

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

13.2.23



I can't believe that it is nearly half-term. It has flown by and the children at both sites have demonstrated excellent attitudes and behaviours toward their learning. I am very proud of all of them! After half-term I will be inviting the children who have been awarded the Principal's award so far to a special afternoon tea to celebrate how they have demonstrated the 'Be Weston' values. I would also like to ask for your help in completing a parent survey by clicking or copying this link:

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**Thank you for your support.**

**Mrs Birchall**



## The week ahead...

- Monday 13th February - Stoke City penalty shoot-out assemblies for all Weston pupils
- Tuesday 14th February 2023 - 'Stay and Play' session for pre-school children at Weston Infant Academy 9.30 - 11.00am
- Wednesday 15th February - Year 3 to visit a mosque as part of the R.E. curriculum
- Thursday 16th February - 30 pupils (Juniors) to participate in a Storytelling workshop for a Bolton Gate Art project
- Friday 17th February 2023 - Weston Infant and Junior Academies are both closed as staff have Trust INSET training.



# What are we learning?

## At Weston Infant Academy...

### Nursery are:

- Learning the phoneme 'd'
- Writing for a purpose e.g. children are writing their own cards for Valentine's Day and making friendship cards
- Matching patterns together and counting using 1:1 correspondence with heart shapes
- Making paper crafts with lovebird shapes

### Reception are:

- Learning the phonemes 'ee' and 'ur' (as in fur)
- Reading the book 'The Smeds and the Snoods' by Julia Donaldson and blending and segmenting words from the story
- Combining numbers to make 6, 7 and 8 and realising that numbers are made up of other numbers
- Adding spots to the lovebugs outdoors and printing patterns in the Maths area
- Colour mixing in the creative area and building a planet in the construction area

### I1 are:

- Learning the trigraph 'ear' that makes an 'air' sound e.g. 'bear'
- Reading 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan and making a wanted poster
- Carrying out addition/subtraction with numbers up to 20 and finding different ways to make 20
- Completing vehicles with axles, axle holders and wheels in D & T
- Making sequences in P.E. and thinking about God in R.E.

### I2 and I3 are:

- Reading 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan and creating a character profile about the lost thing
- Subtracting 1 digit numbers from 2 digit numbers
- Subtracting 2 digit numbers from 2 digit numbers using a Maths counting frame
- Thinking about what the passengers wore on the Titanic and about their cabins

# What are we learning?

## **I2 and I3 continued:**

- **Making healthy choices in Design and Technology**
- **Learning about spreadsheets in computing**
- **Looking at mirror dancing and repeating patterns in dance during P.E. sessions**

## **At Weston Junior Academy...**

### **Year 3 are:**

- **Writing about George making the medicine in 'George's Marvellous Medicine'**
- **Reading chapters 4 and 5 from the above text focusing on vocabulary and comprehension**
- **Dividing a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number e.g.  $50 \div 5 =$  ,  $42 \div 3 =$**
- **Looking at Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' painting using line technique/pastels**
- **Learning about fossils in Science**
- **Thinking about 'What does it mean to be a British citizen?' in PSHE**

### **Year 4 are:**

- **Creating a piece of writing based on 'The Inventing Room' chapter in 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', focusing on dialogue - using inverted commas and apostrophes for contractions**
- **Focusing on equivalent fractions**
- **Recreating an anti-bullying song, 'Stop!' in a rap style**

# What are we learning?

## **Year 5 are:**

- **Reading chapter 2 of 'Kensuke's Kingdom'**
- **Planning a balanced argument**
- **Thinking about subordinating conjunctions and the use of tense**
- **Looking at water resistance and stream-lining**
- **Rehearsing a ballad in music**
- **Talking about the weather in Spanish**

## **Year 6 are:**

- **Focusing on comprehension using Chapter 17 of, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'**
- **Learning about verbs and tenses (progressive, perfect, simple) and phrasal verbs**
- **Reading and interpreting line graphs**
- **Understanding the water cycle and the features of rivers**
- **Looking at Human Rights heroes in PSHE**
- **Looking at 'The Gunpowder Plot as part of 'The Stuarts History'**

**If you have any urgent queries then please remember to phone the school offices as classdojo messages may not be responded to immediately.**

**Well done to Weston Infant Academy and Weston Junior Academy for achieving the Quality Mark Awards for Science.**

# Our 'Be Weston' Values

## Be Weston:

- Well-being and confidence
- Empathy and Respect
- Strength and Resilience
- Tolerance and Trust
- Openness and Honesty
- Neighbourhood and Community

**World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March 2023**

The theme for activities in school will be Traditional Tales (Infants and Juniors). Pupils are invited to wear any book character costume that they choose on the day as this does not need to be linked to the activities taking place in school.