

Autumn Term Edition

Friday 5th November 2021

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
67	91	82	100

Message from the Head

Term 2 is underway and the variety of learning experiences this week have really inspired the children already. November is a key month for children to show us how they are applying their learning skills and knowledge independently, and staff and Governors will shortly be analysing how far they have all come this term. This month also contains several events which encourage us to reflect as a community – Remembrance, Children in Need and National Anti-Bullying Week. These occasions are important for children at Meadowside, as they help them to gain a better understanding of their place in the wider community. They also allow us to reflect together on our Meadowside core values – Aspirations, Environment, Independence, Opportunity and Understanding – and appreciate how we can make a difference as individuals and collectively.

Meadowside Class News

Reception-

On Tuesday there was great excitement as we discovered some footprints leading into the classroom and then out into our area. After some investigating, we thought about who might have left the footprints; what were they doing at school? We had a great time using our imaginations to come up with some very creative ideas. Was it the Gruffalo, a bird with big feet, a pig, a dinosaur, a monster, an alien, a number block or something completely different? It turned out it was a monster! It had been looking for a book to read. Who knew monsters were so keen on reading? I wonder what other surprises will be in store for us in our new topic 'Marvellous Monsters'?

In our phonics we have been going over the sounds we know; luckily, they have not fallen out of our heads during half term. Now we are using them to build some words and we have started to look at tricky words too.

Year 1-

Year 1 have made a great start in their return after half term! We have received an exciting map from a pirate and have been working out which traditional tales and nursery rhymes we can spot that the pirate has stolen to use in his book! It would be really helpful for children to have a look at some nursery rhymes at home to become more familiar with them as there are so many we have not heard of before! In maths we have finally received our rekenreks (mini abacus) for our maths project so we have been spending some time getting used to using these! We are also looking at numbers up to 100. We need to be able to recognise any number up to 100 so this is another great skill to practise at home. There are lots of fun games you can play to support this including games such as snakes and ladders!

Class News Continued

Year 2-

We continue with our topic Shiver Me Timbers this term and will be learning more about life upon the seven seas and on board a ship. We will be sending out more details about our Pirate Day in due course, so keep yer eyes peeled!

We will be using our topic in English this term to plan and write our very own Pirate Treasure Map stories. This week we heard about Jack and Patch who meet several Fairy Tale and Nursery Rhyme character on their way across an island in search of treasure. We discovered that there are lots of Nursery Rhymes that we don't know very well or had never heard of, so you might like to share some rhymes like Ding Dong Bell, Little Jack Horner, or There Was a Crooked Man to help develop your child's understanding of the text we have studied.

We had an exciting delivery in Year 2 this week- our Rekenreks arrived!! (ask your child all about these!) We will be using these mini-abacuses to help develop our number fluency- breaking numbers up into their smaller parts- in order to learn our number bonds! We continue to learn efficient methods of adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. We really need to know our number bonds to 10 to help make us really speedy, so continue to practise those at home!

Year 2 have a new Teaching Assistant working with them, as of Monday. Her name is Miss Brear and she is looking forward to sharing her knowledge, enthusiasm and caring nature with her class and the Meadowside Team. We are lucky to have her!

Year 3-

This term we are continuing with our topic of 'Really Revolting'. This week we have been thinking more about the human body and our digestive system and on Tuesday we watched a revolting demonstration of the digestive system which involved Weetabix and a pair of tights! Ask your child for more details about this fun lesson .

The children are really enjoying our French lessons and we have started this term by beginning to learn some of the parts of the body in French. Why not watch this song with your child and see what they can remember! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOZ6eQQgqY>

In PE we have started two new units of work. On a Monday children will be creating a dance routine connected to our topic of Really Revolting and on a Thursday, we will be completing Outdoor Activities which encourage teamwork and thinking skills.

We are continuing to do Forest School activities on a Wednesday afternoon, as the weather turns colder and wetter, please make sure your child has appropriate footwear and a coat in school for these sessions.

Year 4-

Refreshed from the break, we continue our learning in our Really Revolting topic by travelling back to Ancient Egypt. Apple class have been captivated by mummification and considering differences and similarities between ourselves and the Ancient Egyptians. In maths, we have been considering the properties of triangles in geometry and challenging our recall of multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12.

Our current class book is 'Granny' by Anthony Horowitz and a weekly reading group is about to start reading 'October October' by Katya Balen. Feel free to get a copy and share your ideas about the book with Mr Mayne: just before the day starts on the playground is a good place to get hold of him!

Year 5-

It has been a great fortnight in year 5. Before half term we began our work on poetry, studying the poems from Dark Sky Park by Phillip Gross. This week we have been writing our very own poems, using Nebulas (clouds of dust and rock) in space as our stimulus. In maths, we are diving a bit deeper into decimals. The children have been awesome! Our topic 'Watch this SPACE!' is continuing for the next couple of weeks. We are finishing our space art and science on gravity and light. Just before half term we had a visit from the University of Gloucestershire sport department and their students taught year 5 and 6 some amazing new games and skills. The children made you all proud. In computing this term we are debugging codes and learning about databases. It's been a jam packed couple of weeks and we are already looking forward to the next one!

Year 6-

In Year 6 we have started Term 2 off by thinking about the world we live in and have had some deep discussions about the climate crisis and COP26. This has linked to our new book Floodland, which is about a future where much of Britain is under water. We got to know our main character and wrote about an event in the book from the perspective of one of the 'baddies.'

In Maths we have worked hard on some tricky bus stop division showing remainders as decimals and fractions. If you want to refresh how we divide 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers, just ask your Year 6 child!

In Computing we have started to work on debugging animations with glitches using Scratch. In RE we are preparing for that time of year again that makes us remember our fallen veterans. We have made some 'poppy bombs' and have dispersed them in our meadow in the hope some beautiful poppies will grow just like they did on those fields that help us 'remember them'.

Have a safe bonfire night everyone and enjoy.

Thank you to all the school family for your support in starting the new school term safely. We will let you all know if further recommendations at local or national level impact on our school day at Meadowside, but for now, it's business as usual!

Friends of Meadowside

Welcome back to everyone after half term. We are pleased to have some exciting events and fundraisers happening this term, some of which we need your help with.

Neighbourhood Nature Photography Competition

Children have a chance to enter our Neighbourhood Nature photography competition before 15th Nov. Take photos in landscape and a high resolution to be chosen for our Meadowside 2022 calendar. Please send photos in JPG or TIF format to our email address below.

Walking in a Window Wonderland Trail

If you live in Green Farm, and you're willing to decorate a window in December please let us know as we are still looking for volunteers to be added to the trail.

Discos

Meadowside is turning 21 in November, so to celebrate we are organising UV dis-glows on Fri 26th Nov and will cost £3.50 a ticket. This will be dependent on any Covid guidelines in place, but more information will be coming via letters on ParentPay.

Our email address is; friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk

INSET dates 21/22 (School shut for pupils)

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 10th November – Tours for New Intake 2022 at 9 30am and 3 45pm

Thursday 11th November- Remembrance Day

Monday 15th Nov - Photo competition deadline

Tuesday 16th Nov - FOM Committee Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 19th November- Children in Need

15th- 19th November – Anti Bullying week

Friday 26th Nov - 21st birthday dis-glows!

Wednesday 8th December – Car park Carols

Don't forget to check the website

www.meadowsideschool.co.uk/calendar for all key dates.

Date of next newsletter: Friday 19th November



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