



13th September

Werrington Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. It has been lovely to see everyone back in school and to welcome new children, families and staff.

Our Reception children spent two mornings in school and started full time this Monday. They have settled in well and look engaged and happy to be here.

Our new office team are settling in well and are quickly familiarising themselves with our children, families and systems. Miss Denne, Miss Crowson and Mr Stevenson have already developed good relationships with their classes and the children have been working hard.

All classes have been learning about the inspirational person their class is named after. Over this half term each class will share information about their person in assembly, I enjoyed finding out more about Stephen Hawking and Galileo on Monday.

Our new Facebook and Instagram accounts are now live. Please have a look and follow us.

Best wishes
Mrs Simmons

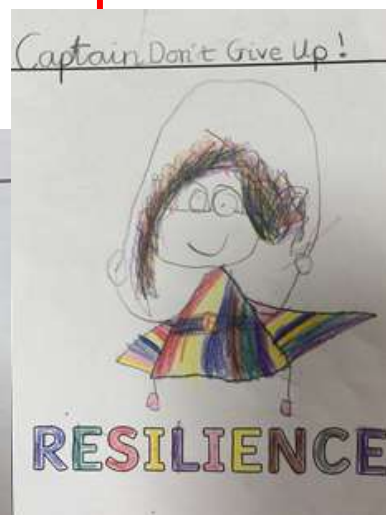
School Noticeboard

September 2024

17th Yr 3 Cricket AMVC
20th Jeans for Genes Day

October 2024

1st Yr 6 basketball AMVC
3rd Yr 3 Team building day
7th Yr 6 Bikeability
10th World Mental Health Day
(yellow)
14th New Reception parent to
(day)
16th New Reception parent to
(eve)
16th Open classrooms
w/c 21st Parent Consultations
24th Hinduism day





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New Class Names

During our recent Ofsted inspection some of the children commented on how confusing they found the old class names. We asked the children what they thought the classes should be called. Each class is named after an inspirational person and linked to their learning.

Van Gogh	Mrs Simpson and Mrs Gould
Kandinsky	Miss Murray
Donaldson	Miss Woodliffe
Bond	Ms Ashfaq and Miss Prentice
Farriner	Miss Denne
Cavell	Miss Garford and Mrs Ash
Lovelace	Mrs Stockdale
Turing	Mr Pope and Mrs Balderson
Tesla	Mr Colley
Newton	Mr Stevenson
Collins	Mrs Newnes and Mrs McGrath
Jemison	Mrs Thomas and Mrs Revell
Hawking	Mr Moody
Galileo	Mrs Crowson



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Stars of the Week

Van Gogh	Everyone!	To all the wonderful Reception children who have all made an excellent start to school, making friends and exploring our learning areas. We are so amazed at how you have transitioned into school life. You are very grown up lining up in the mornings in your wonderful 4S lines!
Kandinsky		
Donaldson	Everyone!	Well done to everyone for making a fantastic start in year one. It has been lovely to see how well you have settled and taken part in our activities so enthusiastically! Wonderful work!
Bond	Harrison	For trying your hardest on all of your work in Year 1 this week, we have been very impressed. Well done!
Farriner	Leo B	For being a great all-rounder and role model for the rest of the class, by following all the school rules and expectations. A super start to Year 2! Well done!
Cavell	Conor	For being a fantastic role model to other children. You have been trying hard to follow all of our school rules and had a great start to Year 2, well done.
Lovelace	Kieran	For such a wonderful start to Year 3, you have settled in brilliantly and have shown a fantastic attitude to your work. Well done Kieran!
Turing	Zoya	For an impressive start to Year 3, including excellent listening skills, superb concentration on your work and trying to be your best at all times.
Tesla	Mia	For being kind and respectful to everyone around you. You are a fantastic role model. Well done!
Newton	Farheen	For trying her best and being kind to everyone. Well done!
Collins	Miya PS	For fantastic work in reading and with book quizzes. We are really proud of you!
Jemison	Koralia	For supporting classmates in maths and explaining clearly, the steps involved in solving the mathematical challenge. Well done Koralia!
Hawking	Rosie	For writing a really impressive description of an antique shop - great vocabulary choices!
Galileo	Ethan	For being a superstar in class - you show the 4Rs brilliantly!



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Reception

Welcome to Reception! It has been wonderful to get to know them over the last week and we look forward to the exciting year ahead. **This year our class names are Van Gogh (Mrs Simpson and Mrs Gould) and Kandinsky (Miss Murray).**

Our topic this half term is Nursery Rhymes. We will learn a range of rhymes which will be the theme for continuous provision activities with a particular focus on PSED and fine motor skills. Next week we will have a focus on Old McDonald had a farm, if your child has visited a farm and would like to send a picture please email it to your child's class email (kandinsky@werrington.peterborough.sch.uk and vangogh@werrington.peterborough.sch.uk) please make sure to include their name in the subject bar.

Literacy

In Literacy we will be performing popular nursery rhymes. The children will access a range of fine motor activities which will help develop their hand and finger muscles to prepare them for writing. Children will practice writing their names using the correct formations. We will also begin our phonics programme which focuses initially on reading and writing words with the phonemes s,a,t,p,i and n.

Maths

In maths, we will be doing lots of counting, sorting, ordering and subitising (*the ability to look at a small set of objects and instantly know how many there are without counting them*).

PE

On Fridays your child will need to **come to school wearing their P.E. kit** – t-shirt (white or house colours, it doesn't need to be a school logo t-shirt), shorts/ leggings/ tracksuit bottoms, their school jumper and trainers. Please do not send this in a bag.

Supporting your child at home

Today your child will be given their first reading book and reading record. Please ensure that you read with your child at **least four times a week** and record a comment for each session in your child's reading record. Please see the separate email regarding reading at home.

We have also observed that many children are finding it difficult to recognise their name which makes it tricky for them to collect book bags and find their peg etc. Perhaps you could play some games to help your child recognise their name. For example you could write a range of names on post-it notes and they have to use a kitchen spatula to splat their name. Be sure to include names that start with the same initial letter as their own.

Settling into school and learning new routines!

Our new Reception classes have been learning lots of new routines this week. We have also been discussing the Werrington school rules (The 4B's), which help us to learn, be happy and keep safe.



To help them remember the 4B's, pupils in Reception have cut out and decorated their own bees, each making a beehive to keep them safe! Well done on 'bee-ing' your best this week 😊!



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Year 1

This term we will be learning about Ourselves and Our Senses. The children will learn to identify the different parts of their bodies and will take part in exciting practical activities to find out about their five senses. We will also be thinking about how we can keep ourselves healthy. In History, the children will be learning about toys from the Victorian times and will look at the similarities and differences between toys now and then. We are looking forward to a visit from the Peterborough toy museum in which the children will have the opportunity to explore toys from the past. In Autumn two, our topic will be Celebrations and the children will learn about the Christmas story.

Maths

In Maths we will be learning about place value to 10. The children will learn to count and represent sets of objects to 10. They will also work on ordering and finding one more and one less than a number to 10. Following on from this, our next Maths unit will be addition and subtraction to 10.

English

In English we will be focusing on developing simple sentence structure and the correct use of capital letters and full stops. We will be using some great stories in our units including: 'The Story Machine' by Tom Mclaughlin, 'Handa's Surprise' by Eileen Browne and 'Look up' by Nathan Bryon.

PE

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Please send your children in their PE kits on these days.

Supporting your child at home

Please ensure that you read with your child **at least four times a week** and record a comment for each session in your child's reading record. We would like you to explore each book fully with your child, making sure that you ask plenty of questions to check for understanding. Reading books will be changed every Wednesday. We will monitor how many times your child has read each week and those children who have read four times a week or more will be put into a raffle for a chance to receive a special badge.



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Year 2

We would like to welcome you all back, we are very excited to be working with your children this year.

This term we will be learning about 'The Great Fire Of London'. There will be updates on the weekly newsletter about the exciting learning we will be doing in class!

Maths

In Maths we will be learning about place value of numbers to 100. We will be using our knowledge of place value to read, order, and compare numbers within 100.

English

In English we will be focusing on constructing sentences, ensuring they are punctuated accurately with capital letters and full stops. We will learn about the different sentence types, such as statements and commands. We will identify and use nouns, adjectives and verbs within our sentences. We will be practising our handwriting skills, particularly capital letters, so that our letters are correctly formed and consistently sized. We will write in a range of contexts, such as settings descriptions, non-chronological reports and instructions, using our focus topic of 'The Great Fire of London' as a stimulus.

Topic

In Science we will be learning about different materials and their properties. Our focus Artist for this half term is Georgia O'Keefe and we will paint flowers imitating her style. In R.E. we are learning about Judaism and why repentance is important to Jewish people.

PE

Our PE days are Thursdays and Fridays. Children must come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days. This should be trainers, black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and a house colour (plain) or white T-shirt (plain).

Supporting your child at home

For homework, your child should read **at least four times a week**. Each time they read, please write a comment in their reading record. Reading books will be changed once a week on a Wednesday and should be re-read throughout the week to develop reading fluency. Weekly spelling tests will be on a Wednesday. We will initially be learning to spell Common Exception Words before learning the Year 2 Spelling Rules. Spelling tests will commence on 25th September and their lists of words to learn will be sent home on 18th September along with their Spelling Shed logins.

We have no trips planned for this half term but look forward to some in the future.

Please remember to send in a water bottle daily so that your child can stay hydrated.

Please also remember that your child's book bag, reading book and reading record should be in school everyday. We are currently in the process of assessing the reading of each child and so will send out their reading books by Wednesday 18th September.



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Year 3

The children in Year 3 have had a brilliant start to the year so far and we are really looking forward to the year ahead. Here is an overview of some of what your child will learn this half term.

Maths

We will be focusing on place value and understanding of number. In addition to this, the children will be applying their knowledge of number to solve problems.

English

'Stone Age Boy' is the fantastic story that we will be using to improve our reading and writing skills. The children will be working on improving and varying their sentence structure as well as being creative through writing their own stories set in the Stone Age. Using evidence to answer questions about what they read is also going to be a key focus.

Topic

In science we will be learning about different types of rocks, including fossils. In geography we will be developing our map skills, including using compasses, following directions and drawing maps. In art this half term we will be learning to paint using the style of En Plein Air (painting outside). In music we will be learning about musical notation to compose and perform a gumboot dance.

PE

Our **PE days** are Tuesday and Thursday. Please bring your child to school in their PE kit on those days and be prepared for the weather condition as we will be doing this outside.

Supporting your child at home

Every Monday there will be spelling and times tables tests and the children can practise for these using Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed. **Reading** is another vital part of their homework and we encourage this to be **completed at least 4 times a week**. Please ensure your child has their **reading book and reading record with them every day**. We will be sending a separate letter home with more detailed information about homework in Year 3.



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Year 4

We hope you all had a great summer! It has been lovely to welcome Year 4 back into school and they have all made a great start to the new academic year. Here is an overview of what the children will be learning about in this half-term.

Maths

We will be focusing on place value and number representation to 1000, using partitioning, comparing and ordering. In addition, we will learn about negative numbers and their uses in everyday life.

English

Through our class reader 'This Morning I Met a Whale' by Michael Morpurgo, we will develop sentence structures and write character descriptions.

Topic

This term in science we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will also be studying Judaism in RE, investigating mouldable materials through our Design and Technology project and learning how to say the name of fruits and vegetables in French.

PE

Our PE days are Mondays and Thursdays. The children will be learning new skills in hockey and tag rugby.

Supporting your child at home

Every Monday there will be spelling and times tables tests. The children can prepare for these by using Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed. Reading is another vital part of their homework. The children should be reading and completing their reading record at least 4 times each week. Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record with them every day. We will be sending a separate letter home with more detailed information about homework in Year 4.



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Year 5

Hello! We hope you have all had a good summer. It has been wonderful this week getting to know our new classes. We are really looking forward to the year ahead!

This half term we will be learning about our solar system and all things linked to space exploration. In Geography we will be learning about naming and locating European countries and cities and contrasting human and geographical features of countries. We will be studying Islam in RE. In French we will be learning numbers, days of the week and months of the year. In computing, we are working on coding and learning about keeping our information safe.

English

In English we will be using the short film, Oktapodi as a stimulus for our writing, followed by a Space topic in English. We will be writing in a range of genres and increasing our knowledge of grammatical terms. We will be developing handwriting, aiming for joined, fluent and legible writing.

Maths

Maths themes will be place value to begin the term - identifying values of digits and writing numbers in words and numerals. Roman numerals, written methods for computation and tables will also feature this term - as well as using our Maths Meetings to keep other areas of maths going such as time, measures and shape knowledge. We will have sessions developing maths fluency and mastering number.

PE

This year our **PE days are on a Monday (Tag rugby) and Wednesday (Hockey)**, so just like last year your child can spend the day in their PE kit (which is expected to be a plain white or plain house colour t-shirt with black jumper/hoody or their school jumper). Children have been reminded not to be wearing jewellery at school and only stud earrings should be worn at any time. Hair should also be tied back, please.

Supporting your child at home

For homework, the reading expectation is 4 times a week. Please enter what has been read in your child's reading diary so that we can develop a communication between home and school about anything related to reading. Times Table Rockstars will be set weekly on a Friday.

Children are expected to complete 15 minutes on this each week. Spellings are set on Spelling Shed every Tuesday for completion by the following Tuesday. Children will need to play either 10 games or achieve 'Royal Bee', whichever comes first, in addition to completing the spelling

sheet, which is sent home. Don't forget, reading and spelling rewards are on offer for children who read and practise spelling games regularly.

Experiences

We are currently organising learning experiences throughout the year and are hoping to arrange a planetarium to visit school (we will not be going to Leicester Space Centre this year) along with other exciting experiences. We will send out details of dates and costs as they are confirmed throughout the year.

Communication

For class Jemison, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Revell's class, please email jemison@werrington.peterborough.sch.uk

For class Collins, Mrs Newnes and Mrs McGrath's class, please email collins@werrington.peterborough.sch.uk

Please send us an email from the email address you would like us to use for communication.



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Year 6

Hello! It has been great to have the children back in school! Miss Crowson has enjoyed getting to know her new class - Galileo - and Mr. Moody has enjoyed having his class back, under the new name of Hawking.

This half term we will be studying living things and evolution in Science. In History we will be learning about Ancient Egypt - including pyramids, The Nile and of course mummification. We will also be comparing this period with that of Maya civilisation. In French we will be learning about school and names of different lessons and school equipment. In computing, we are working on coding.

English

In English we will be linking our Egyptian topic to a novel called Secrets of a Sun King and going onto creating instructions for mummification. We will be writing in a range of genres and increasing our knowledge of grammatical terms. We will be working on our ability to join our writing - a year 6 expectation.

Maths

Maths themes will begin with number, place value and rounding. We will continue with our arithmetic skills in preparation for our assessments in a few weeks.

PE

Our **PE days are on a Tuesday (basketball) and Friday (Hockey)**, so children can come to school in PE kit on those days, which should be a plain white or plain house colour t-shirt with black jumper/hoody or their school jumper.

Supporting your child at home

For homework this year, your child will soon come home with both a maths homework book and a reading homework book. The expectation is that a task from each book will be completed each week. If your child needs some support, we can provide this before the date of the hand in. Reading expectation is 4 times a week - this can include the reading homework. Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed will continue this year too.

Experiences

To support our Maya work, we are currently planning a Maya Day which will take place in school. Look out for further details when finalised.

Responsibilities

As prefects, Year 6 will have extra responsibilities this year and be rewarded with privileges. We believe our Year 6s will shine in these roles around school!