



**abacus**  
BELSIZE PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Weekly Newsletter



**22nd September 2017**

Dear Parents,

Another productive week at Abacus has flown by! You will be receiving an Autumn Term Schedule which will outline all events and trips planned for the Autumn Term. Information about each event will be sent to you closer to the time, this is intended as an overview so that you have enough notice to be able to attend these. We are particularly excited to be introducing half termly outdoor learning weeks and classes are busy planning these for October. You will also note that we are planning on inviting some owls in for the children to meet – there is the opportunity for your child to hold an owl for a picture which will be framed and sent to you. If you are interested in this option, please email into the office as this will need to be pre-booked. Please note that the cost for this option will be £5.

Have a lovely weekend and Happy New Year to all our families celebrating this weekend.

**Mrs Stephanie Savvides-Howell**

### Reception

I hope you have had a great week. We have been very busy in Reception this week. We have started our Phonics. In Phonics we learn the sounds that letters make and we can put these sounds together to read and write words. This week we have learnt the sounds for s and a. We have also been investigating rhyming words this week.

In Maths we have continued to improve our counting skills, by placing a certain amount of objects in to different pots, as well as matching numerals to different quantities. Next week we will be learning all about estimation.

Our new book for our topic superheroes is 'Super Worm'. We have been looking at different habitats with special focus on a worm's habitat. We have planned our own worm habitat which we will be making next week.

Home work and reading books have been sent out, with a letter explaining the different activities.

Have a great weekend and speak to you soon.

Mr Owens, Jackie and Anna

FAB

Dear Abacus families,

Welcome back to school! :-) FAB, Friends of Abacus Belsize, our school Parent group, will be hosting a Back-to-school family picnic in the park next Sunday, September 24th 2:00-4:00 pm. Location is Downshire Hill small fenced in playground (just past Freemason Arms pub) near corner of willow Rd and Downshire Hill and across from Heath duck ponds near Hampstead overground station. It will be a Teddy Bear picnic theme, so bring your family and your favourite cuddly toy and picnic lunch and beverages, hope to see you there! Feel free to bring your own futbol, toys, bubbles, sand toys for your children. In the event of inclement weather, we will cancel and postpone for a later date via whatsapp. Please watch for messages. FAB, Friends of Abacus Belsize Primary

#### Year 1

We've had a busy week in Year 1 this week! We've been performing and rehearsing the Supertato story that we have been learning this term. We've done a super job at writing sentences about the characters in our story, using 'and' to connect our ideas together. In maths, we've been learning how to read and write written number words that we are fast becoming experts at! In topic, we have been learning about healthy lifestyles of a balanced diet and ways to stay healthy- we've even thought about how Superheroes can stay healthy! We enjoyed celebrating Rosh Hashanah with our classmates, and got to taste some apple with honey!

#### Year 2

Hello. We hope you've had a lovely week.

This week has been a busy week for year 2. In English we have been working hard on learning our Traction Man story (ask your child to re-tell it to you!) We wrote as much of the story as we could and today we have been learning how to be text detectives to edit and improve our own work.

In maths we have been looking at parts of numbers and used a number line to add. Some children even looked at partitioning numbers to add them quickly on the number-line.

In science we used the goose-chase app to investigate parts of a skeleton. Since we are using technology in many different ways, we have been looking into how to keep safe online or when we are using any type of technology. When we are safe online it is easy for us to have fun and learn new things! In topic today we looked at real-life super-heros and how people help us in different ways. We really enjoyed our special visitor on Wednesday. A massive thank you to Ben's mum for teaching us about Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday and bringing us apple and honey.

Have a lovely weekend.

#### Year 3

Hello everyone,

This week we got started on our new Talk for Writing text, "Peacock", we made story maps and even story mountains and learnt the opening section which we'll be practising over the weekend.

In Maths we have had fun using number spinners to help us with comparing and ordering three digit numbers. In Science we have been continuing our plants topic. This week we went to St Pancras Gardens to collect plant data and investigate leaves.

As part of our India topic we have listened to sitar and tabla music, and explored India's different climate zones. We'll be doing some research over the weekend too to see what else we can find out about India.

Have a great weekend!

#### Year 4

Dear Parents,

Another busy week has flown by in your Year 4. I was delighted to see so many exciting homework projects come in – they have pride of place on our topic wall. In English we've been rewriting the story of The Peacock before we move on to the imitation phase next week –changing characters and events but using the original story as a 'coat hanger' for our own. In maths we've been rounding four digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and establishing rules to make generalisations. In our topic work this week we've been learning all about how mountains are formed and the 28 different mountain ranges in India. Ask your child to teach you some of our actions that help us to remember them!

Have a lovely weekend, all!