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Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Year 3 have made a fantastic start to the school year and settled well into their new classes and learning environment. I am delighted with their confidence in assemblies; they share ideas and actively participate enabling others to learn from their thinking. I am enjoying getting to know them individually over time and enjoy eating my lunch with them in the school hall, listening to their stories and chatting about everything from climate change to new pets in the family home.

Year 4, 5 and 6 children have also had a fantastic start to the academic year. It is great to see Year 4 and 5 children actively learning alongside new classmates; they have positively embraced the changes to their class and are showing both maturity and enjoyment as they explore learning. Year 6 children have settled well –they are working hard and proving to be exemplar role models.

Today I was able to announce the Year 6 leadership responsibilities in the whole school assembly. This year, as well as House Captains for Sport, we have House Captains for Learning. Children gain House Points for their attitudes to learning and each other, their learning achievements and sporting abilities. House Captains and prefects will lead assemblies on Fridays celebrating fantastic learning in academic subjects, the arts and in sport.

I am extremely proud of the Year 6 pupils. It is so incredibly difficult to identify a person for a role when there are so many first-class candidates. I have taken time to explain to them that they should feel so very proud of themselves for the effort placed in their letters of application and their hunger to commit and excel. I truly hope that they are all happy, as I am confident I will be able to utilise their skills in the positions awarded throughout the whole academic year. I am sure that Year 6 children will embrace the challenge of leadership and be fantastic role models. I am very proud of them all.

For the first time we have also included Year 5 sport leaders. These children will develop in their positions of responsibility and be ready to take an even greater lead in Year 6.

Year 6 Leadership Roles

(Surnames have deliberately been omitted)

Head Girl	Madeline
Head Boy	Ethan
House Captains - Sport	Murrayfield Izzy & Jackson
House Captains - Sport	Wembley Abbie & Harry
House Captains - Sport	Windsor Hattie & Noah
House Captains - Sport	Liberty Ruby & Liam
House Captains - Learning	Murrayfield Tabatha & Reece
House Captains - Learning	Wembley Ruby & Jacob
House Captains - Learning	Windsor Sofija & Isaac
House Captains - Learning	Liberty Skyla & Leon
Prefects	Anabella Eleanor Isla Neve Ava Gracie Annalise Maya Alex Joseph Oliver Rhys Dexter Summer
Sport Leaders – Year 6	Isabel Ruby Imogen Lola Theo Oliver Zackary James Hayden Harry Jordan Max
Sport Leaders Year 5	Phoebe

	Mia Cassiopeia Freya Sarah Lucy Maisie Destiney Lucas Rhyley Hollie Amelia
Hall Monitors	Connor Lucas
Office Helpers	Ashton Scarlett Oliver
Librarians	Casey Jessica

Teachers make weekly Facebook posts to summarise learning. I thought it would be nice to have this summary in a letter to capture key moments over time.

Year 3: September Reflections	
Week 1	<p>We are so proud of the Year 3 children and thrilled at how quickly they have all settled into our school routines. It has been lovely to see their smiley faces each day with many children eager to share news and achievements too.</p> <p>Thank you to those who have started recording their reading and exploring TT Rockstars. We will be sharing information about Sumdog next week, however please feel free to explore it if you wish.</p> <p>There has been a lot of excitement in class as House Points and Headteacher's awards have been awarded for working hard, showing our school values, and other fantastic reasons. House T-shirt letters should be coming home tonight detailing your child's House and ordering details; please return the slips as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please speak to the office team. Please feel free to share this weekly update with other parents and remember the school website https://ranvillesjuniorschool.co.uk has lots of information/calendar on there that is regularly updated.</p> <p>If any of you would like to volunteer to help at disco/film night events, or listen to children read etc. then please do let the office team know.</p> <p>Have a wonderful weekend!</p>
Week 2	<p>We cannot believe that we are at the end of another week. The children have continued to settle well and become a valuable part of our Ranvilles Junior school team.</p> <p>This week we have been looking at the story of The Tortoise and The Hare. The children have shown empathy with how the characters feel by acting out different scenes and have written the story in their own words showing creative ability.</p> <p>During maths we have explored a range of calculations and have been encouraged the children to explain their thinking.</p>

We have had our first RE and French lessons which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Make sure that you ask your child to greet you in French! On top of this the children have been superstars in basketball and indoor athletics as well as finishing of exploring school learning values.
Have a fabulous weekend, see you next week!

Week 3

What an exciting week we have had. The children have become budding scientists exploring the different parts of plants and observing how water is transported through the stem. We have completed our first experiment and reviewed the results this afternoon. Make sure you ask your child what happened!

We have continued to improve our ball control and dribbling skills during basketball with Mr Baines, as well as considering our spacing to try to trick an opponent. Furthermore, we have been improving our physical fitness with indoor athletics. We are trying to beat our personal best scores in different jumping, running and throwing events.

Next week we are off on our first school trip to Fareham Town Centre as part of our Location! Location! Project - more information will be coming to you soon.

The children have embraced working at home; we ask them to read at least 5 times a week with an adult, at least 3 five minute sessions on Times Table Rockstars and 30 minutes across the week on Sumdog. The children love these online games and we set work based around what we are doing in class. Spelling practise will follow soon. In the meantime, please practise the common exception words from KS1 with your child.

Please can we remind you to make sure that your child's PE kit and school jumper/cardigan is named. We are doing our best to ensure your child brings home their correct clothing at the end of the day however; this becomes tricky when they are identifying their jumper by smell.

Thank you for your support – have a lovely weekend!

Week 4

We must start our update today by saying how proud we are of all our children. Yesterday we went on our first school trip to Fareham Town Centre and the children were amazing. Their behaviour was impeccable, their manner perfect and their thinking and listening skills outstanding. They were a credit to our school and to you. Both classes were complimented by members of the public, which added to our pride in them. We are looking forward to taking them out again on 14th October when we will be off to look around Southwick Village.

In addition, this week we held elections for our class representatives for school council, although only one child prepared something at home a number of children stood for election. The hard work paid off and the child that did some homework was elected, which was fantastic.

We have started to learn to sew and have practised threading needles and tying our own knots in the thread. This has proved challenging for some but we have exemplified our learning values and persevered.

In computing, we have been exploring word processing skills to create a poster that tells the reader all about themselves. So far, we have learnt how to edit the text, copy images from the internet and how to save our work. This has been challenging for some but the children have shown fantastic perseverance.

Overall, it has been an exciting week in year 3; we are launching 'Spelling Shed' next week so more new things to come. Have a relaxing weekend.

Communication

We are always very happy to meet with you should you wish to raise any matters of concern or would like to discuss anything. Please feel very welcome to arrange an appointment with myself, Mrs Slowther (Deputy Headteacher) or Mrs Johnson (Deputy Headteacher). Our Home/School Link Worker, Simone Turner (Miss T) is available daily to meet with you should you need to. Please do not hesitate to pop into school or call to make an appointment. Similarly should you wish to speak with Mrs Wallace, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator, please feel very welcome to make an appointment.

Homework

Thank you for your continued support listening to your child read. It is crucial that children are heard regularly. Your child's class teacher will hear your child read in a variety of settings one to one, in a group and as part of whole class reading. Please do support us further listening to your child on to one at home. Help your child to build their vocabulary by exploring and ensuring that they know the meaning of the words they read. Thank you too with your support with spellings and maths. Regular practise is crucial in supporting pupils to understand and remember.

Thank you for your continued support.

Very Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angela Williams'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

Angela Williams
Headteacher