

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

9.10.23



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we received the final Ofsted report for Weston Infant Academy which was 'Good' across all areas. This alongside the 'Good' of Weston Junior Academy shows that our children receive a really positive education across the Weston Federation and we will continue to work hard to ensure best outcomes for our children.

This week some of our girls in KS2 competed in a 7-side football competition and pupils in year 3 enjoyed a visit from Whisper, the barn owl and her owner Gareth.

What a great week!

Mrs Birchall



The week ahead...

- Thursday 9th October 2023 - Stoke Girls 7-side football competition for KS2
- Friday 13th October 2023 - Leadership drop in at Weston Junior Academy - 10am
- 'Stay and Play' for pre-school children and their parents/carers will be starting again next week at Weston Infant Academy. Please note the change of day to Wednesday weekly.
- The 'TT Rockstars battle' begins next week...



What are we learning?

At Weston Infant Academy...

Nursery are:

- Playing listening games and listening to instruments in Phase 1 phonics.
- Talking about what 'sharing' is and 'What makes a kind friend?'
- Using and following positional language/instructions
- Looking at the story, 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson
- Exploring a rock pool and playing with sea creatures in shaving foam
- Bubble wrap printing star fish

Reception are:

- Group 1 are looking at 'i' and 'n' and Group 2 are looking at 'y', 'z', 'zz', 'qu'
- Ordering the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and predicting what will happen next
- Comparing mass and size, thinking about heavier/lighter and bigger/smaller
- Building a windmill using 'junk modelling' materials
- Re-enacting the story of 'The Little Red Hen' using story masks
- Sorting old and new farm machinery
- Thinking about how we can be kind

I1 are

- Looking at plurals and 'a-e' in phonics
- Sequencing the story 'If I had a Dragon' and predicting what will happen next
- Ordering objects and numbers and using a number line
- introducing parts and wholes
- Learning facts about Marcus Rashford
- Looking at continuous line drawings in Art and E-safety in Computing

I2 and I3 are:

- Creating poetry using their senses
- Reading and writing numbers in words
- Partitioning numbers in to tens and ones and writing the corresponding number sentence

What are we learning?

I2 and I3 continued:

- **Learning about compasses in Geography**
- **Exploring shade and tone in Art**
- **Naming the materials that an object is made from in Science**
- **Looking at things that are living and those that have never been alive**

At Weston Junior Academy...

Year 3 are:

- **Carrying out descriptive writing of Plop from the text 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' using expanded noun phrases and key vocabulary**
- **Using the column method to add and subtract 3 digits and 1 digit using exchanging**
- **Identifying counties that border Staffordshire in Geography**
- **Thinking about, 'Who was Josiah Wedgwood?'**
- **Making shadows in Science**

Year 4 are:

- **Learning about similes and onomatopoeia**
- **Developing their poetry writing skills**
- **Rounding numbers up to the nearest 10 and 100**
- **Carrying out a tooth decay investigation in Science**
- **Looking at the social hierarchy of Ancient Egypt in History**

What are we learning?

Year 5 are:

- Reading Chapter 4 of 'Kensuke's Kingdom' - 'Gibbons and Ghosts'
- Focusing on modal verbs, expanded noun phrases and comprehension
- Looking at multiplication and power numbers
- Comparing sexual and asexual reproduction in Science
- Filming a report on the Viking Lindisfarne invasion in History
- Learning a song using makaton in music

Year 6 are:

- Creating a final draft of a newspaper article about treasonous Tumnus
- Reading Chapters 7 and 8 of 'Narnia' and answering comprehension questions
- Using apostrophes for possession and contraction
- Using commas for lists, for parenthesis, for subordinate and embedded clauses and in direct speech and compound sentences
- Carrying out long division using double digit divisors
- Solving multi-step reasoning problems involving division
- Locating English counties in Geography
- Classifying vertebrates in Science
- Looking at charities inspired by Jesus' example
- Thinking about peer pressure in PSHE
- Focusing on American football and swimming in P.E.

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

Just a polite reminder to always be courteous to others when on the school grounds and when parking. The parent code of conduct should be followed at all times.