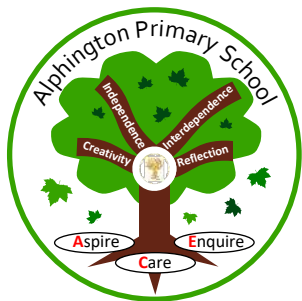




Alphington Primary School

Newsletter

16/06/2023



Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a busy and hot two weeks back in school! It has been wonderful seeing pupils enjoying the outdoor space and starting their last half term of the year. It will also be a very busy end of the year with lots of forthcoming events such as Sports Days, Year 4 trip and sleepover, Year 5 residential, Year 1 trip to Dartmoor Zoo, Year 6 show and our Summer Fete! I have passed on your thoughts and best wishes to Miss Tarr who is very much missing school!

Curriculum Maps:

This half term, the curriculum will look a little different in each year group. During the last two weeks, pupils have continued to explore their current theme from last half term and will now be moving onto a DT theme of 'Alphington Invents.' Foundation, Year 5 and Year 6 will be continuing with their current theme for a little longer. You will be able to view these curriculum maps, on our website and Facebook page.

Sports Day:

We are excited to be holding our KS1 and KS2 sports day in school over the next few weeks.

Key Stage one will be taking place on **Friday 23rd June** and will start at 1:15pm and parents/carers can arrive after 1:00pm.

Key Stage Two will be on **Friday 7th July** Y5/6: 9:30am – 12:00pm and Y3/4: 1:15pm – 3:00pm.

If you are staying for both the morning and afternoon sessions, to ensure we can run lunchtime for all other year groups and are able to set up for Year 3 and 4, we will ask that you leave site between 12:00pm and 1:00pm. Children should wear appropriate sports kit to school on this day – e.g. shorts, t-shirt and trainers. Pupils are encouraged to wear their house colours.

Children will be reminded of their houses by their class teacher.

Fire: red Water: blue Earth: green Air: yellow

Lost Property:

We have a growing amount of lost property in the accessible toilet by the playground double doors. Please have a look to see if there is anything that belongs to your child.



Year News

Preschool:

We have been super busy in Ladybirds this week! The children have had their hook day and took a flight on Alphington airlines, where they travelled around the world! They were risk taking Rosies and tried fruits all the seven different continents and learnt dances from around the world too. The children spent some time on the 'beach' and enjoyed learning our new continents song. For the remainder of this half term the children will be 'visiting' a continent each week and learning all about what it's like to live in different places in the world whilst comparing these to where we live. They will also be getting ready for their transition into Foundation for our N2s and learning all about what it is like starting school.



Foundation Hook day:

Last week the children started their new topic 'Wandering Around the World' by learning about the seven continents and finding them on a map. The children even had a chance to create a passport and boarding pass to prepare for the hook day. Early this week, Foxes and Hedgehogs came into school in their holiday clothes ready for an adventure. They then checked in at the airport, went through security and headed on board our flight. After the plane landed, Foundation had the opportunity to explore four challenges surrounding our hook. These challenges included trying fruit from all over the world, learning 'hello' in different languages, plane signalling and flag making. We even had a special visitor who told us all about being a member of cabin crew. the children had an amazing time and they cannot wait to continue exploring this topic!



Year 1:

Year 1 have been working extremely hard and have been learning how to tell the time. The children have been learning how to tell the time on a clock when it is half past the hour and o'clock times! They have also been learning the days of the week and the months of the year, including songs to help us remember them too! After great determination and perseverance, the phonics screener checks are now complete! We cannot express how proud we are of all of our Year 1 children. They have been unbelievably resilient and have reaped the benefits of all of their hard work, by achieving such great results. Well done to you all!

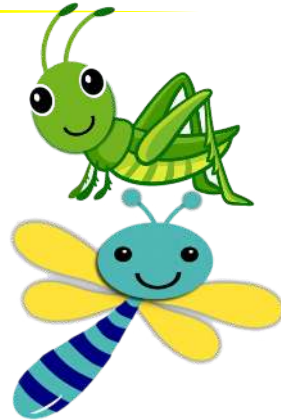
In English, the Squirrels and Bumblebees have been busy writing their own non-fiction texts all about Australia. They have written factually all about the animals, the weather and interesting places to visit in the land down under. It was great to see what wonderful writing they have produced and how many brilliant facts they have memorised.

In the lead up to Sports Day, Year 1 have been practising all of the events that they will be taking part in. They have loved the opportunity to work collaboratively with their peers and of course, take part in fun sport activities. We cannot wait to see you all compete on Sports Day.



Year 2:

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the half term. The children celebrated our science and geography learning with a barbeque where we grew our own salad and used our map reading skills in an orienteering treasure hunt. On Tuesday we were lucky to have a visit from the fire service who gave a wonderful safety talk. In maths the children have mastered measuring in litres and millilitres. Why not ask the children to help you out in the kitchen to show off these skills. In English, the children have continued to work hard and will be writing their own stories next week using onomatopoeias, alliteration, comparative and superlative adjectives. In PE they have been practising athletics in preparation for next Friday's Sports Day.



Year 3 Dartmoor visit and sleepover:

Last week, Year 3 had an amazing trip visiting Dartmoor, hiking around Haytor. The children learnt about the different rock types, the history of the tram lines, met lots of animals on the moors and learnt about different plants on Dartmoor. It was a great day and we were so lucky with the weather. Upon return to school, Year 3 continued with a school sleepover and enjoyed evening activities of cooking s'mores, making world map art, scavenger hunting and drum circle games. It was a late night but they had so much fun! Well done Year 3!



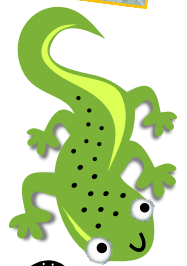
Year 4:

The children had us on the edge of our seats with the fantastic Greek myths, which they wrote before half term. They were packed with mythical creatures, battles and perilous voyages. Really well done, Year four.

The children have built on their prior knowledge of fractions and are learning how they can be represented as decimal numbers. This week, they have been learning some smart strategies for adding decimals mentally.

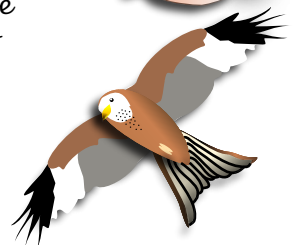
The Ancient Greek themed learning continues to be proving very popular with the children. They have made their own Greek God Top Trumps cards and learnt about 'Hoplites', who were Greek soldiers and often depicted on Greek pots and vases.

To round off their learning of electricity in science, the children have drafted their plans to make their own torches and are very excited about bringing their designs to life in the next science lessons.



Year 5:

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the Summer 2 term. With lots of brilliant enrichment activities planned, including our VE Day celebration and our long awaited residential to Escot, we know this term will certainly be one to remember. The children are currently busy learning war-time songs and dances and completing their artwork ready to share with you during our VE celebration on Friday 30th June. It has also been incredible to watch the children continue to develop their water confidence and we look forward to our remaining session. This term, the children are also learning about puberty and conception so be prepared for any questions your child may have.



Year 6:

Year 6 have had an exciting start to this half term preparing for their production of Peter Pan. The children are busy learning their lines and rehearsing the songs ready to perform to parents at the end of this half term. The children have also re-started their sessions with Exeter Chiefs and are really enjoying their Thursdays with them.



Owl Class:

Owls have been focusing on the Comedy text 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy'. They have been creating ridiculous sentences to add humour into their writing and developing their vocabulary with words such as 'devoured' and 'regurgitated'.

In Maths, Owls have been exploring time. They have learnt how to tell the time accurately and use this to organise their day creating their own timetables. As part of Healthy eating week, we have discussed how to keep our bodies healthy in the heat and transferred this knowledge when caring for the school guinea pigs ensuring they are staying nice and cool and also having lots of healthy snacks.



Wraparound:

Wraparound Club have had a great start to the new half term. Our topic is All around the World -each week we will explore a new continent using role play, food tasting, art and craft, ICT, and games. So far, we have covered Asia, South America and Africa and it has been great sharing these play and learning opportunities with the children. We have also been making the most of the beautiful weather and utilising the shade of our courtyard area.

If you are having a clear out before the end of term, Wraparound would be grateful for donations of board games, card games, puzzles, action figures, ponies, unicorns and any other toy figures. We would also like to expand our role play options so any toys relating to cafes/doctors/vets etc would be gratefully received.



Dates for your diary:

Friday 23rd June: KS1 sports day

Thursday 29th - Friday 30th June: Year 4 trip to Exmouth and sleepover in school

Friday 30th June: Year 5 VE celebration afternoon (2pm)

Friday 7th July: KS2 sports day

Wednesday 12th July: Rocksteady Summer Concert 10:30-11am in school hall

Thursday 13th July: Year 1 trip to Dartmoor Zoo

Thursday 13th July: Wildlife Champion session with Emily from DWT

Friday 14th July: Class transition day (AM)

Friday 14th July: End of year reports to come home

Friday 14th July: School fete

Monday 17th July- Wednesday 19th July: Year 5 residential

Monday 17th July: Year 6 leavers show to parents

Tuesday 18th July: Open evening for parents

Wednesday 19th July: Year 6 leavers fish and chip night

Friday 21st July: Year 6 leavers assembly

Friday 21st July: Last day of term

