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Our Christian Value for next Half Term is **Friendship**

9-13th May KS2 SATs Week

19th May Nest visit to Church Farm

26th May Queen's Jubilee Workshop

27th May Queen's Jubilee Garden Party

27th May Last school day before Half Term

6th June Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday

7th June Children back to school

7th June Year 6 visit to Walsingham

24th June Beech visit to Pensthorpe Park

26th June Summer Fete

30th June Chestnut visit to Sandringham

1st July Year 6 Disco

5th July Sports Day

7th July Sports Day (reserve date)

15th July Weeting Steam Rally

22nd July Last school day before Summer Holiday

There will be more information to follow about some of the above events.

Newsletter

As part of our ongoing commitment to improve communications with parents, I will be writing a weekly newsletter from this point forward, focussed solely on Weeting. I hope they are a worthy read. Each week, we will take the opportunity to celebrate achievement in school and let you know as much as possible what is going on in each of the classes. I will endeavour to get it out to you every Friday, but please don't think too badly of me if it is sometimes late!

If there is anything going on in the local area which you think other parents would benefit from knowing, please email the School Office address (above). Thank you for taking the time to read this, the partnership between home and school is so important.

Mr J Steeden

Start of Term

It's been a very busy start to the Term with bake sales, parents' consultations and discos amongst other things - we needed the long weekend to recover! Well done to those involved in organising these things - it is much appreciated.

A number of you have asked me over the past couple of months about when educational trips will start up again after the Pandemic. I'm delighted to say that each teacher is now looking into a visit for the Summer Term for their class and they will be contacting you soon with some details. It will be great to give the opportunity for the children to start learning outside of the classroom again.

Parent Consultations

I hope that your conversations during parent consultations were useful - it is so important that we work as a team to support the progress of the children - and having face-to-face meetings once more is a vital part of this partnership.

Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)

For the first time in three years, primary schools across the country are busily preparing for Year 6 SATs, which start next Monday and continue through Thursday. Our Year 6 children have been studying hard all year in preparation, and we wish them the very best of luck next week. We are very proud of them all and are sure they will do their absolute best.

Our Year 2 children are also preparing for their Key Stage 1 tests, which take place for our children later in May. We are sure those children will do themselves and the school proud as well.



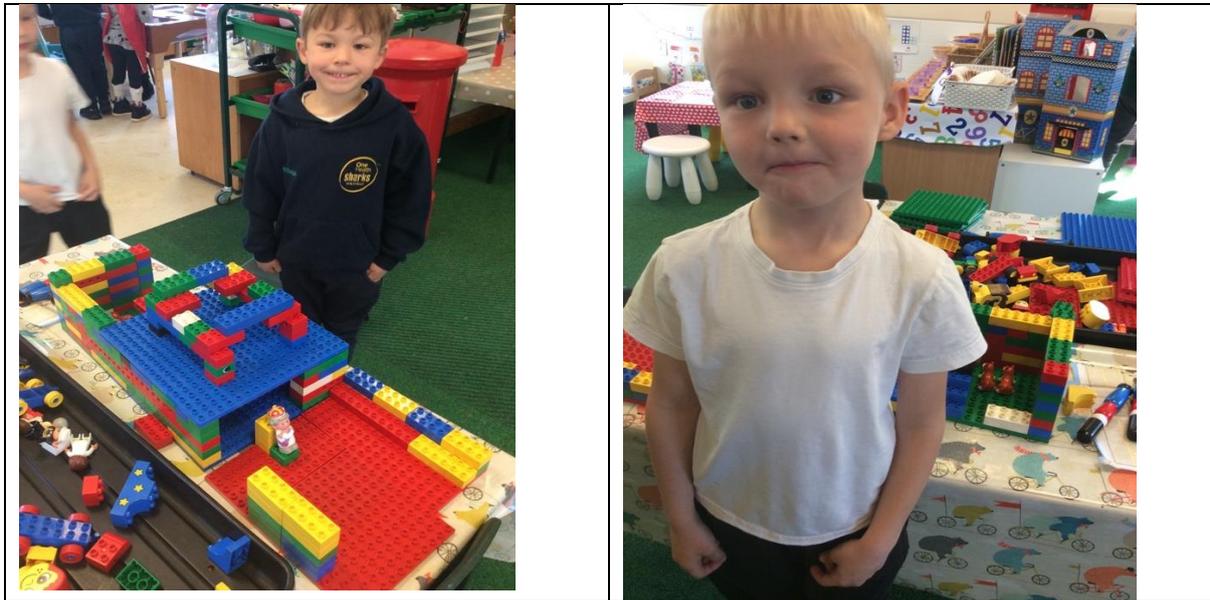
The children have been very busy this week – here's what's happening in your child's class:

Chestnut

This week Chestnut Class have been exploring their new theme "Kings and Queens". The children have learnt about Queen Elizabeth II and found out that she has been Queen for 70 years – even longer than Miss Hardie and Mrs Powell have been at school! The children learnt that the Queen wears a crown, some of the time, and sits on a throne. We looked at the Throne Room in Buckingham Palace and Grace decided that it looked very comfy and that the Queen could do her knitting there! The children have learnt about the Union Jack and the Royal Standard and that the Union Jack only flies at Buckingham Palace when the Queen is actually living there.

Bobby and Leo created Buckingham Palace using the Duplo and included a garden for the corgis and a throne for Queen Elizabeth.

The children have painted portraits of the Queen wearing her crown and used sequins to represent the jewels.



Beech

This week, Beech Class have been writing a setting description and practising using adjectives and similes to create a picture in the mind of the reader. Eddie wrote: "The water in the lake was as warm as a cookie in the oven."

Connie wrote: "The water is as deep and dark as space."

We are also improving our writing by using synonyms. The trees in the jungle are no longer just 'big', they are 'huge', 'towering', 'gigantic' and 'enormous'!

Elm

Elm class this week have been focusing on creating a recount of the battle between Beowulf and Grendel from the perspective of Beowulf. Elm have demonstrated an excellent understanding of using first person, past tense and chronological order to retell the events clearly. Lastly, Elms major success this week comes from their amazing ability to use the dictionary and thesaurus to identify words and their meaning and exploring new words they can replace them with to create the best description possible to keep their readers interested. Well done Elm class for a brilliant week!

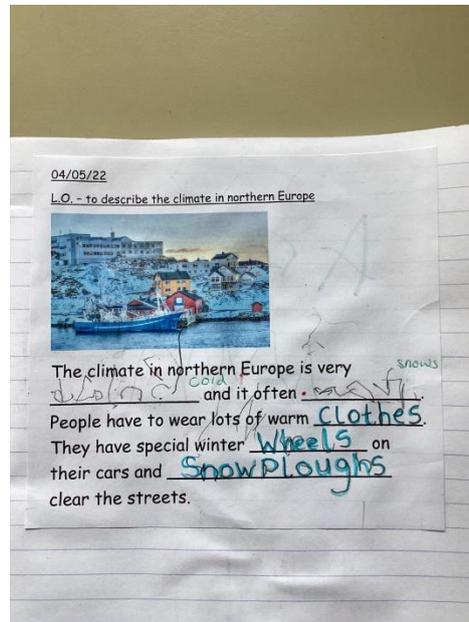
Oak

There has been a great amount of fraction work going on in Oak Class this week. Adding of fractions, subtracting fractions, equivalent fractions, fractions of shapes – fractions everywhere. By Friday, the children were getting a fraction tired of it all! During guided reading sessions, they have started to focus on Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson, which is a great book.

The Nest

This week in The Nest we have welcomed a new class member. We have been trying hard to welcome our new friend by taking turns when playing and enjoying snack time altogether.

We have been working incredibly hard on our independent writing and have correctly identified that Northern Europe is cold and that it often snows. Even our youngest pupils are trying really hard to form our letters when writing. This is Alfie's fantastic writing:



Awards of the Week

Well done to all the children for their hard work this week. The following children were particularly celebrated for their effort and achievement in class.

Lucas and Ronnie in Chestnut, Mollie and Teddy in Beech; Ashdon and Harriet in Elm, Olivia K and Olivia S in Oak, Alfie in The Nest.

Attendance

School attendance has been on the up since we came back from the Easter holidays. Thank you so much for supporting the school with this. It is so important that we work together on this issue and continue the upward trend. Below is the attendance for each class for the past week – the Government target for attendance across the country is **95%**.

Chestnut – 96.7%; Beech – 98.7%; Elm – 96.6%; Oak – 92.6%; The Nest – 81.6%.

Whole school attendance was: 92.5%.

Well done to Beech Class for having the best attendance in school during this time.

Whole school attendance this term is currently: 93%.

Whole school attendance this school year (since September) is currently: 89.9%.



In this week's Picture News assembly, we focussed on the following question...



Eastern Daily Press tokens – Sports Equipment for Schools



Last term we had an amazing response to our Books for Schools collecting. We successfully collected enough tokens to select £100 worth of books for our school library. Thank you to all our friends and families who helped.

Starting on Monday 9th May the Eastern Daily Press is launching its new token collection where we will have the chance to purchase new sports equipment for the children to use at playtimes and lunchtimes. Tokens can be collected daily in the Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Evening News, and weekly in the North Norfolk News, Dereham Times, Fakenham Times, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Lowestoft Journal and Great Yarmouth Mercury. Please drop your tokens off to Miss Hardie in Chestnut Class.



Mr Steeden's Joke of the Week

Everybody living in my street wears a jumper two sizes too small for them. We're a very tight knit community. (Sorry)

And Finally...

I hope you all have a good weekend. In particular, I hope our Year 6 children get plenty of rest and come in on Monday morning ready to show how much they have learned during their primary school careers.

Thank you for all the support you provide for the children and our academy!