

Hunton & Arrathorne Community Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is a bit of a strange newsletter this week – and it has been a bit of a strange week! Year 5/6 have been having a fabulous time in London – enjoying a walking tour of the sites, a visit to the spectacular 'Lion King' and tea at Pizza Hut. Today they will be visiting the Natural History Museum, the London Eye and paying a special visit to Downing Street. Celebration Assembly will return next week once we are all back together again!

I know that the staff in school have been incredibly proud of how hard the children back in Hunton have worked – we have one more week together before half-term and, as usual before half-term, next week is art-week. We are busily preparing for our Art Exhibition at Richmond Station – a huge thanks for all of the frames.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank both the staff and governors who have given up their free time to ensure the trip to London can happen, and the staff back in school for going over and above to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Have a great weekend, Mr. Donaldson

Around the Classes...

Robin Class – Rec: We have been enjoying our book of the week, 'Look Up' this week which sparked us to think about what we would take to space if we were an astronaut and writing lists of what we would pack. We have also been making a story map following the story, sequencing and retelling the story. In PE we have been developing our fundamental skills, with a focus on jumping this week! In maths we have been delving deeper into growing 6,7,8! The children have enjoyed getting creative in the playdoh and craft cafe area - making some wonderful rockets, planets and stars!

<u>Robin Class – Year 1:</u> Robins have continued to work incredibly hard, producing some fantastic work. Our English work has ended by writing a short narrative with a link towards our text called 'Look Up!' We have continued working on place value in Maths and I was so impressed with their positive attitudes and use of mathematical language in comparing and grouping numbers. RE made us think about places and objects special to us. We have been 'happy and healthy' on the playground this week exploring with lots of different play equipment.

<u>Kingfisher Class – Year 2:</u> Year 2 have had a busy week! In English we have planned our own 'twisted fairytales' after feeling so inspired after reading 'The Stinky Cheeseman' – we can't wait to write them. In Maths we have continued to work hard developing our understanding of multiplication including through the use of pictures and arrays – why not ask us what 'commutative' means?! At the end of the week, Year 2 have joined their friends in Partridge Class as they come together to think about sustainability and how we can be change-makers. I can't wait to see what they have been up to!

Partridge Class – Year 3/4: Partridge Class have had a fantastic week this week, particularly impressing me with their persuasive writing. We have been researching lots of facts about climate change to help us, linking to our geography work which is all about sustainability. We have been so fascinated by how we can help the planet, that we continued work on this with Mrs Cromey Hawke and Mrs Tunmore, whilst Miss Pole was in London with Woodpeckers. We carried out more research and created a presentation for the rest of the class. We also designed a bug hotel to make help make our school more environmentally friendly! We really have been change makers this week. Well done Partridges!

<u>Woodpecker Class – Year 5/6:</u> A bit of a different week for the Woodpeckers this week as we find ourselves having a brilliant time in London! The children have had a wonderful (and very busy!) first day, seeing many of the main tourist sights as well as enjoying a trip to the theatre to see The Lion King in the evening! An unforgettable first day has been had by all and we could not be prouder of how the children have behaved throughout. We have more exciting things to look forward to tomorrow, including The London Eye, before the journey back tomorrow afternoon. They will all be in need of a well-deserved rest this weekend!

Safeguarding Reminders

Mr. Sam Donaldson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mr. Gavin Cope is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Mrs. Louise Wyatt is the Safeguarding Link Governor.

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named above, in confidence.