



NEWS

Summer 1 2018 – Issue 26



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a big 'thank you' to all our Year 6 and Year 2 staff and pupils for their hard work in the build up to SATs, and the week itself. All pupils really tried their best!

For the rest of this half term Year 6 are focusing on writing (ghost stories, poetry and expanding texts). Next half term they will be working on such varied topics such as the Second World War.

Now it is the turn of KS1 children to take part in Phonics Screening. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them 'Good Luck!'

A big 'thank you' to all parents for supporting the school and pupils in all of these activities.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next parent's evening in July.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Lambert Headteacher



ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to improve at Chilwell Croft and is currently at 96.29%.

Thank you once again to all parents for your continued support.

'Missing School is Missing Out!'

RECEPTION

This term our theme has been 'On the Farm'. We had chicks come to visit us and we have watched them hatch out of their eggs in an incubator. The children learned the importance of caring for living creatures as they helped to clean the brooder box as well as feed the chicks.



For Literacy we have focused on stories based on farm animals such as 'Farmer Duck', 'The Ugly Duckling', 'Squash and a Squeeze' and 'Rosie's Walk'.

For Mathematics this term the children have focused on shape, space and measure. The children have been learning the names and properties of different 3D shapes and how to use them appropriately for building activities. The children have also been learning about capacity and have used coloured water to show different capacities in jugs.'



YEAR 1 We have had a fantastic half term in Year 1!

ENGLISH

In English, we have been learning about traditional fairy tales. We wrote the story of Little Red Riding Hood and we had to think about describing the characters and the setting to make it interesting for the reader. We wrote questions for Little Red and the wolf and took turns in being these characters and answering the questions. To help us retell the story we also wrote a Pie Corbett story map.

MATHS

In Maths, we have been learning how to add and subtract

2 digit numbers using the vertical strategy. Our excellent knowledge of place value came in very useful when we were doing this work. We learned about regrouping numbers and carrying numbers over to add and subtract and used practical resources to help us.

RE

In Religious Education we learned about being joyful and what makes us happy or sad. We also thought about what we are thankful for and how different ways we can thank God.

SCIENCE

In our Science work this half term we have been looking at plants. We went on a scavenger hunt around school to identify different kinds of plants we have growing here. We also thought about the different parts of plants and their functions.

HISTORY

In History we have been learning about what life was like in the 1940's - 1960's for British people. The children have looked at artefacts from the past and had discussions about how children and adults lived; noticing how living conditions has improved in the 21st century.



YEAR 2 We have worked really hard in Year 2 this term!



ENGLISH

In English, we have described a variety of different settings. We watched an inspiring short film clip which allowed us to use a range of vocabulary such as adjectives. We also thought

carefully about starting our sentences in different ways. We explored our environment at school for further inspiration. In addition to this, we have looked at a range of poems and performed in groups to the rest of the class. We have also created our own poems thinking about different poetic features such as rhyme, rhythm and onomatopoeia.

MATHS

In maths this term we have experienced using a variety of apparatus to measure length, mass, capacity and temperature. Furthermore, we enjoyed finding out the temperature of different areas around school. We have created pictograms and block graphs from data that we have collected. We were then able to answer questions related to the data. Time has been a key focus in the last few weeks and we have been working towards telling the time on an analogue clock.



WHOLE CLASS READING

Our whole class reading book this term has been Flat Stanley. It is a fantastic book and we have enjoyed learning about Stanley's adventures. We explored characters and events in the story through role play and hot seating. Moreover, to add a creative aspect to our learning, we designed our very own Flat Stanleys which are now decorating our classroom walls!



YEAR 3 We have had an amazing summer term so far!

ENGLISH

This half term we have been learning about instructions. The children made fruit salad and baked fairy cakes which they thoroughly enjoyed - especially when they were able to eat them! From this, they created their instructions focusing on

a range of time conjunctions and imperative verbs. Furthermore, they also learnt about and created 'tantalisers' which they included at the beginning of their instructions.

MATHS

This half term we have been learning all about measures and have just started to learn about fractions. Whilst looking at measures pupils thoroughly enjoyed looking at the units of measures and being hands on when using water to find the capacity of containers as well as finding the mass of objects.

The children have really enjoyed using concrete, pictorial and abstract in their addition of fractions and can understand equivalent fractions.

SCIENCE

In science this term we have been learning about investigations and plants. The children have learnt about the locations where a plant grows best and where able to do this by exploring the school grounds. They also have been looking at the importance of water to plants. They will then be carrying out their own investigation using cress (grass seeds).

TOPIC

This term the children explored how and why childhood has changed, looking at evidence to come to a decision as to whether it was better to be a child now or in the past. They enjoyed making comparisons and having class discussions.





YEAR 4

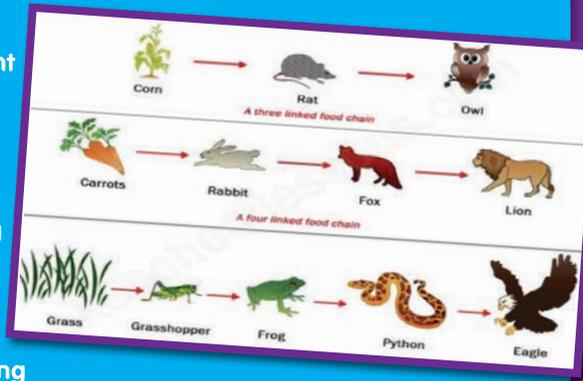
TOPIC
 This term we have looked at The Victorians in History. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the Victorians. They have compared the life of Victorians to life today. In addition to this, children have been finding out about influential people during this period of time, such as Charles Dickens, Dr Barnardo, Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Queen Victoria. The children have also had the chance to look at real life artefacts from the Victorian Era.

MATHS
 This term we have looked at creating symmetrical patterns and making tessellations using unit shapes. We have also been converting units of measure. There has been a huge focus on getting children to develop their reasoning skills using key mathematical vocabulary to showcase their understanding and learning. The children have gained fantastic skills to explain their answer in maths using the correct vocabulary. However, Year 4 need to continue practising their time tables. Well Done!

ENGLISH
 The children have been learning how to write a newspaper

report. The children have created their own popstar and used drama such as chat show and hot seating to find out more information about different celebrities. The children have created some fantastic popstars and have planned some interesting newspaper reports that we are looking forward to reading.

SCIENCE
 The unit of work the children have learned about this term is Dangers to Living things and their habitats. Again, this has been a topic they have been very interested in. The children have learned all about different producers, consumers, preys and predators. They have been creating their own food chains, debating the effect of global warming on different animals and using the laptops to research about the endangered species around the world.



YEAR 5



ENGLISH
 In English: the children have been learning how to write a play script. They started the unit by watching a film called 'Danny, Champion of the World' by Roald Dahl and looking at different written texts. They also were able to role play different scenes in the film and dress as characters

of their choosing. The children have learned about the different key features and have practiced writing different play scripts, before independently writing their own. Their scripts have been based on a situation that could happen in the school.

MATHS
 In Maths we have been having a big focus on ratio and statistics. This has included finding the ratios of 2 or more groups, equivalent ratios, ratio problem solving, finding the mean of groups of numbers and objects and understanding

what this means. We are also looking at angles, such as acute, obtuse and right angles and we will be practicing how to measure these.

TOPIC
 In Topic the children have been learning about communication through history. We started off by looking at the Stone Age and the children had a go at making their own cave paintings, then we looked at the invention of the printing press and the children made their own illuminated letters. After this we looked at Victorian newspapers and compared them to modern newspapers.



SCIENCE
 In Science the children have been learning about life cycles. We have looked at the life cycles of different animals and we have even been taking care of our own caterpillars in class and watching them as they change into monarch butterflies!



KEEP CALM AND PARTY SATS ARE OVER

YEAR 6

Wow! What a busy, hardworking half term we have had in Year 6. In both English and Maths, the children have been consolidating and cementing their knowledge, whilst adding to their already astounding vocabulary and bank of grammar terms in order to prepare for and complete their SATs.

We have been amazed by the positive attitude all the children have shown and how thorough they have been throughout this term and the ones previously. During SATs week this positive attitude continued; we have all been so proud of the way in which the children have

approached the tests and the continuous positivity that they showed throughout the week. It ended fantastically with a wonderful trip to Drayton Manor as a reward for the continued positive attitude to their studies and commitment to improving their Maths and English.



Finally, we are looking forward to the Year 6 residential days at Blackwell Adventure and our trip to London to see the sights and visit the Natural History Museum; we know these will be experiences that the children will never forget and take away with them as a highlight of their time at Chilwell Croft.

We hope all the children (and their parents!) have a well - deserved break over the half term.
 The Year 6 Team

PE



This term in PE reception learnt about ball skills and different types of balls, whilst years 1 to 4 have been learning about basketball, focusing on the key fundamentals like passing, dribbling and shooting.

Years 5 and 6's focus has been on fitness, which includes circuit training of various different exercises like step ups, push ups, sit ups, shuttle runs and the bleep test.

The school has been very active in afterschool sporting fixtures this term with multiple football tournaments for year 3 to 4 boys, and years 3 to 4 girls teams both participating, and a huge congratulations for the year 5 and 6 boys football team who reached the final of the George Waterfall cup.



SUMMER TERM DATES

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Half Term:

Monday 28th May 2018 to
Friday 1 June 2018

Children return back to school on:
Monday 4th June 2018

Term Ends:
Friday 20th July 2018

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Friday 8th June 2018

Friday 6th July 2018

PARENTS EVENING

Wednesday 11th July 2018

