

This week's Big Talk...

What could we grow in the school garden?.....

Head Teacher's Comment – from Helen Davies

This week has been extremely busy in school. Reception children were very lucky to have had a visit and talk from a parent who is a nurse. I know that they found it very interesting and they all listened very carefully.

Year 2 have been extremely busy working hard on their Fire of London topic and alongside the KS1 SATS next week, they will be looking at 'Saving the Ocean'. Well done to Y2 for all their hard work so far!

Today, I met with various members for the Parent Council. It was lovely to put faces to names and introduce myself to them. I am extremely conscious that there has been a large amount of change for the children and parents at our school since the beginning of the academic year. I look forward to meeting with you all again and working alongside you in the future. In this connection, we will be organising an Afternoon Tea event for you to meet with the new leadership team.

Class photographs were on Wednesday and order forms should be back at school and ready to go home just after half term.

Have a lovely weekend!

Latest news from Isle of Ely Primary School...

- KS1 SATs week commencing 13th May 2019.
- Miss Housden will be leaving us at May half term to begin her maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to meeting baby in due course.
- Miss Lloyd will teach in Butterfly class after May half term.
- Miss Fitzpatrick will return to Bumblebee class after May half term, following completion of her KS2 secondment this half term.
- Gardening Club, with Mrs Hunter, will begin Monday 13th May.

Dates for your diary...

Next week:

- Thursday 16th May – Year 2 – History off the Page – Great Fire of London

Forward Planning:

- Wednesday 22nd May – Meeting for parents starting in Reception September 2019
- Thursday 23rd May – Break Up
- Monday 3rd June – School begins
- Wednesday 5th June – Curriculum Evening 18.00
- 24th June – Arts Week
- Wednesday 26th June – Parents' Share Session (Year 1 & Year 3/4)
- Thursday 27th June – Parents' Share Session (Little Elvers, Reception & Year 2)
- Thursday 11th July – Sports Day

Head teacher's Award

Ladybird Class – Ava for aiming high in all her challenges this week, well done to them.

Butterfly Class - Sofia for staying positive and working hard, well done to them.

Dragonfly Class – Lily for using her imagination when creating her new superhero, well done to them.

Bumblebee Class –Emma for well thought through predicting and testing in Science, well done to them.

Caterpillar Class – Hadley for some amazing learning this week, well done to them.

Spider Class – Grace M for aiming high and working at home on her Maths, well done to them.

Moth Class – Catherine for using her imagination and staying positive, well done to them.

Wasp Class – Harry for working really hard on his English this week, well done to them.

Earwig Class – Kessie for consistently aiming high and always having a positive attitude towards her work, well done to them.

What we've done this week...

Reception: This week we have been learning about Police and how they help us.

In literacy, we have been making wanted posters and helping the police write descriptive lists. We have been using Talk4Writing to re-tell the story The Little Red Hen. Please ask your child to share the story and actions with you. In maths, we have been continuing to solve number problems and learning how to count in 10's. In science, we have been looking at electrical and non-electrical items.

Reception had a visit from Laura Munt, a nurse, on Monday and all the children got to explore items from her nurse's bag. Reception would like to thank her for her time.

Tricky word of the week: **All**. The children have been using this word in both spoken and written language.

Year One: In English we have been using a range of alliteration and similes to describe our new, created superheros. Next week we will be beginning to innovate our own versions of Supertato. In Maths we have been looking at 1 or 10 more and less of a 2-digit number. The children have been using concrete resources to help discover their answers. In theme, it was the last week looking at our body and our senses. We finished our big question on completing a range of different experiments which consisted of predicting and testing out our senses, the children were natural scientists.

Year Two: This week year 2 have been working really hard on our Great Fire of London News reports.

In Maths we have been recapping measure, money and time. Please continue to practise these at home with your child to support their learning.

In Theme we have continued our Great Fire of London learning, focusing on Christopher Wren who redesigned London. We have been acting out our newspaper reports and pretending to be news reporters.

We will continue to have PE on Mondays and Thursdays.

Please remember next week we have our Great Fire of London day and the children will need to come dressed up.

Year Three and Four: This week in Year 3/4 we have been exploring Natural Disasters in more depth, looking at real case studies and events that have happened in the past. The children have then created their own newspaper report from this, with brilliant titles such as 'Aggravated Avalanche reaches town', 'Terrifying tsunami crushes the coastline'. They will complete these before working on comparing the natural disasters and the aftermath of them.

In Maths this week we have begun looking at shapes and the properties of these. Particularly focusing on quadrilaterals. One question the children asked frequently was 'What is a polygon?', ask them at home and see if they can tell you.

The children have continued with their efforts on 'The Caravan' using the story to find effective language and sentence techniques. They have built a log of all the words and phrases they would like to magpie for their own story.

Thank you for bringing in the plastic bottles, we have had great fun creating the chemical reactions, although, the corridor smelt strongly of vinegar!!!!

PTA News

Diary Dates:

Isle Fest - Saturday 6 July 11.00 - 15.00

PTA News:

ISLE FEST ADVERTISING

We have been given a fantastic opportunity to have Isle Fest advertised on billboards by a local Estate Agent. This will really help us to raise the profile of the event and to also increase the money raised for the school.

If you would like to support us by having a board placed outside your house, please get in touch.

Many thanks!

The PTA Committee

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