

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

23.10.23



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the final week of this half-term I would like to thank all of the children across the Weston Federation for their hard work.

Don't forget that school closes at the end of the day on Thursday as staff are involved in a whole Federation training day on Friday. The after school clubs will be open as usual on Thursday after school.

I hope that you all stay safe on Halloween and Bonfire Night and we will see you all on Monday 6th November 2023 when both schools will be open as usual.

Thank you - Mrs Birchall



The week ahead...

- Wednesday 25th October 2023 - 'Stay and Play' for pre-school children and their parents/carers at Weston Infant Academy
- Wednesday 25th October 2023 - Severn Trent Water assembly for Junior pupils only
- Thursday 26th October 2023 - Severn Trent Water assembly for Infant pupils only
- Thursday 26th October 2023 - J1 (Mrs Millins/Mrs Locke's class) visit to the Etruria Industrial Museum
- Friday 27th October 2023 - Weston Infant Academy and Weston Junior Academies are both closed to all pupils due to teacher INSET training day.



What are we learning?

At Weston Infant Academy...

Nursery are:

- Listening to indoor and outdoor sounds in phonics
- Looking at the story, 'Room on the Broom' and repeated phrases and rhyming
- Creating the story scene in the tuff tray and adding characters
- Recognising and ordering numbered pumpkins
- Making Halloween shakers and using as instruments
- Making shape witches
- Designing skeletons using straws and sticks
- Pumpkin printing
- Hunting spooky items in the spiders web maze

Reception are:

- Group 1 are learning phonemes, 'o', 'c', 'k' 'ck' and Group 2 are learning Cool Blue's 'oo' sound
- Looking at the story, 'Funny Bones' and predicting what might happen next?
- Hearing initial sounds in the names of animals
- Hearing the sounds in CVC animal names
- Ordering a short caption
- Finding and representing numbers 1, 2, 3
- Subitising to 3
- Learning about baptism in R.E.
- Picking up pumpkin seeds from spiders webs
- Spider and pumpkin painting, drawing skeletons using chalks

I1 are

- Learning 'u-e', 'ar' in Phonics
- Looking at the Aunty Mabel story about a pottery in Stoke, writing labels and captions (sequencing the story).
- Using family addition facts and number bonds to 10 in Maths
- Learning about materials and describing the properties of the materials in Science
- Designing and making patterns in the style of Emma Bridgewater in Art
- Learning facts about Emma Bridgewater in History

I2 and I3 are:

- Group 1 are learning phonemes 'u-e', 'ar', 'ee' and Group 2 are adding suffixes (dropping the 'e' and double the consonant rules)
- Recounting Aunty Mabel's trip to the pottery factory
- Comparing objects and number to 20 (Year 1) and 100 (Year 2) using < > and =

What are we learning?

I2 and I3 continued:

- **Discussing places of interest to them in Stoke on Trent, in Geography**
- **Sculpting clay into the shape of a bottle kiln and adding details using tools.**
- **Recording the weather during Autumn, in Science**

At Weston Junior Academy...

J1 are:

- **Developing their use of vocabulary based on Chapter 3 of 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark'**
- **Learning times tables in Maths**
- **Continuing to learn how to do column addition and subtraction**
- **Learning about Josiah Wedgwood**
- **Visiting the Etruria Industrial Museum**
- **Understanding sun-safety and how this affects our eyes in Science**

J2 and J3 are:

- **Using adverbs to describe manner**
- **Using 'show not tell'**
- **Retelling a section of the 'Firework Maker's Daughter'**
- **Carrying out addition using exchanging**
- **Carrying our subtraction without exchanging and with exchanging**
- **Learning about Diwali in R.E.**
- **Looking at mummification in History**
- **Continuing the tooth decay experiment in Science**

What are we learning?

Year 5 are:

- **Completing our descriptive writing of a desert island**
- **Looking at dialogue in grammar**
- **Talking about pets in Spanish and using the word 'pero' meaning 'but'**
- **Focusing on key Science vocabulary for living things**
- **Thinking about, 'What does a holy God mean to a Christian?'**
- **Learning how to stay safe online in Computing**
- **Learning how to read BAG in music and how to play this on a recorder**

Year 6 are:

- **Carrying out extended writing: to write a first person description of a setting**
- **Understanding angles - recognising types of angles and calculating missing angles**
- **Practising songs for the 'Young Voices' concert**
- **Drafting a poem called, 'If I were King/Queen of the world' to consider how people would follow Jesus' example in R.E.**
- **Identifying types of microorganism**

If you are 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.