



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Learner of the Week

FSBB Oliver Rapo
1S Phoebe Groover
1P Lucas Gibbins
2G Alexa Gooding
2D Basti Ferdinando
3E Millie Snell
3P Finley Baker
4J Aurora Fewings
4S Tilly Matthews
5P Grace Boys
5B Zane Holbrooke-
Jones
6P Daniel Humm
6H Jodie Vincent

Multiplication Tests

3E 33%
3P 65%
4J 64%
4S 44%
5P 44%
5B 68%
6P 57%

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Kayla Penberthy
FSBB Archie Skinner
1S Maisie Patchett
1P Billy Phillips
2G Lottie Wilkins
2D Billy Morgan
3E Millie Snell
3P Liam Coles
4J Talia White
4S Zack Douglas
5P Grace Boys
5B Josie Long
6P Conor Warren
6H Keira Bawden

Best Attendance

3E - 100%

Tuesday 2 May 2017

Friends of HPS

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Yummy Friday - thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale last week. We raised £111.68.

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Dinner Menu - there is an amendment to the new menu. On the Thursday of week three, the kitchen will not be cooking scrambled egg, so the main option will be sausage, bacon and omelette.

Costumes and Props - the school is putting on a production called 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' and would really appreciate any red and white stripy tops, blue and white stripy tops, small waistcoats, old jeans that could be de-stressed, bandanas, pirate and sailor hats and anything else that you think might be useful.

Exmoor Challenge - We are very proud of our Year 6 students who have shown resilience, dedication and team work this past month in preparing to represent Heathcoat over the arduous 16.1 mile walk. Both teams have been committed from the start, listening carefully and developing their navigation, map reading skills and physical endurance needed to complete the course over challenging terrain. We are delighted that both our teams successfully accomplished the event with one of our groups being awarded the Seward Cup for the best primary school team, a massive

accomplishment when you realise the amount of schools that train for the event from all over the region. Well done to Jodie, Gemma, Keira, Meryl, Callum, Tobias, Christina and Anna. A big thank you to all the parents, Mr Pryce, Mr Hagley, Mr Newsome and especially Mrs Soper. Without their time and dedication this fabulous opportunity would not be possible.

Keeping Children Safe Online - Teachers have recently been reviewing the PANTS rule with the children. If you would like to follow this up at home, further information can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/underwear-rule-schools-teaching-resources/>. As you are aware we regularly talk to the children about keeping themselves safe online and this includes sharing photographs. From next week teachers in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be sharing a cartoon clip about a boy called Alex sharing an inappropriate photograph with a friend. If you would like to look at the clip it can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/teaching-resources/>. If you have any questions please talk to the class teacher.

Finally now the summer has arrived and the children are playing on the grass, many of the children will be doing handstands. If any of the girls are feeling uncomfortable about showing their underwear they can put their PE shorts on underneath their dress or skirt.

SATs Question - taken this week from the KS2 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling paper for 1 mark.

Circle all the prepositions in the sentence below.
He walked through the doorway and sat behind the desk.

Answer to last week's question - five less than ten million is 9,999,995.

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

Diary Dates

Class Photos - 4 May

SATs Week - 8-11 May

Year 3 Paignton Zoo -
17 May

Term Dates

Summer Half Term
Monday 29 May -
Friday 2 June

Last Day of Summer
Term
Friday 21 July

First Day of Autumn
Term
Tuesday 5 September

Autumn Half Term
Monday 23 October -
Friday 27 October

Last Day of Autumn
Term
Friday 15 December

First Day of Spring
Term
Wednesday 3 January
2018

Spring Half Term
Monday 12 February -
Friday 16 February

Last Day of Spring
Term
Thursday 29 March

First Day of Summer
Term
Monday 16 April

May Bank Holiday
Monday 7 May

Miss Davis, Key Stage 1 Team Leader

The Key Stage One team would like to welcome all children back to school for the Summer Term. This term is always very busy, and we also hope for good weather!

In Year 1, the topic for the first part of the Summer Term will be Animals. Throughout this topic, the children will learn to name common animals, and to describe their features, how to classify them into the main animal groups, the different habitats that animals live in and their diets. Linking to the text 'Bear's Magic Pencil' the children will find out about endangered animals and what is being done to save those species. In the second half of the Summer Term, the topic will be Food and Farming and The High Street. Throughout this fun topic, children gain an understanding of the different food groups and where our food comes from. They will also visit Tiverton high street to learn about the different shops and the products that can be bought there. The children will also get to visit Pennywell Farm and will spend a fun day with the animals! Tying in with this topic, the children will continue to build on their learning about the different seasons of the year, and will find out what happens to the weather and our surrounding environment during the summertime.

In Year 2, we will be beginning the term by learning about plants, and what they need to help them to grow healthily. They will also learn to name some common plants and will conduct a science investigation to discover which conditions cress will grow best in. Our next topic has a geography focus, and we will be learning about 'All Around the World: Tiverton, Britain and Beyond'. During this topic, the children will be learning geographical facts about the world, including the names of the continents and the names of some countries and capital cities. When we start this topic, we would appreciate any postcards, photos or artefacts from countries that the children have visited.

Both year groups will be practising their sporting skills ready for a KS1 sports day. Year 1 will learn how to keep themselves clean and healthy and the Year 2 children will be developing their knowledge of health and exercise further by learning about the effect of exercise on the body.

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to us if you have any concerns; approach your child's teacher in the first instance, and then speak to me if you require extra advice. Thank you for your continued support.



Miss Pearson, Middle Years Team Leader

Welcome back! I hope you had a fun, jam-packed, but restful Easter holiday?! In Middle Years we are all looking forward to an exciting, 'warm-weathered' (hopefully) term of learning and fun with some gardening too. Again, we will be covering a variety of topics. We will be looking at 'Plants'; the parts of plants and their functions, pollination and seed dispersal.

Then we will continue our science work, but will be looking at 'Skeletons, Muscles and Movement'. We have planned a trip to Paignton Zoo to help with this topic. In the second half of the summer term our topic will be 'The Ancient Greeks'. We will teach our history and geography work through this topic and also our English. We will look at 'Myths and Legends' and the children will be creating their own monsters and gods, writing



about them and illustrating them. We will also explore different art techniques to hopefully replicate some ancient Greek artwork!

Year 4 will start by studying 'Habitats and Adaptation' this term. This will include a trip to the local canal where we will do some pond-dipping to investigate the animals and plants that live in that habitat. This trip will also lead into our unit on 'Rivers and Waterways', in which we will study the River Exe from its source to its mouth. We will look at 'Sound' in science and we are hoping to have enough time to learn about 'Mountains and Volcanoes' before the end of term. The Maths curriculum continues and is supported by the new 'Maths No Problem' scheme of work.

Any resources and information that you may have at home to do with these topics would be very welcome!

Mrs Budden, Upper Years Team Leader

We would like to welcome all of the children back after the Easter break and give you some information about what will be happening during the final term of this academic year.

In Year 6 the children will be studying 'Explorers'. During this topic they will be writing chronological newspaper reports and studying the auto-biographies of famous explorers. They will also be writing instruction texts, fact files, information pages and recounts.

SATs will take place in the week commencing 8 May, including assessments for children in Reading, Maths and Spelling/Grammar (SPaG).

More information will be sent to you regarding these tests, but in the meantime you can support your child at home by hearing them read at home and discussing words that they are unsure of; encouraging them to practise their spellings and multiplication tables; and by using BBC Revisewise online to play maths and English games.

In science, children will be learning about 'Living Things and Classification', followed by 'Evolution and Inheritance'. Children will consider how humans and animals evolve over time and how traits can be inherited from parents. This will also link to SRE and changes in the body.

In PE sessions they will be taught the skills for striking and fielding games. Children in both Years 5 and 6 will also be learning athletic skills such as javelin and running races. In Year 5, children will be taught cricket on a Monday and will go swimming on Friday each week.

'Islamic Civilization' is the current topic, during which the children will be finding out more about the Round City and life in 900AD. They will be creating artwork, and reading the book 'The Day of Ahmed's Secret' which will inspire their story writing.

The children in Year 5 will also be rehearsing for the 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' which will be performed in the week before half term. They have already begun to learn songs for the show. They will also be learning dances, making props, decorating scenery, designing posters and tickets in preparation for performing a super show for parents and the other pupils.

We are looking forward to an exciting final term. If you have any questions about the curriculum, please speak to me or to your child's class teacher.



Other News - Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Keller who are expecting their second child towards the end of the year.