

Message from Mrs Langton:

Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term. I hope everyone had a lovely Easter and you were able to enjoy the break even though the weather was very disappointing. We are looking forward to a very exciting term and lots of opportunities for different types of learning. The teachers are busy arranging school trips for this term but it is proving quite a challenge with everything being so expensive (especially transport), however, we are determined to make sure every class has an opportunity to go out of school on an adventure so watch this space for more information.

We are also hoping to be able to invite you into school this term to see our OPAL in action but we are waiting for the weather to improve and for some more equipment to arrive. It is going to be a busy term so keep your eye on our e-mails, texts, twitter and Facebook posts so that you can keep informed of what is going on. Remember to check out our website for information on the curriculum the children are covering and expect a letter soon about the topics your child will be looking at this term.

Enjoy the weekend.

Dates for your diary:

Next week:

Thur 18 Apr Year 4/5 - Wyke PE day

More dates:

Wed 1 May	9.00am	Class HD assembly
Mon 6 May		Bank Holiday (May Day)
w/c 13 May		SATs week
Tue 21 May		School Photos
Wed 22 May	9.00am	Class BC assembly
Wed 22 May		Y6 trip - Driffield Farming day
w/c 27 May		Half term week
Wed 10 July		Y4 music event at Connexin Arena
w/c 8 July		Y6 transition week
Fri 19 July		Last day of summer term

More information will follow regarding individual events.

School Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for w/e 22.03.24 was 92.5%
Individual classes were as follows:

F1 - 90.0%	CG - 91.3%	BC - 94.6%
HD - 94.7%	RK - 94.4%	SB - 93.2%
JS - 88.2%	CM - 94.4%	CH - 89.9%

Well done class HD having the highest attendance last week.

ClassDojo team winners:

w/e 15.03.24 - **Wilberforce**

w/e 22.03.24 - **Sullivan**



Weekly wins so far this school year:

Johnson = 6

Sullivan = 5

Skelley = 5

Wilberforce = 8

Parent/Carer's information:

After school clubs

Clubs start next week - places to be booked on School Money.
See letter on email for more information.

Gates

Polite reminder - please keep the pedestrian gate clear at all times. Thank you

Foundation stage - F1/CG

In the Foundation classroom this week, the children have started to learn their new story of Jaspers Beanstalk. We have already drawn a story map to help us retell the story, which we have added to Tapestry, so you can enjoy time retelling the story at home. Please keep putting the photos and videos of the children retelling the stories on Tapestry, as they are lovely to share with the class.

In the hall this week, we have practised our throwing skills of underarm throwing using the balls and beanbags. We have learnt how to aim for where we would like our ball to go, and how to throw using an underarm technique. Mrs Baglin even let us try to shoot the balls into the basketball hoop high up on the hall wall.

We have started to set up a little garden centre both indoor and outdoor. The children have already started to plant some seeds and we will observe how they grow over the next few weeks. The nursery children have planted beans in plastic bottles with soil and the Reception children have planted them in zip lock bags with wet paper inside. We have added them to the windows to provide sunlight and to observe how they grow.



If you do have any seeds, beans, plants, compost, flowers (real or artificial) or any small gardening equipment you no longer need and can donate to our little role play garden centres that would be lovely.

In F1 this week, the children have focused on careful counting using beans, seeds and plant pots, carefully touching each one as they say the number. In F2 the children have focused on counting on from a given number. We have practised this orally, using a number line and drawn a giant number line on the floor for the children to move along. We have used stem sentences such as; First... was on the number 3, then he did 4 jumps, now he is on number 7.

Finally, we had a lovely surprise visit from Councillor North to help us plant a donation of trees for our 'wild area.' The children had a lovely time preparing, digging, watering and planting the trees with the help of the Year 4 children. Please check Facebook for the photos.

Foundation parents please make sure you check Tapestry. The staff, on a regular basis, add your children's achievements and classroom activities. Thank you

Year 1 - BC

It's great to see the children back and enthusiastic to learn after their Easter holidays. During maths lessons this week we have been looking at using our knowledge of the number bonds within ten to work out addition calculations up to 20. So if we know $3 + 4 = 7$ we also know $13 + 4 = 17$ and $3 + 14 = 17$.

In our English lessons we have started to learn signifiers for a new text. This time it is a recount in the form of a letter to the class from the tiger who came to tea in our last story. We have recapped what time adverbials are and how to use them and have also done some work on changing verbs from the present to past tense.

In our RE lesson this week we talked about what makes the world such a wonderful place and listened to Louis Armstrong's 'It's a wonderful world'. The children then worked in groups to make a poster illustrating the song with pictures of things they find beautiful and precious in the natural environment.

We talked about our families in our Jigsaw lesson and read a story about different types of family. The children all then drew and labelled their own families and talked about who is in their family.

We started our athletics sessions in PE this week. The children really enjoyed playing a variety of games exploring different speeds of moving. We warmed up using the remote control game, practiced high knees and heel flicks before playing a game called 'gears' where the children increased their speed every time we went up a gear. The session ended with a partner game called 'time this'.

Finally this week in our history lesson we began to learn about a famous local historical figure, that is Amy Johnson. We looked at some photos of her to try to spot clues about what she may have done and why she might be famous. The children discovered that she was the first female pilot to fly solo to Australia. We will continue to learn more about her life over the coming weeks.

Year 2 - HD

A great start to the summer term in Class HD. We discovered a large envelope had been left for us. On opening we found three paper airplanes and a link to read the story 'Pigs Might Fly' by Jonathan Emmett and Steve Cox. After reading the story and completing some book talk the children created their own paper planes which they tested on the playground.

In maths we have continued our work on fractions looking at the relationship between a half and two quarters. They then moved onto finding three quarters of a shape and an amount.

In science the children explored to find out if there are patterns between the size of a seed and the plant it then grows into. The children then drew pictures of the seeds and the plants they will grow into.

In geography the children recalled human and physical features they saw on the walk around the local area. The children then drew maps of the local area using basic symbols in a key.

In PE we started our athletics unit developing the sprinting action and jumping for a distance.

In computing the children listened to and compared two pieces of music from The Planets by Gustav Holst. They then used a musical description word bank to describe how the music generates emotions, i.e. how it makes them feel.

Year 3 - RK

A great start to the summer term this week in RK. In our English lessons this week, we have begun planning our extended write for a 'losing tale' based on the story Midas Touch. The children have been very good with remembering their everyday toolkit when writing. In maths, we have been working out how to find fractions of an amount. The children have shown with this task that they can access it quickly and accurately if they know their times tables confidently. Just a reminder that all children have a login for TTRockstars and challenges are set for them weekly online. Our More Maths Friday topic was exploring turns and angles. For our Science lesson this week, we discussed pollination and acted out being flowers and bees to demonstrate the movement of pollen from one flower to another. We also began our new topic in science about forces, exploring pushes and pulls that make objects move. Another jam-packed week of learning! We would like to say thank you to those who are reading and practising spellings at home, especially those who do this every week! Unfortunately, RK only had 7 children who had read three times since the end of last term. This was very disappointing as this is our weekly homework across Appleton. I really hope this improves from next week as reading is the key skill that needs to be practiced. Looking forward to another amazing week in Year 3, have a great weekend.

Year 4/5 - SB/JS

Hope you all enjoyed your Easter break. We have had a very busy first week back at school.

In maths, Class SB have continued with fractions focusing on number lines and equivalent fractions. Class JS have completed division and started looking at decimals. In English, Class SB have looked at alliteration, personification and used adjectives to improve their descriptions. Class JS have continued with alien landing, with the focus on personification and fronted adverbials. In reading, Class SB have started a new novel called Billy and the Minpins. They have predicted and used their story voices to read. Class JS have started Rose Blanche and looked into pictures to infer feelings of characters.

In RE, Class SB have learnt about how the Earth was formed and Class JS have learnt about pilgrimages. In computing Class SB have looked at gathering data for different reasons. They enjoyed gathering data linked to cars on a motorway. In PE both classes have started tennis. They have tried new skills and worked in pairs to use their forehand. In science, Class SB have looked into the digestive system and worked in small groups to carry out an investigation. In history Class JS have started to learn about World War 2. Some children in Class JS also got the opportunity to plant trees in the school outdoor area. They had a great time!

Year 6 - CM/CH

We have had another great week back to school for Year 6 this week! In Maths, CM have been expanding their knowledge of fractions, looking at adding, subtracting and multiplying them as well as finding equivalent fractions. CH have looked at 'the mean' and begun their position and direction unit, mainly looking at reading and plotting coordinates across all four quadrants. They have all done brilliant this week, with most children feeling extremely proud of themselves. In our reading lessons, we have looked at various different text types, answering some retrieval and inference questions as well as becoming apprentice teachers, marking somebody else's work. Within our English lessons, we have begun learning our new text 'Opening the Fridge' and have started to explore how the author creates suspense through the character's actions, thoughts and feelings. We have also continued to widen our grammar and punctuation knowledge by recapping how apostrophes are used for both omission and possession.

In Science this week, Year 6 have looked at how some animals can be grouped, depending on whether the animal is a vertebrate or an invertebrate. The children also explored different ways to group them, for example; land animals and sea creatures. For our Jigsaw lesson, we have begun our 'Relationship' topic, looking at mental health and some of the challenges we may come across in everyday life and how we can support ourselves and others to overcome the challenge. In History, we have started our 'Peace and Conflict' topic, placing this historical event (WW2) on the class timeline as well as looking at a series of photos from the war. In PE, the children have moved onto some new sports including tennis and athletics. In athletics, the children looked at developing power, control and technique for the triple jump and in tennis, they began to develop placement of the ball using a forehand. Finally, in computing (E-Safety) the children have looked at how they can protect their private information online, creating a Toy Advert for a new robot puppy.

In addition, we have shown all Year 6 children some extra revision documents on their class Teams page, please can you encourage your child to access this at home. Thank you for your continued support.