



Stillness Junior School

“Our “Best At all Times”



Weekly Round Up Page – Spring Term Week 2

Dear Stillness Families

This week the Y5 children started their condensed swimming lessons at Forest Hill Swimming Pool, which I hope they are all enjoying.

I would also like to welcome back Sandra and her “Crafty Hands” team who are now back with us offering some extra after school clubs for the children to enjoy.

Have a great weekend break and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Best wishes.

Mrs M Nichol - Headteacher

Y3 News

Y3 have now completed their second week of a new term and seem to be settling back into school life very well indeed. We have now firmly left the prehistoric times and travelled forward to Ancient Rome. In English, we started using actions to learn a Roman themed story about losing something. This immersive story learning will continue next week. We even became Roman soldiers marching in 'testudo' or tortoise formation for our PE lessons this week with the class teachers. In Maths, we have been learning how to make decisions about what methods to use for different types of multiplication, division, addition and subtraction problems. We have also been looking at how to explain and identify the relationship between calculations such as $2 \times 3 = 6$ and $2 \times 30 = 60$ and using concrete resources to explore this relationship. We are very excited to be celebrating our love for Maths across the curriculum next week for Maths Week. In Spanish, we have been practising saying the colours and reviewing our number and greeting knowledge by singing songs and playing memory games on the chrome books. Next week, we will learn how to speak about colours in Spanish sentences. We had our very first Science lesson on Forces, where we began identifying the different types of forces and what that looks like in everyday life.

It really has been jam packed! We even managed to squeeze in an extra visit to the library!

Ms L West - Y3 Teacher

Y6 News

Another jam packed week in Y6!

The children seem to be really enjoying the Tudor topic and have created comic strips to retell the story of the 'Battle of Bosworth'. In addition, during their Computing session they researched and wrote a mini essay on the colourful life of Henry VIII... the children were surprised to learn that Henry was once a young, handsome King and not the old, overweight King often seen in pictures!

In Maths, Y6 have been working with decimals; identifying the place value to 3 decimal places and multiplying and dividing integers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. Next week is Maths week, so the children will be taking part in investigative work and a Maths trail around the school, along with multiplying and dividing decimals by integers.

In English, the children have continued with suspense writing. This included setting description and exploring different suspense types: books, films and audio. Next week, the children will be starting to plan their own suspense stories.

Our new topic in science is 'Living things and their habitats', and the first lesson involved the children becoming taxonomists whilst tasked with classifying animals and grouping them by their similarities and differences. Next week, we will be looking at the Linnaean system.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mrs R Gachette – Y6 Lead

Y4 News

We have completed the first full week of the New Year in Y4 and boy has it been busy! We kick started the week with a fun packed Science workshop where we learnt lots about electricity and how it works. We made human circuits in class and was even able to put together small circuits in groups, comprising of switches, bulbs and buzzers. In Maths, we are looking at the 6 and 9 times tables, their fact families and using those facts to answer math problems. In English we came to the end of our Fantasy unit, writing up our final paragraphs, editing and writing up our best versions on the Chromebooks.

For Topic, we began to explore what we know about our new unit Pharaohs and Egyptians. We discussed the things we already knew and had learnt before the unit started, as well as what we most wanted to find out. Within PSHE, we spent some time looking at disappointment and the effects it has on us as individuals. This allowed us to share the different thoughts and feelings of the class, and brainstorm ways to overcome those feelings in addition to how to seek help when we feel that way. RE sees us continue to learn more about Christianity and the popular symbols of Christianity. Next week is Maths week, where we will be incorporating topic in Maths and having some cross curricular fun!

Miss K Liston – Y4 Teacher

Y5 News

It has been a great first full week back and all the children have settled back quickly. This week has been the start of swimming for Y5, with Turner class going first, which they have loved. This will continue next week for Turner and then Hadid and Rothko will be going the week beginning January 24th.

In the classroom, the children have continued looking at multiplying 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers by a 2 digit number and as it is Maths Week next week, we will be enjoying maths riddles, investigations and looking at how the Maya number system works. In English, the children have been internalising the journey text and innovated their own - these have been a great read. Our new Topic of Hola Mexico! has begun and we have collected a knowledge harvest of what they already know and what they want to know. In Science, they have been looking at the life cycle of animals and Naturalists David Attenborough and Jane Goodall. Lastly, a quick reminder that the London Zoo trip will now be **Monday, 7th February** and any parents who can accompany in Hadid class please let us know using the Y5 email.

Have a lovely weekend and see you Monday.

Miss A Curtis – Y5 Teacher