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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 4: September Reflections
<p>First Couple of Days</p> <p>Wow, what an amazing first couple of days we have had with your children. Seeing them all come in with smiles on their faces and ready to face the challenges of Year 4 has been a real pleasure. All of the staff in Year 4 are so proud of them!</p> <p>On Thursday, the children had time to discuss their summer holidays and have a long overdue catch up with their friends and class teachers. They then represented their summer holidays in the form of pictures within sunglasses template. Keep an eye out in the classrooms for the display. In the afternoon, they were challenged to a teamwork exercise 'The egg drop challenge'. The children were tasked with creating a parachute to protect an egg. Why not ask them about this challenge and the results from this drop? We had an 'egg-cellent' time and 'cracked-up' with laughter.</p> <p>Today (Friday 6th September), they talked about the Ranvilles' STARS and learning values. The children then used drama and role play to discuss different scenarios and how they might tackle them or prevent them from happening. Later, they wrote a diary in their new English books to discuss their first few days in Year 4. We hope the children have settled well into Year 4 and we can't wait to get to know them more over the coming year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!</p>
<p>Week 1</p> <p>What a busy first week in Year 4!</p> <p>We are wild about literacy! This week we started our work on the Jungle Book and we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about noun phrases. We have been carefully considering the use of language to write accurate and effective sentences. We have also been consolidating our knowledge of word classes. Why not ask us what an adjective, verb and adverb is?</p> <p>In Maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of number and place value. We have been learning about the value of each number within a four-digit number. We have also explored what happens to a number when you add or subtract 10, 100 or 1000. We are looking forward to learning more number and place value next week.</p>

Finally, this week we launched our 'UK Explorers' project. We were fascinated to learn about different inventions from the UK, as well as what different areas around the UK look like. We then started to explore what identifies us as British. They were extremely inquisitive to find out more! Why not discuss with your child what you believe identifies us as British and what makes Great Britain great? We hope the children have settled well into Year 4 and we cannot wait to get to know them more over the coming year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us! 😊

Week 2

Basketball

This week basketball was a lot of fun because we got to learn lots of new skills such as dribbling and shooting. We enjoyed playing with an adult because it made it really competitive and made it more fun. We are definitely looking forward to next week.

Science

Science has been great because we are learning about electricity and we had to find out why a bulb in a circuit was not working. In some circuits there was a bulb missing, or the circuit was not complete or the batteries were the wrong way round.

Maths

This week we worked really hard learning about numbers on a number line in the 1000s and how to find missing numbers. We also learnt how to add 1, 10 and 100 to numbers in the 1000s. That was tricky especially when the numbers changed from one hundred to the next hundred or from one thousand to the next thousand.

Literacy

We have been writing descriptions about Jungle Book. We have used lots of noun phrases to describe Sher Khan and Mowgli. We used different sentences to describe the jungle where the story is set.

Written by: Charlotte, Poppy and Alfie

Week 3

Science

In science we got to make our own electrical circuits which worked! First, we had to draw them, and some of us used electrical symbols scientists use. Then we built our circuits. We had to use our ideas from last week if the bulbs didn't light up. We also explored what the effect was of adding more batteries. It was really challenging but lots of fun.

Maths

We were learning how to approximate. We did this by rounding to the nearest 10 and when we had mastered this we rounded to the nearest 100. We used number lines to see which number was the closest to help us round up or down.

Literacy

Literacy was really fantastic because we got to act out a section of the book Jungle Book. We had to think about how we make our face and what would happen to our heart rate if we met Shere Khan. We are going to write diaries from Mowgli's point of view.

Geography

We used atlases to find out about how the United Kingdom is divided into cities and counties. Then, we explored the most famous physical and human features in the UK such as Angel of the North, cliffs of Dover and Durdle Door. It was amazing!

Written by: Jessica, Mollie, Holly, Poppy

Week 4

We cannot believe that we are half way through the first term already. Your children have accomplished so much! It has been fantastic getting to know them more.

This week in literacy, we have continued our work on the Jungle Book diaries. The children have begun their diaries written from the perspective of Mowgli. They are working hard to include the features we

have explored within their own writing. This week we have been learning what a fronted adverbial is and how to use them. Why not ask your children what a fronted adverbial is and how are they used? This week we also launched the Spelling Bee homework challenge. The children were 'buzzing' about this spelling scheme and are eager to get started. You will find their logins inside their planners. Please support your child's enthusiasm by allowing them to participate in the fun interactive spelling games. In maths, we have been exploring the concept of addition and subtraction. We have explored different methods and used them in a variety of different contexts. This will be especially helpful to us next week when we look at addition and subtraction of money. In the meantime, why not challenge your children to add up small sums of money and work out the change when they go to the shops? We cannot end this update without telling you about how proud we are of your children's progress in basketball. The children have been participating in weekly basketball lessons with their class teachers and Mr Baines. All the adults involved and the children have seen a huge improvement in their skills. Finally on Friday, the children partake in their swimming lessons or indoor athletics which they thoroughly enjoy! WOW- year 4, what an active bunch you are! On behalf of the Year 4 team we would also like to thank the parents for your continued support. We look forward to updating you more next week on the Year 4 adventures. Have a great 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 one 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



Angela Williams
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