

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

16.10.23



Dear Parents and Carers,
We are looking forward to another busy week ahead this week. Our 'Stay and Play' sessions for pre-school children and their parents/carers will be starting this Wednesday at Weston Infant Academy and at Weston Junior Academy a range of activities such as 'Bikeability', learning about 'Gases' and 'mixed football' competitions will be taking place. Thank you to everyone who was able to donate to the harvest parcels - your support is very much appreciated.
Mrs Birchall



The week ahead...

- Upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6) 'TT Rockstars battle' begins this week (against other schools).
- Wednesday 18th October 2023 - 'Stay and Play' for pre-school children and their parents/carers at Weston Infant Academy
- Thursday 19th October 2023 - 'Bikeability' for Year 4
- Thursday 19th October 2023 - Year 5 'Gases' at Moorside High School
- Thursday 19th October 2023 - Mixed Football for Years 5/6
- Friday 20th October 2023 - 'Bikeability' for Year 4
- Friday 20th October 2023 - Leadership drop in at Weston Infant Academy - 10am



What are we learning?

At Weston Infant Academy...

Nursery are:

- Reading the story, 'The Leaf Thief' and talking about the changes that take place in Autumn
- Feeding the squirrels acorns by placing the correct values into the number pots
- Matching conkers and numicon to a number
- Making a leaf collage to make a squirrels tail
- Painting sticks
- Weaving using pine cones and making play-doh hedgehogs
- Playing parachute games with Autumn leaves

Reception are:

- Group 1 are learning phonemes, 'm', 'd', 'g', 'o' and Group 2 are learning, 'ch', 'sh', 'th', 'ng.
- Ordering the story, 'Percy the Parkeeper After the Storm' and predicting what comes next and thinking about the initial sounds/writing CVC words of animals
- Looking at ABAB patterns in Maths, copying and creating their own patterns
- Creating a tool in the construction area for Percy to make repairs after the storm
- Designing their own park
- Cutting to make a woodland scene
- Creating Autumnal tree finger paintings
- Thinking about places that are special to us

I1 are

- Learning about split-digraphs 'e_e', 'i_e', and 'o_e' in phonics
- Identifying rhyming words
- Learning how to use part-part-whole to carry out addition
- Looking at Emma Bridgewater patterns
- Exploring techniques such as moulding, sculpting in preparation for their own clay work
- Working in pairs passing the balloon with accuracy and control in P.E.
- Learning about road safety in PSHE

I2 and I3 are:

- Group 1 are learning split digraphs, 'a-e', 'i-e', 'e-e' and group 2 are learning 'il', 'ei' and 'al'
- Writing instructions about how to make a cheese oatcake
- Looking at how to use numberlines in Maths

What are we learning?

I2 and I3 continued:

- **Designing a moving monster in Design and Technology**
- **Designing a plate in the style of Emma Bridgewater**
- **Thinking about how Emma Bridgewater compares to other pottery artists**

At Weston Junior Academy...

Year 3 are:

- **Writing a final draft of descriptive writing about Plop the owl, using expanded noun phrases**
- **Adding and subtracting 3 digit and 2 digit numbers**
- **Investigating things that are transparent, translucent and opaque**
- **Learning about coding in Computing**
- **Researching Josiah Wedgwood**
- **Locating cities around Stoke on Trent in Geography**

Year 4 are:

- **Looking at show not tell and learning how to use speech in their writing**
- **Adding using 1s, 10s and 100s**
- **Learning about Roman Numerals**
- **Investigating tooth decay in Science**
- **Learning about mummification in History**
- **Developing netball skills in P.E.**

What are we learning?

Year 5 are:

- Writing an island description using expanded noun phrases and modal verbs
- Looking at short multiplication and multiplication using 10s, 100s and 1000s
- Looking at coding using nested loops in Computing
- Comparing life cycles in Science
- Learning how to score a tennis match in P.E.

Year 6 are:

- Carrying out assessments to identify future learning/revision in Reading, Writing, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (SPAG) and Maths
- Learning about American football in P.E.
- Understanding the classification of vertebrates in Science
- Thinking about the differences between English counties in Geography and thinking about the United Kingdom, Great Britain and England
- Further developing coding skills in Computing

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.