



THE BISHOPSWOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I cannot believe there are only five weeks left of this academic year. Where has the time gone? Over the coming weeks, we invite you to join us in the events we have planned, where I am sure you will get a sense of pride in your children as you see them doing any number of different activities: performing in plays, taking part in sports day, running in races and sharing their work.

Curriculum

Below is just a flavour of the first two weeks of this half term...



Miss Lees and Miss Creed say...

Year R have been looking at different artists. We read the story *'The artist who painted a blue horse'* and created our own pictures using watercolours and pencils. We have also looked at collage and the

children had lots of fun experimenting with different materials. On our welly walk we worked as teams to create our own nature art to display in the classroom.



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Miss Wright, Miss Cushing and Mrs Rolph say...



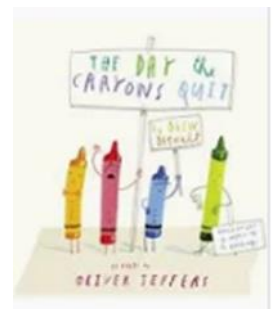
Year 1 have had a great start to our last term. For our last topic we are investigating the question 'Would a meerkat and a penguin be neighbours?' and to enhance our learning we are going on an exciting trip to Marwell

Zoo next week. To prepare, we have looked at where a meerkat lives and where in the world we find penguins. We also had an exciting visitor who arrived after half term- Sunny the meerkat! He left the book *'Meerkat Mail'* for us and we have enjoyed reading this. We took Sunny on a tour of our school and this week we have been writing the story in our own words.

Mrs Hunter and Miss Okey say...

Year 2 have had a great start to the term. In Science, we have been learning about the importance of exercise for our bodies. In English, we have been reading a new book called *The Day the Crayons Quit* and used this to write letters and diary entries.

We have also been working hard making props, singing and practising our end of year play! We can't wait to show you on the 9th and 10th July.



Mr Dale and Miss Ralph say...

We have had a great start to this half term. We are learning about different food groups and how they help us to stay healthy, ready to plan our healthy picnic later this half term. In science, we have been finding out about how our tongue and teeth help us eat and the different senses





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of taste we get from the tongue. In maths, we have been learning to add and subtract using the column method, while in writing we have written a story based on the book 'Edward Tulane'. We have focused on adding description to our writing with vocabulary such as adjectives, similes and metaphors.



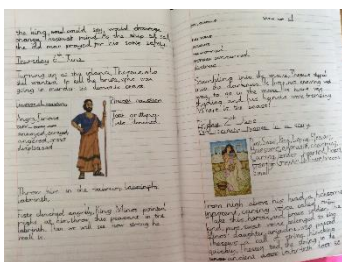
Mrs Buchan, Miss Price and Miss Frost say...

The children have come back ready for the last term of the year. On the first day back, we released the butterflies into the wild, much to the enjoyment of the children. We have also started our Anglo-Saxon topic and the children are really getting into the story of *Beowulf*, especially the thrilling parts. They have showed great

resilience this week as we have been completing end of year tests, we are really proud of them.

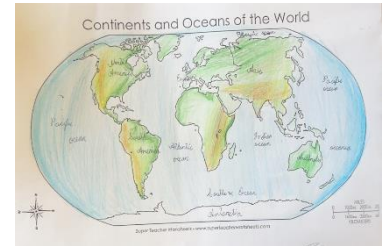
Miss Feather and Miss Nicholls say...

Year 5 have had a great start to the new half term, diving into their new topic of Ancient Greece. In writing lessons, they have been retelling the myth of *Theseus and the Minotaur*, including lots of detail and epic fight scenes! In topic lessons, they have started to look at the physical geography of Greece and the different periods that make up Ancient Greece. In PE, the children have been working on their athletics skills including sprinting, long distance running and relays.



Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Dreelan & Miss Dadral say...

Year 6 have started their new topic of 'I'm a Year 6, Get Me Out of Here!' really well. So far, we have been really impressed with their team building skills as well as their ideas of how they would build a new community. They have also been working on atlas and map skills, learning all about the different countries of the world, as well as how to use an OS map. The children have also made amazing progress on the school play and are really belting out the songs!



PTA events

Our brilliant Bishopswood PTA have a number of events coming up for the end of the year including:



- Father's day breakfast – 7:45am Friday 21st June.
- Colour Run – 4:00pm Friday 5th July
- Year 6 Leavers party - Tuesday 16th July

Without kind and passionate volunteers our school PTA would not be possible. We are currently looking for helpers. The PTA would like to expand their team, so they can increase the capacity of what they do. Helping can range from as little or as much as you can do. If you are interested in coming part of our PTA please speak to either Mr Morris or Miss Tash. If you wish, you can contact the PTA committee directly on

bishopswoodschoolspta@gmail.com

Transition

Earlier this week we sent out a letter about transition. To support children moving onto their next year group we arrange a number of events so children can meet their new teachers, including 'move up morning' on **Friday 28th June**. Our new

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cohort of Year R children have already been into school to prepare themselves for September and it has been lovely to meet them all. If you have any questions about transition please speak to your child's class teacher, Mr Morris or Miss Tash.

Parking Safely

Unfortunately, we are still receiving communications from local residents and parents of children in our school, about unsafe appropriate parking. **This is no longer a gentle reminder, but a request. Please could you ensure you do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school front gates or pavements in front of local resident's properties / private allocated parking**



Uniform reminder

As we draw towards the end of this academic year, we would like request your support in ensuring all children wear the correct school uniform until the end of term. We have noticed recently that the following items of clothing/accessories are being worn by a number of children:

- Trainers instead of school shoes
- Large hair bows
- Earrings other than studs
- Cycling style shorts on non PE days
- On PE days some children are coming to school in a range of branded sports kit when they should just be wearing their school PE kit.

We appreciate that at this time of year children's uniform, particularly shoes, are beginning to wear out and buying new seems a waste but we ask that you continue to support us with this matter for the last few weeks as it greatly helps us to promote our school values if everyone looks smart and a part of the school community. If you have any questions about school uniform, please speak to the school office.

As always, the following pages share some flyers for activities in and around Tadley that may be of interest to you and upcoming dates for your diaries.

If you have any questions about anything in the newsletter, please contact the school offices.

Many Thanks
Senior Leadership Team

Mrs Amy Chapman, Mr Mark Morris and Miss Adele Tashdjian

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Dates for your diary:

INSET DAYS

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

18th June – Year 1 Marwell Zoo trip

18th June- Year 6 Girls Cricket Tournament @ Mays Bounty Cricket Ground

18th June – BPSM Choir Rehearsal

18th June – BPSM Choir Anvil Evening Performance (7:00pm)

19th June – BPSM Choir Anvil Evening Performance (7:00pm)

21st June – Father's Day Breakfast (Junior Hall 7:45am)

25th June – Sports Day (infants AM, juniors PM)

28th June – Move Up Morning

4th July – Year 2 to Year 3 Parent Transition Meeting – 6-7pm (info to follow)

5th July – PTA Colour Run (details to follow)

9th July - Year 6 End of Year Show

11th July - Year 6 End of Year Show

18th July - Year 6 Paulton's Park Trip

19th July – Last day of Term

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View your child's vaccination history
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National Childhood Measurement Programme. Receive results of your child's height and weight measurements (Year R and Year 6).

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The Ages and Stages questionnaire will be available for you to complete electronically before your child's development assessment appointment.

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