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UPdate



Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome back! I trust everyone has had a lovely half term and the children have enjoyed their break. We look forward to the busy half term ahead. We kick off this half term with more fun packed and inspirational learning opportunities. Year 3 and 4 travel back in time to ancient Greece. Year 2 bounce their way into the topic with a visit to Gravity and year 1 have a slimy encounter with an alien. I'm sure they will tell you all about it.

In addition, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March when children can come dressed as their favourite book character. As part of this celebration, we will send home reading challenges to see how many the children can complete, with the winners receiving prizes and rewards. See below for some of the highlights of last term and keep an eye on our Facebook, Twitter and our website for more upcoming events over this half term.

Matthew Shotton

Nursery Class

What a great half term we have had in Pegasus class. The children have been really engaged in our new potion station in the garden as well as our new woodwork bench, where they have been creating everything from buses to dinosaurs.

We have been busy making delicious things to eat in the cooking room and our egg-fried rice was the class favourite that we made for Chinese New Year.

The children have been enjoying going to the hall, taking part in team games, and practicing their balancing and hula hooping.

Reception

Aurora Class have had a jam packed half term beginning with the Traditional Tales of Jack and the Beanstalk, The Gingerbread Man and The Three Little Pigs. The children have been applying their skills learnt in guided teaching to their independent learning and we have seen some wonderful pieces of writing being produced. We've extended our number knowledge up to 20 and have been looking at how to write number sentences when we are adding. We moved on to our Superheroes topic reading the stories of Supertato and his adventures with the Evil Pea. The children have created some fantastic art work using collage skills to create the characters. We ended half term by introducing a 'writer of the day'. The children love sharing their independent writing and the adults have a difficult time choosing as all the children are developing into fantastic writers. Please look at the art work and the writing on display, I'm sure you will be very impressed!

It has been a fun-filled half term and a pleasure teaching Aurora Class.



**Year 1**

This half-term we have travelled all around Brazil for Rio de Vida! We started our topic by taking a trip on an aeroplane flying direct to Rio, and even had our own boarding passes! We spotted important landmarks such as the statue of Christ the Redeemer and Sugarloaf Mountain. On landing we began learning about Brazil's landscape, looking at the mountains, the beaches and the rainforest.

To support the subject, we have: designed and made our very own t-shirt fit for a carnival in Rio; been learning some Portuguese words and phrases; experienced Brazilian cooking by following a recipe to make Pao de queijo and writing a set of instructions explaining how to make it.

Finally, we have been studying countries and their flags including labelling them on our very own map! Mrs Last and I are looking forward to the second half of the term where we will be starting our Topic of Moon Zoom!

Reminder: Luna's PE days are Monday and Thursday.

**Year 2**

The children in Neptune class have enjoyed our 'Beat, Band Boogie' topic this half term. We have learned about how the ear works and have carried out an investigation to find out if bigger outer ears help you to hear more clearly!

We have looked at the story of The Bear and the Piano and have now adapted this to write our own stories. Ask your child if they can retell it to you!

In our maths lessons we have focussed on measuring length, mass and temperature. I hope the children have been showing off these new skills in their cooking at home!

We have also enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. Miss Yee brought in some fabulous artefacts and we made Chinese lanterns too.

Year 3/4

This half term Juno Class has been very noisy! Exploring different sounds, how sound travels and how we hear. We have listened to music from famous artists from around the world, past and present, discovering lots of very interesting singing techniques - we found some particularly difficult when we had a try!

We learned how to sing 'Happy Birthday' in Italian, performing to Mrs Jeffs on her very special birthday this month, and even had a go at writing our own songs! The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring different genres of music and have discovered some new favourites along the way.





Attendance

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child to fulfil their potential. Please refrain from booking school holidays during term time. Any child who is absent from school due to a holiday will miss out on important learning and will fall behind with their school work. If your child is absent because they are unwell, please contact the school to inform us. You can leave a message on the absence line, on Parent Mail or the school email address.

A gentle reminder that school gates open at 8.30 am and will close promptly at 8.45 am. Registration takes place at 8.45 am and all children should be in their class no later than this time.

Children arriving at school after 8.45 am should enter via the main entrance.



Parent Mail

Parent Mail is used to send parents and carers important information and notifications, so please ensure that you are registered.

If you haven't done this yet, please let the school office know so we can get you set up.

Lost Property

Since the start of term in September we have a box of clothes that have no names in and haven't been claimed.

To prevent this happening please label all items of clothing, including PE kit, with your child's name either with a special clothes marker pen or name tags, both of which are readily available from Maisies in Wolverton or online.

Parent Pay

We would like to remind all parents and carers that all Nursery Fees and After School Clubs should be paid for at the time of booking on Parent Pay.

The school needs these funds to pay for more clubs, school resources, trips and activities so your prompt payment is much appreciated.

PE Days

Aurora – Monday and Thursday

Luna – Monday and Thursday

Neptune – Wednesday and Thursday

Juno – Tuesday (Swimming) and Friday

Please ensure your child has their full PE Kit (including trainers or plimsolls) in school from Monday to Friday



Dates

Mon 4th – Wed 6th March – Year 3&4 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes

Wed 4th March – Pegasus Morning Drop In Session

Thurs 7th March - World Book Day – Dress as a Fairytale Character

Mon 18th – Tue 19th March – Year 2 Residential to Caldecotte Xperience

Wed 3rd April – Pegasus Morning Drop In Session

Fri 5th April – Break up for Easter Holiday

Tues 23rd April – Children return to school
Summer Term begins