

NEWS

Autumn 1 2016 – Issue 16



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the start of a new year at Chilwell Croft Academy and in particular a big welcome to all new pupils who have joined us this September. Our reception pupils have settled in well and it is nice to see both new and old faces amongst the parents. We are welcoming a number of new staff this year who Miss L Keogh, Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, Mrs J Lyons (Year 6), Miss E Parkes (Year 5), Miss F Begum (Year 4), Miss A Gill (Year 2), Mrs R Moxon (Year 1), Mrs J Byrne, Teaching Assistant (Year 3), Mr R Venn (Year 3), Mr L Platts, Learning Mentor, Miss C Forrest, Teaching Assistant (Year 1) and Mrs Pravina Patel (Business Manager).

We have a lot to look forward to this year but as always please can I encourage parents and carers to get in touch with us if you have any concerns at all and thank you for your continued support.

Mr Lambert Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to improve in school attendance is above 96%.

We need your support as parents to reduce the number of pupils arriving late for school in the mornings.

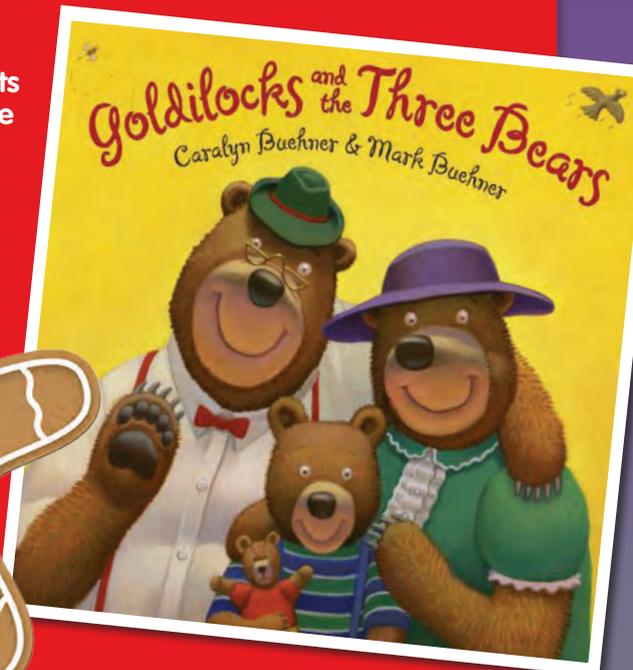
'Missing School is Missing Out'

RECEPTION

We would like to welcome all of the new Reception children to Chilwell Croft Academy. We have had a fun filled half term exploring our indoor and outdoor environment. The children have started to learn phonics, which will help them in the future to read and write.

We have been learning a range of Traditional Tales including Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Gingerbread Man. The children have been drawing the characters and listening and writing initial sounds. We have also been practising writing our names.

In maths we have been practising our counting to 50 and counting out objects accurately and learning the names of 2d shapes.

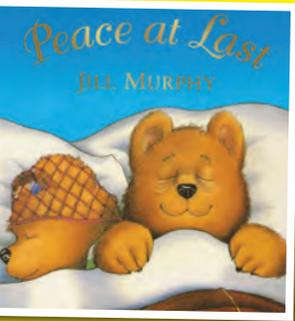


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YEAR 1

It has been a very exciting half term in Year 1!



ENGLISH

In English, we have been looking at stories from familiar settings. We chose a story by Jill Murphy and we have greatly enjoyed reading book, like 'Peace at Last'. We thought up questions to ask characters and some children were 'hot seated,' where they had to get into role as Mr Bear.

MATHS

In maths we have been learning about place value. We have used practical equipment to count forwards,

backwards, find one more, one less and we have also learned how to count in 2's. In addition to this, we have learned how to recognise and write numbers in numerals as well as words.

HISTORY

We have enjoyed learning about the Titanic in history. We learnt about why it sank, compared the cabins of the rich and poor travellers and thought about the emotions of the people on the ship.

SCIENCE

Our science work has been all about animals. We have looked at where animals live, what they eat and how they are similar and different.

RE

In RE we learned about the importance of being modest and listening to others. We looked at stories of people who were modest and people who always listened to others from the Holy Qur'an and the Holy Bible. We discussed the importance of all creation.



YEAR 2

ENGLISH

In English this half term children have been looking at stories with a familiar setting relating it to

Toy Story. We began the unit with drama, where the children acted out different parts of the story. We also analysed how different characters felt throughout the story and described different settings using exciting vocabulary. At the end of the unit the children wrote their own version of the story with a twist - they created their own toy to save Buzz and Woody!



MATHS

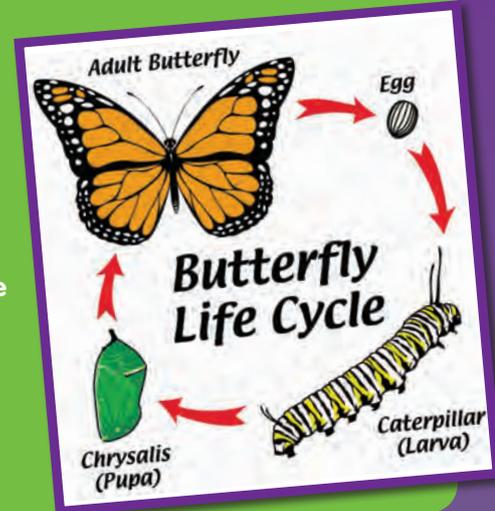
Children have been working really hard this term! They have been comparing numbers using the greater than and less

than signs, adding 3 one digit numbers together, partitioning numbers into tens and ones and solving a lot of

word problems. The children have also enjoyed learning their multiples of 2, 5, 10 and 3 which we will continue to learn throughout the year.

SCIENCE

During science this half term, children have been learning about living things. They have been identifying living and non-living things as well as justifying their choices. They have enjoyed creating life cycles and designing an information board comparing living, non-living and never living things.



YEAR 3

ENGLISH

This half term we have been looking at stories with familiar settings. To inspire the children we looked at Monsters Inc. We then used characters from the film and settings within the school to create our own class story. Children used their senses to



explore different settings within the school as well as how a monster may have behaved or felt. We also explored each of the characters feelings through role play. Having gathered a range of ideas and possible situations, children then created their own exciting stories, placing these characters in amazing adventures.

MATHS

In Maths we have been working on place value of a number. Children have learnt the value of each digit

within a number through practical activities and then applied this to add and subtract mentally. Children have also learnt new written methods for addition and subtraction and have been working very hard to apply these to various word problems.

SCIENCE

Our Science topic this term has been 'Animals including Humans.' We have focused on healthy eating and food groups including what nutrients foods contain and the affects they have on the human body. Children compared different foods deciding whether they were healthy or unhealthy. Food labels were then used to justify the decision that had been made. Children then looked at muscles and bones and what they need to stay strong and healthy.

TOPIC

Our topic this term has been the Stone Age. The children knew many facts about the Stone Age, however were unclear on some of the major differences between the Stone Age and present day. Children have looked at artefacts and video clips to deepen their knowledge and have also created fantastic Stone Age pictures.



YEAR 4



ENGLISH

This term the children have been learning how to write a story set in an imaginary world. They watched The Chronicles of Narnia to help develop ideas for their own story. The children found this useful and also enjoyed taking part in role play, in order to understand the characters and different parts of the story more. They have worked hard to improve their use of adjectives and adverbs and are becoming more confident to use a thesaurus to widen their vocabulary choices.

MATHS

For the first part of the term, the children focused on recognising the place value of four digit numbers and then using this knowledge to round, compare and order. For the second part of the term we have focused on

written methods for addition and subtraction. The new superheroes time table scheme has also been introduced to both classes and they have really enjoyed practising their times tables and completing their booklets, in order to battle the next superhero.

TOPIC

This term the children have been learning about Ancient Egypt. They have learned how to write their names in Egyptian Hieroglyphics and looked at many different artefacts such as the pyramids, mummies and statues to help further their understanding of life during this period of time.

SCIENCE

'Animals including Humans' has been the focus in Science this term. The children have completed many different experiments to support their understanding of the digestive system, and different types of teeth.



YEAR 5

Everyone has settled in well and has had a terrific start to year 5!

ENGLISH

This half term we have been learning about stories from a different culture. We began by watching the film 'Pocahontas' to give us an insight into stories from different cultures. We then started exploring a variety of written stories from different cultures and identifying the language features. Children enjoyed analysing the elements of culture and using this to role play parts of the film.

MATHS

This half term in maths we have been focusing on place value. We have looked at rounding and estimating and understanding the importance of place value when applying our strategies. Children have become more confident explaining the idea of place value and identifying mistakes. We have enjoyed applying our skills to class games where we were able to compete against each other.

SCIENCE

In Science we have started our new topic of materials. As a year group we went on a material walk to see what materials we could discover around our school and playground. We were able to explore scientific vocabulary to describe the materials and their properties. We are now looking forward to conducting investigations to further understand materials and their purposes.

TOPIC

In topic we have been learning all about the Anglo Saxons. We have explored how life was different in the Anglo-Saxon times and compared their lifestyle to our own. We have been able to use laptops and booklets to conduct independent research and now have a lot more knowledge about the Anglo Saxons.

THE BRIGHOUSE TRIP!

Year 5 went to the Brighouse at the start of the year. The

purpose of our trip was to develop team work skills and to build on friendships. While we were there, we took part in several activities such as: baking cakes, country walking, kite making and outdoor games. Everyone had a great time and it created an excellent start to the year!!





YEAR 6

ENGLISH

In English this half term, year 6 have become spies and have been writing a non-chronological report. We started the unit by watching 'Stormbreaker' a movie about a teenage MI6 agent that uses a variety of gadgets to prevent crimes. We then designed and planned our own gadget before writing a non-chronological report about our creation.

MATHS

During Maths we have been working on Place Value and the four mathematical operations; in a move to develop the children's Maths skills, we are now focussing on how

the children reason in Maths. It is vital that they are able to explain, mathematically how they have arrived at an answer. In addition to this, we have been problem solving and investigating in order to apply our mathematical skills.

SCIENCE

In our Science work we have been studying the different classifications of animals on earth and the range of microorganisms that there are, both harmful and helpful. Additionally, we performed an investigation that looked at how yeast works as a microorganism and we are excitedly waiting for the results of this (the balloons are growing!)

HISTORY

As well as this, we have been using our knowledge of the Egyptians to support our History topic, 'The Mayans' we have researched how the Mayans built temples for praise and sacrifice and identified questions about the era that we want to find out. In computing we have recently completed our E-safety unit and have had a number of mature discussions about the topic, especially around cyberbullying and stereotyping.

The children have made a fantastic start to year 6 and we hope that the positive attitudes and behaviours demonstrated by the majority of the children continues to develop.

Mr Byrne, Mrs Wallace and Mrs Bibi

THE CREDIT UNION - WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CREDIT UNION?

The Credit Union welcomes everyone and is a great way for you or your child/ren to save their pocket money. Your money is safe because it is regulated by the FSA and the volunteers who run the Credit Union have to be approved by the FSA. You can save as little as or as much as you like. When you join you'll pay an annual membership fee that's not usually more than £2. So why not come along and see Dorothy? She is in school every Thursday morning and will be able to tell you more about the scheme.



WELCOME NEW STAFF



Miss L. Keogh
SEN Co-ordinator



Miss E. Parkes
Year 5 Teacher



Miss F. Begum
Year 4 Teacher



Miss A. Gill
Year 2 Teacher



Mrs R. Moxon
Year 1 Teacher



Mrs J. Byrne
Year 3 Teaching Assistant



Miss C. Forrest
Year 1 Teaching Assistant



Mr R. Venn
Year 3 Teacher



Mrs P. Patel
School Business Manager



Mrs J. Lyons
Year 6 Teacher



Mr L. Feetham-Platts
Learning Mentor

AUTUMN TERM 2016

Half Term: Monday 24th October 2016 – Friday 28th October 2016

Teacher Days: Monday 5th December 2016

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st December 2016

Christmas Holidays: Thursday 22nd December 2016 – Friday 6th January 2016

Reminder: Children return back to school on Monday 31st October 2016

E-SAFETY

The E-Safety Cadets are looking forward to working with pupils and parents the E-Safety Workshop taking place on:

THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2016.

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