



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Learner of the Week

FSN Nicola Toy
FSBB Samuel Wheeler
1S Findlay Crawford
1P Kaleb Snow
2G Billy Short
2D Grace Woodard
3E Alex Bush
3P Evelyn Simpson
4J Grace Parker
4S Ryli McGavigan
5P Mickey Clark
5B Tyler Fennell
6P Tobias Groover
6H Connor Clapp

Multiplication Tests

3E	75%
3P	91%
4J	21%
4S	18%
5P	62%
5B	74%
6P	66%
6H	21%

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Ryan Land
FSBB Robert Short
1S Shanaya Pike
1P Henri Bulley
2G Hudson Wilkins
2D Jaicee Butler
3E Lachlan Adams
3P Gracee Sandercock
4J Miley Hill
4S Ronnie Tinniswood
5P Mickey Clark
5B James Williams
6P Jodie Dilks
6H Archie Parkins

Best Attendance

FSN - 100%

Monday 9 January 2017



Message from Miss Davis, Team Leader for Year 1 & 2

The Key Stage 1 team would like to wish all children and their families a very happy new year! The children have settled well into the Spring Term, and are looking forward to studying new topics.

Year 1 begin the term with the topic of 'Materials'. Throughout this science based topic, they will explore and describe a range of common materials, such as wood, plastic and glass, and will describe the properties of each. The children will then use this exploration to help them to compare and group everyday materials based on their physical properties. Children will also identify which materials are used to make everyday objects and why those materials are chosen for particular

purposes.

The second topic of the Spring Term will be 'Toys'. The children will use their new-found knowledge of materials to discover which materials are used to make different toys. Children will also visit the museum, where they will explore toys from different historical periods.

In Year 2, the children will learn all about 'The Great Fire of London'. Developing their understanding of chronology, the children will be transported back to the year of 1666, where they will learn all about the causes of the fire and the consequences for London resulting from this important event. The children will learn how to locate London on a map, and will find out about the important landmarks in the city. They will also study Samuel Pepys' diary of the time, and write their own diary entry. As part of this topic, children will take part in a fun historical experiences day, organised by the RAMM, Exeter.

The second topic of the Spring Term will be 'Materials'. The children will build upon their learning from the materials topic in Year 1, and will discover that materials can be natural and man-made. They will also explore where common materials (such as wood, oil and rubber) come from.



Message from Miss Pearson, Team Leader for Year 3 & 4

This year in Year 3 we will be covering a variety of topics. We did not manage to cover our work on 'Light and Dark' and 'Hinduism' last term so we will be continuing with this in the first few weeks. We will then be looking at 'Forces and Magnets'. We will be linking our texts within English to our topic. One of these will include 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. This will also link to our next topic which will be 'Britishness'! We will look at the geography of Britain, Saints Day, study a British artist and we may even learn a bit of Welsh! We are also hoping to arrange a trip to Exmouth beach to do some very British seaside things! The Maths curriculum continues to be

supported by the new 'Maths No Problem' scheme of work.

This term Year 4 will be studying a variety of topics. We will look at 'Electricity', its uses and safety issues. Hopefully we will be able to incorporate some Design and Technology. We will then be studying 'Britain during the Roman Invasion', concentrating on major changes that happened. There will be a visit from Exeter Museum on one day that will end in a mock Celts V Roman battle. Maths and English will be taught discreetly using quality books, such as 'Dr K Fisher' and 'How a Dog Really Works' as starting points.

Any resources and information that you may have at home to do with these topics would be very welcome! Year 4 would really appreciate any junk cylinders (such as pringle or kitchen towel tubes) before half term please.

We are very much looking forward to the exciting term ahead!

This newsletter will be available on the school website under the 'News' section

Diary Dates

Tag Rugby Tournament
- 24 January

Football Tournament -
31 January

Year 3 & 4 Bikeability -
30 & 31 January

Friends Meeting - 1
February 2pm

Term Dates

Spring Half Term
Monday 13 February -
Friday 17 February

Last Day of Term
Friday 31 March

Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 18 April

First Day of Summer
Term
Wednesday 19 April

May Bank Holiday
Monday 1 May

Summer Half Term
Monday 29 May -
Friday 2 June

Last Day of Summer
Term
Friday 21 July

Term dates for next
year should be availa-
ble soon



Message from Mrs Budden, Team Leader for Year 5 & 6

The staff of Upper Years would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

In Year 5 this term, children will be learning through an art topic linked to the story 'The Ice Bear' by Jackie Morris. This will be a stimulus for their English writing and grammar work as they will be writing stories about other animals. 'The Ice Bear' work will link with their learning in geography as they study polar bears, climate change and carry out atlas work.

In the second half of the Spring term the Year 5 children will be studying 'Earth and Space', thinking about the movement of the earth and other planets in relation to the sun in the solar system. They will learn more about forces, including gravity and air resistance. During PE, children will learn more about gymnastics, including paired and group balances, different ways to travel and consider how to link moves smoothly to make more interesting sequences. The link between gym work and forces will be made explicit as the children explore counter-balances.

In Year 6, the children have already begun their topic of 'Castles' and started to research and learn more about King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. They will be learning about the location of castles and fortresses, thinking about settlements as well as chivalry, customs and legends. In English lessons they will be writing their own legends based on the Arthurian stories. The children will be learning and creating dances during PE sessions as well as continuing with Forest Schools.

In Maths they will be continuing to practise their arithmetic skills as well as work on negative numbers, coordinates, multi-step word problems and other areas of revision. To support your child further with their maths learning, there are lots of good revision websites such as bbc/revisewise.

Mrs Evans will continue to teach music and Mrs Addy will teach French to both Year 5 and Year 6 classes this term.

Please come and speak to me, or your child's teacher, if you have any feedback or questions about your child's learning.

SATs Question - taken from a Maths Key Stage 2 paper for 1 mark

$$89,994 + 7,643 =$$

Answer to last week's question - the two numbers that need to be added together to make 0.25 are:

$$0.05 + 0.2 = 0.25$$

Severe Weather - if our region should experience severe weather during this winter and the school has to close, we will try to make a decision as early in the morning as possible. We will then inform parents by text and a message will also be placed on our website. In addition, information will be broadcast on local BBC radio and Heart radio. Please ensure that you keep us up to date with all your new contact details, including new mobile numbers.

Wow Slips -

Hayden Butt - has been a resilient rhino. At martial arts club he has taken his first grading and passed to achieve his purple belt. Well done.