



Dear Parents / Carers

Thank you for your continued support with notifying the school office if your child is at all unwell. We have a small number of cases in a few classes so please continue to be extra vigilant.

Thank you for your understanding with school photographs. We would all love to have family members photographed but we have been advised to take extra precautions to keep everyone safe.

Parents evenings will also be happening by phone on Monday 18th Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th October. Mrs Hawkins (Year 2) will be having hers on Tuesday the 12th September. Details to follow shortly.

The children have done lots of exciting learning again this term and have settled into their new classes really well.

Reception

This term we are learning all about ourselves, our families, and the people around us. We have been absolute super stars in settling into our new school and joining our new community. Throughout this topic we will explore what makes us special, what makes a good friend and what is important to us. Alongside this we will be observing Autumnal changes around us, going on muddy nature walks, creating seasonal crafts and cooking up a pumpkin surprise in the kitchen.



Year 1 / 2

This term in years 1 and 2 we have been learning all about the creatures that live under the sea. The children have had a great time investigating what deep sea creatures look like and how far down some of them live. We have also been acting out a story called "The Storm Whale". Up until half-term we will continue to explore under the sea and learn all about Grace Darling. The big news from year 1 and 2 is that we have **WON** the sports hall athletics! The team worked their socks off at the competition and did the whole school proud with their amazing effort.



Year 3 / 4

We have been having a great time in class learning about The Stone Age. During our visit from archaeologist's Dr Ian Parker and Dr Catherine Parker, we learn how to make clay pots, weave, grind barley into flour, put pots back together and made an enormous time line which went back 800,000 years. We also did an archaeological dig and found evidence from The Stone Age. We investigated our finds and created a class museum.



Year 5 and 6

We've been busy learning about our topic 'Rivers, Railways and Revolutions' and the year 5's in Miss Scrowston / Mrs Mason's class went on their trip this week to Belper Mill. They enjoyed learning all about the different machines in the mill and what they did, looking at the different hats they used to wear and learning about the Strutts family and their impact on Derbyshire. The rest of the Year 5's and 6's are looking forward to their visit later this term.



In PE, we have been focussing on football and Athletics and we recently entered 2 teams into the Y5/6 Mixed Football tournament at Eyes Meadow. We were really excited to announce that both teams did really well and one team came first, winning all their matches without conceding a goal!



We have been busy practising our athletics and are looking forward to taking another team of athletes to the Y5/6 Sports Hall athletics tournament at Alfreton this Thursday and we wish them well!

In science we are looking at materials and have enjoyed carrying out different experiments. Our favourite so far has been the 'Elephant foam'! The children have been learning about solutions and chemical reactions.



Dates for the diary

11.10.21-GH year 6 to visit Belper Mill
14.10.21-Year 3 /4 sporthall athletics at Alfreton
18.10.21-Parent consultations
19.10.21-Parent consulataions
20.10.21-Parent consulatations
21.10.21-Year 3 /4 stone age day
21.10.21-intra school football competition-year 5 /6
21.10.21-Year 5 / 6 girls TAG rugby-Belper rugby club
22.10.21-Year 3/4 Intra school football competition
22.10.21-Break up for half tem

01.11.21-School re-opens
03.11.21-Bikeability Year 6
04.11.21-Bikeability-Year 6
05.11.21-Bikeability-Year 6
15.11.21-KS1 handball Belper Leisure centre
22.11.21-year 5/6 basketball
29.11.21-Year 3/4 handball Belper Leisure centre

If you have any exciting news that you would like to share with the school community please email me so we can add it to future news letters.

Please don't hesitate to call me, email me epeach@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk or arrange a meeting with me if you have any concerns.

Mrs Peach