

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

15.5.23



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we will be linking with the mental health week theme of anxiety and asking the children to think about if they have ever felt anxious and what they can do to combat this. I think with the aftermath of the Covid19 pandemic that many people are feeling the after effects and learning strategies to support can be of great benefit to everyone.

Thank you to everyone who was able to send a contribution in to the Coronation class parties last Friday. I know that not everyone is able to send things in but we always ensure that all pupils are involved and we are grateful for all donations received. Thank you also to all those who entered our design a coin competition.

Have a calm week ahead - Mrs Birchall

## The week ahead...

- Monday 15th May 2023 - Mental Health Week - Anxiety
- Monday 15th May 2023 - KS1 SATs begin
- Tuesday 16th May 2023 - 'Stay and Play' 9.30 - 11.00am at Weston Infant Academy
- Tuesday 2nd May 2023 - 1.00pm - 3.00pm - Year 5 swimming - Weston Junior Academy



# What are we learning?

## At Weston Infant Academy...

### Nursery are:

- Recapping on the use of alliteration and continuing to learn their phase 2 phonemes
- Reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and identifying the initial phonemes in the names of the story characters and writing them
- Making shape castles for their beanstalk pictures
- Planting beanstalks and watching them grow over time
- Exploring textures on the texture table

### Reception are:

- Learning the phoneme 'oi'
- Writing sentences about the 'Jack and the Beanstalk' story
- Looking at the capacity of the Giant's breakfast bowl
- Counting patterns using numbers to 20
- Counting beans
- Using the aim and throw technique to throw beans out of the window
- Making model castles outdoors using a range of different media

### 11 are:

- Having fun with real and nonsense words
- Looking at phonemes 'aw' and 'wh'
- Ordering jumbled sentences and reading them using their phonic knowledge to make sure that they make sense
- Looking at equal groups and adding them together.
- Making arrays of numbers
- Starting to create a story project adding animated pictures and adding sound effects
- Looking at human and physical features in Geography
- Making pop art pictures in Art

### 12 and 13 are:

- Looking at the phoneme 'wor'
- Focusing on comprehension and reading skills
- Answering worded problems in Maths
- Making our own obstacle courses in P.E.

# What are we learning?

## **I2 and I3 continued:**

- **Learning how to locate the continent of Africa and to think about how many countries there are within Africa**
- **Thinking about what the weather is like in Africa**

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

### **Year 3 are:**

- **Reading the second part of 'The Enormous Crocodile' looking at comprehension and vocabulary**
- **Learning about fractions - fractions of amounts e.g.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 20 = 5**
- **Investigating the lengths of bones in Science**
- **Learning about the role of the bats-person in cricket**

### **Year 4 are:**

- **Using 'show not tell' to write about emotions in preparation for a piece of writing involving a chase scene**
- **Making a whole with tenths and comparing decimals**
- **Learning how to carry out a volley in tennis**
- **Making an Anglo-Saxon brooch in History**

# What are we learning?

## Year 5 are:

- **Creating a setting based on 'Kensuke's Kingdom' in their writing**
- **Looking at Chapter 5 and focusing on comprehension**
- **Learning about coordinates**
- **Thinking about 2 quadrants and 4 quadrants**
- **Using a range of fielding techniques in cricket**
- **Learning about the timeline of the Ancient Islamic Empire**
- **Learning about conductors and insulators in Science**
- **Learning the irregular 'I do' verb and the negative 'I do not' in Spanish**

## Year 6 are:

- **Reading Chapter 7 of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone**
- **Writing non-chronological reports**
- **Learning about coordinates**
- **Focusing on relationships in RSE**
- **Looking at bones in Science**
- **Looking at Reformation in History**

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

**Please remember that the main school gates and the gates off Brookwood Drive will be open from 8.40am daily. The gates will close at the end of the school day. Pupils accessing after school clubs should be collected from the main school entrance, off Princess Drive.**

# 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

**Please do not vape within the school grounds as we are a no-smoking zone on each site. Also, we would be grateful if parents did not sit on the children's benches or tables when collecting their children from school as this poses a Health and Safety risk. Thank you for your support with this.**