



## Whitewater Newsletter – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break. We've had a fantastic first week of the summer term and there's so much to look forward to. Throughout this newsletter, I'll be sharing information about upcoming events this half term as well as the Learning Overviews for this half term from each class.

### Upcoming Events...

- **Aspirations Day (24.04.23)** - The children are invited to come into school dressed as something which reflects what they would like to be when they grow up. We also have a number of visitors into school to discuss their careers. *More details have been sent out via Parentmail already.*
- **Mini Marathon (26.04.23)** - To celebrate the London Marathon moving back to its traditional spring slot, the children of Whitewater will be taking part in our own Mini Marathon. *More details have been sent out via Parentmail already.*
- **Rabbi Visit (02.05.23)** – Rabbi Zvi will be joining our Key Stage 2 classes sharing his wealth of knowledge on specific areas relating to Judaism. Hedgehog Class will experience a Shabbat workshop whilst Fox Class will be taking part in a Synagogue workshop.
- **Coronation Celebrations (05.05.23)** – We will be hosting a Coronation Celebration on the Friday afternoon. *More details will be sent out via Parentmail shortly.*
- **Paralympian Assembly (22.05.23)** – We have an inspirational visitor joining us for our assembly. *More details will be sent out via Parentmail shortly.*
- **Year 6 Residential (departs on 22.05.23)** - Our wonderful Year 6 children have their PGL residential at Marchant's Hill, Hindhead. During their week away they will be taking part in a wide range of fun and adventurous activities. There will be plenty of opportunity to show our values (especially courage) as they learn to embrace challenges which will support them with the transition to secondary school later in the summer.

Below are the Learning Overviews for this half term for each class.

### Rabbits Class...

<p><b><u>Mathematics</u></b></p> <p>Build numbers beyond 10 Count patterns beyond 10 Spatial reasoning Match, rotate, manipulate</p> <p>Doubling Sharing &amp; grouping Even &amp; odd</p>	<p><b><u>Literacy</u></b></p> <p><b>Phonics</b> Little Wandle Letters and Sounds, we will follow Summer Term planning. <b>Writing</b> We will be improving our Kinetic letters letter formation day by day!</p> <p><b>Reading</b> This half term, the texts will be about our aspirations. We will also continue looking at Non-fiction texts about frogs, bees and plants. As part of the routine children will have opportunities to listen to lots of new stories and sing songs.</p>	<p><b><u>Communication and Language</u></b></p> <p>Helicopter Stories and continuous provision planned activities to improve our skills in listening and responding, making comments, holding back and forth conversations. Children will continue to participate in discussions, will be given time to offer explanations using full sentences including different tenses and conjunctions.</p>	<p><b><u>Personal Social Emotional Development</u></b></p> <p>We are a HeartSmart School! HeartSmart is a creative approach that we use to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. This term our topic is 'Fake is a Mistake'.</p>
<p><b><u>Expressive Arts and Design</u></b></p> <p>The focus will be on exploring timbre using a range of instruments and our voices. Dancing, performing, singing songs and rhymes. Children will explore different media to create <b>sculptures</b> using recycled, natural or man-made materials. They will design, create and paint their sculptures.</p>	<p><b>Rabbits – Summer 1</b></p> <p><b>Let's Go Outside</b></p> <p><b><u>Understanding the World</u></b></p> <p>This half term in RE will look at Special places; Gurdwara. We will continue observing our beans growing taller. Plant new seeds. We cannot wait to see how big our tadpoles will be by the end of this half term. We will continue exploring changing seasons, weekly Woodland Walk sessions will help us observe how seasons can affect trees and the nature. We will certainly enjoy celebrating King Charles III's coronation and learning about his life. We will meet a rabbi, a police officer and people from other professions.</p>		<p><b><u>Physical Development</u></b></p> <p>Our PE days this term remain the same: Wednesday &amp; Friday. We are continuing with 'fun and games' theme and learning to play games as part of a team in preparation to our sports day next term.</p> <p>The children will make playdough sculptures for fine motor development. They will be digging, pouring, stirring, mixing in the mud kitchen and the sand pit. In the outdoor provision the children will be working on their gross motor skills. They will continue climbing, running, jumping-using the trampoline, riding scooters and bikes safely.</p>

## Otters Class...

### **Numeracy**

We will be developing our multiplication and division skills this term as well as consolidating our knowledge of place value. We will be applying this knowledge to develop our skills in solving addition and subtraction problems.

### **English**

In English this term, we will be looking at books by the author Aaron Becker. We will be thinking about the story he is telling as well as looking carefully at the beautiful pictures and using these as a basis for our art work.

### **Computing**

This term, we will be investigating 'stop motion' and creating short animations with changes between the images. We will work together in small groups to plan and create our projects.

### **Science**

In our Science lessons this term, we will be exploring changes to every day materials such as water and ice. We will be doing investigations to test our theories and make predictions with what we think will happen in our experiments.

### **History**

Our topic is 'Adventurers and Explorers' and we will be going back in time to learn about famous explorers as well as explorers from modern times.

## **Summer 1 – Adventurers & Explorers**

### **RE**

'Remembering Janmashtami Krishna' is our topic in RE this term. We will be exploring how we celebrate occasions and compare this to celebrations in the Hindu faith.

### **PE**

This term in PE, we will be learning different skills to be used in Athletics, including running, jumping and throwing.

### **PSHE**

This term it is all about positivity! We will be thinking about all of our positive qualities and how to keep our teeth healthy.

### **Music**

This term, we will be continuing to learn how to play ukuleles! We will learn how to strum, play notes and join in with fun songs too.

### **Art and Design**

Based on our learning of 'The Journey' in English, we will use textiles to create our own 'rug' and create a scene using watercolours from the story.

### **DT**

Can we design and build a boat that can float? That is our focus for this term along with making a delicious fruit salad!

## Hedgehog Class...

### **Maths**

We will be looking at revisiting and developing their multiplication and divisions skills focusing on 2 and 3 digit numbers multiplied and divided by 1 digit. Before moving onto using coordinates to plot, draw polygons and transition coordinators. Lastly moving onto identifying 2 and 3d shapes, acute and obtuse angles. Daily the children will participate in counting sessions and timestables.

### **English**

In English the children will be writing their own adventure narrative based on the picture book 'flood'. Focusing on adverbials of manner and place, punctuating direct speech, and using language to create beauty and adventure. The children will be continuing their work on spelling and daily talk for reading sessions focused on the book flood and the poetry in the 'Storm Whale'.

### **Science**

We will be investigating animals including humans. Focusing on the importance of a balanced diet and exercise. Children will be identifying bones and muscles and what the function of them are. Before participating in experiments testing do longer legs mean you jump further.

### **Geography**

The children will be learning about the water cycle, major rivers in and out of the UK, along with how beaches and coastlines are formed.

## **Summer 1 rivers, beaches and waterways.**

### **RE**

Children will be exploring the Trinity. How the Trinity is present at the baptism of Jesus and how all three parts are one God.

### **Computing**

The children will be creating algorithms and controlling the Sphero mini a small robotic ball. The children will programme it to create images, write their name and create assault courses.

### **PE**

In outdoor PE the children will be participating in tag rugby sessions developing teamwork, invasion skills and communication. In indoor PE they will be focusing on dance based on rivers.

### **PSHE**

There will be a focus on the topic fake is a mistake. Recognising the importance of truth telling and how to identify the positives in themselves.

### **Music**

We will be listening and responding to a wide range of music using ukuleles.

### **Art and Design**

The children will be creating their own versions of Starry Night Over the Rhône tying in our river topic and a fantastic piece of artwork.

### **Foreign Languages**

The children will be learning how to ask for specific food, amounts of food and retelling stories in French. This in preparation for our French café.

## Fox Class...

### Reading

We have started this half-term reading Harry Potter. We will be focusing on clarifying understanding, inferring and justify. We will be continuing to find evidence from the text to support our opinions and building our understanding of challenging vocabulary.

### Writing

To kick start our writing this half-term, we will be learning how to build suspense. Our writing will be inspired by 'The Forbidden Forest' from Harry Potter. The children have begun to study the writing skills to create and suspense and include them in their work. Following this, the children will be introduced to Shakespeare. They will retell the story of 'Macbeth', focusing on vocabulary, varied sentence openers and dialogue. We will look at how we can progress the plot through the use of speech.

### Maths

We have begun this half-term with year 6 continuing algebra and year 5 continuing addition and subtraction. We will go onto learn interpreting data in line graphs, telling the time and reading and interpreting time-tables. We will also be continuing to deepen our reasoning and problem-solving skills throughout the term. We will revise arithmetic skills daily for both year 5 and 6.

### Geography

This term will be exploring rainforests all around the world. The children will build confidence naming and locating famous rainforests in various parts of the globe. We will study the tropical climate, looking at rainfall and temperature graphs over time. They will study some of the animals that live in rainforest and look closely at how deforestation may be affecting some indigenous people and the animals. We will learn about ways to support the rainforest.



### Summer 1 Rainforests

#### Art and Design

The children will be studying Frida Kahlo. They will learn about her life and the art movement: surrealism. They will create a portrait of Frida imitating her style artwork. The children will practise how to draw portraits focusing on proportions and shading. They will then create their own self-portrait with pastels, focusing on bright colours inspired by Frida's work.

#### Computing

We will develop our skills in data handling and creating our own media.

### RE

The children will consider what 'community' means to them and be able to give examples. We will then learn about the Islamic faith and find out why Community (Umma) is important to Muslims.

### PSHE

Through HeartSmart, we shall explore why 'Fake is a Mistake'. The children will reflect on the importance of telling the truth and realise that everyone is special and valued.

### PE

In PE this half-term, we shall be developing our skills in tennis and rounders. We will be focusing on hand and eye coordination, accurate throwing, hitting and team work.

Thank you all for your continued support. I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Take care

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## Key Dates

Key Dates for Summer Term 2023	
24/04	Aspirations day
26/04	Mini Marathon
01/05	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
02/05	Rabbi Zvi visit
05/05	Coronation Celebrations
08/05	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
09/05/23 – 12/03/23	Year 6 SATs Week
22/05	Year 6 Residential all week
HALF TERM – 29/05/23 – 02/06/23	