



Weekly Newsletter

20th January 2017

Dear Parents,

Our Shakespeare topic is in full swing and the whole school looks forward to Fridays when our actors from West End in Schools leads the Shakespeare drama workshops in each class. We hope to have something to present to you at the end of term!

Each class received their certificate for adoption of their endangered animal this week which we will display in the main reception. They were very excited to learn that their adopted animal had a name, too!

Year one are taking part in a project called Orchestra Up Close this term, which is led by Camden music services. Children will be getting 'up close and personal' with the sounds of an orchestra. On Monday afternoon, parts of the orchestra will be bringing their instruments into school for a really hands on workshop. In February, we will be going to the cockpit theatre to see them perform Peter and the Wolf live.

Just a reminder that Year 1 go swimming every Friday, so please ensure they have their swimming kit. Please leave a message if your child is not attending swimming as this is part of their curriculum time.

We are also collecting Sainsbury's active kids vouchers - these can be dropped off in the office.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Vicki Briody
Headteacher

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Assistant Headteacher



Reception

Hello everyone,

I hope you have had a fantastic week. This week in Reception we have learnt the sounds for ar, ow and er. We have nearly finished learning all of our sounds now. In Maths we have been continuing to subtract. We have mastered subtracting on a number line and have started to look at how to subtract using part part whole.

This week we have made troll masks out of different materials and shared how we made them with our friends. We also received a letter from the troll's family asking us to save him from the river by finding something that floated. We investigated different materials and objects to discover whether they floated or sank. We all had a great idea of using what we had learnt about floating and sinking to make boats next week.

Home work and reading books are being sent home. Thank you for all your support.

Have a brilliant weekend and speak to you all soon.

Mr Owens and Jackie

FAB

Upcoming FAB events to add to your calendar!! :-)) Save the date

Tuesday, 31th, January 8:00-10:00 pm, Parent/staff mingle Pub Trivia night The Washington, Belsize Park Parents and staff welcome to join us for a cozy winter night with a drink, quick bite, and trivia! Hope to see you there! Fundraiser-2 pound to play trivia per player to The Washington, FAB entrance fee (5 pounds per person)

Friday, 3rd February 4:15-6:00 pm (movie will begin after clubs) Pyjama party/popcorn and movie afternoon, school, big hall Fundraiser-sell movie tickets- (5 pounds per ticket, non abacus siblings free) popcorn and drinks included in ticket

Thursday, 9th February, afternoon AND Friday 10th February, morning, Great British Bake off!! Valentine's Day Bake Sale Coordinated with parent afternoon/morning drop in parent/teacher meetings Fundraiser-bake sale and card sale (looking for parent volunteers for bakers and homemade cards!- thanks)

Year 1

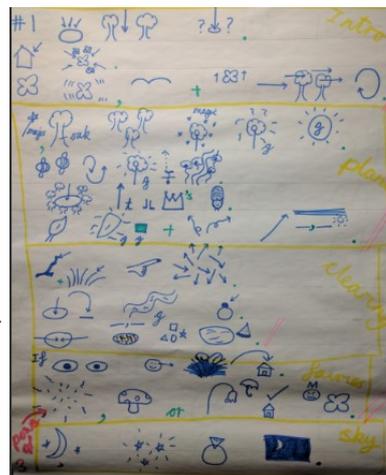
An update from year 1. In English this week we have been adding to our toolkits that help us describe a setting. We have learned that adjectives, similes and repetitive phrases all improve our writing and we've transferred these skills to descriptions of toadstools, trees and fairies in a magical forest (the setting of our text, A Midsummer Night's Dream). Next week we will be applying these skills to a new context in Big Write.

In maths we have been subtracting in tens and ones using base ten and spotting patterns and similarities when finding the difference. Please keep an eye out for a great maths game you can easily play at home every day with your child. In topic work we enjoyed publishing our fact files about William Shakespeare and the children loved their second swimming lesson today! Thanks for your ongoing support, have a lovely weekend.

Year 2

We have had a great week in year 2. This week started to learn our forest setting description for our topic A midsummer Night's Dream. The children have been exploring similes, power of 3 sentences (bright, colourful and sparkly.) and have started to look at alliteration. They will have their first big write on Monday about this setting so please take time to practise this over the weekend. We have continued with subtraction in maths and children have been subtracting in ones and then moving on to partitioning the second number and subtracting in tens and ones.

In our drama workshops we have been looking at the settings of the three different stories in A Midsummer Night's Dream and freeze-framing these. We have also imagined what the character might be saying at exactly that moment. Have a lovely weekend!



Year 3

Hello everyone!

Year 3 have been learning how to use place value counters to subtract with regrouping. This then showed us the relationship with column subtraction.

In English we have been looking at what makes a great character description. We have been looking at using adjectives effectively; how to 'show not tell' and make the character believable.

Art involved us learning about templates and why they can be really useful when making items we want to be exactly the same. We had a go at making templates then created tessellating patterns.

Have a great weekend, Miss Bell and Fred.

Dates for diaries

Year 1 Swimming: 13th January - 10th February 2017

Year 2 Swimming: 24th February - 31st March 2017

Year 3 class assembly: 26th January

Year 2 class assembly: 2nd February

Year 1 class assembly: 9th February

Reception's assembly will take place after the half term

Coffee afternoons: every Friday, 2-3pm

Gold Stars of the Week

Reception: Ibrahim, Kippe

Year 1: Teo

Year 2: Akari, Oskar, Adam

Year 3: Ben Zeno

Attendance

Target: 98%

Reception: 93%

Year 1: 93%

Year 2: 98%

Year 3: 95%



Well done again Year 2!