, and as always, their behaviour throughout the day was nothing short of exemplary.

In small groups, they learnt about how to deal with peer pressures and what to do if they find themselves in an uncomfortable situation. The children also learnt about anti-social behaviour around places such as building sites and railway crossings, and the consequences this can have towards others. They watched real-life scenarios, and these messages provoked some deep questions and discussion.

In the afternoon, the children learnt about e-safety. They participated in a range of hands-on, engaging activities and discussed key terminology including grooming, phishing, trolling and ghosting. The message of 'tell a trusted adult' was regularly reinforced, and the children learnt about the different ways that they can stay safe online.

Ayscoughfee Hall School would like to thank the volunteers for their amazing work, and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about 'dangers and safety' from the Warning Zone team.



PTFA NEWS

For regular updates and information on our upcoming events, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK...

YEAR 4 SAXONS AND VIKINGS WORKSHOP (IN SCHOOL) - THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY

Children may come to school dressed as an Anglo Saxon or Viking for the day. Children will have normal lunch on this day.

Dates for Your Diary

January 2024	
Monday 15th	PTFA Meeting – 3.30pm
Wednesday 17th	Year 4 Parent Meeting for Sacrewell Farm residential – 6.30pm
Thursday 18th	Year 4 Saxons and Vikings workshop in school
Wednesday 24th	Fixture – Away – U11 Netball at Grantham Prep School – starts 2.30pm Fixture – Away – U9 Netball Festival at St Hugh's – starts 2pm
Friday 26th	Class Assembly – Year 1 – starts at 9am – Parents welcome. PTFA Winter Disco – 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Monday 29th	On-line Safety workshop – Year 2
Wednesday 31st	Fixture – Away – U9 Football Festival at St Hugh's – starts 2pm Fixture – Home – U11 Netball at AHS against Grantham Prep School – starts 2.30pm
February 2024	

Friday 2nd	NSPCC Number Day - £1 donation – Children can come into school wearing clothes which represent a number or something mathematical such as patterns etc.
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STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this week's **STARS** who are;



Kindergarten: Vira

Reception: Milo

Year 1: Matthew

Year 2: Oscar

Year 3: Katie

Year 4: Elina

Year 5: Casey

Year 6: Primrose

Kindness Awards: Maddie (infants) Ernie (Juniors)

We have the following birthdays coming up:

19th January – Mrs Staples

20th January – Mrs Fox and Vera C.

Best wishes,

Mrs Wright