

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,
This week in Years 5 and 6 the children will be thinking about how to stay safe online and discussing apps and online communication. Please support your child's learning by encouraging your child to only use age-appropriate forms of communication and remember to check any messages that your child is sending or receiving. We will also be carrying out a range of activities to focus on the mental health of our pupils and Tom our mental health support worker will be carrying out assemblies at both sites.

Thank you - Mrs Birchall



The week ahead...

- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Monday 5th February 2024 - Attendance clinic at Weston Junior Academy
- Tuesday 6th February 2024 - Year 6 visit to the Blue Planet Aquarium
- Wednesday 7th February 2024 - 'Stay and Play' for pre-school children and their parents/carers at Weston Infant Academy
- Thursday 8th February 2024 - Minibeasts Handling session for J2
- Friday 9th February 2024 - School closed to all pupils for INSET Day
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024 - half-term week
- Monday 19th February 2024 - School is open as usual following the half-term break



What are we learning?

At Weston Infant Academy...

Nursery are:

- Looking at syllables in words and recognising words that rhyme
- Copying using sound talk e.g. c-a-t
- Learning about Chinese New Year and making a Chinese symbol by writing and mark-making in glitter with chopsticks
- Accessing our Queen of Hearts counting table
- Pattern matching hearts
- Looking at symmetrical Chinese dragons
- Painting love bugs using finger dot painting and making a Chinese lantern
- Building a body for the drago head in the construction areas

Reception are:

- Learning 'ai' (Angry Red) in group 1 and 'ar' (Tricky Witch) in group 2
- Reading the story, 'The Smeds and the Smoos' and learning the nursery rhyme 'Daisy, Daisy'
- Making CVC words about the Smeds and the Smoos
- Writing short captions and sentences
- Representing, understanding and subitising using numbers 6, 7, 8
- Recapping on doubles and looking at odds and evens
- Making a planet for Janet and Bill
- Colour mixing Smeds and Smoos
- Making Valentive hearts using a stained glass effect

Year 1 are

- Looking at 'au' and 'air' and the prefix 'un'
- Retelling the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'
- Ordering and comparing numbers within 20 and consolidation of numbers to 20
- Locating and naming seas around the UK
- Looking at the work of George Hayter (portrait artist to Queen Vistoria.
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Year 2 are:

- Recapping 'dge'
- Using their imaginations to create a story about what happened on Sunday in the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'
- Using their knowledge of the seas around the UK to describe where Grace Darling's rescue happened

What are we learning?

Year 2 continued:

- Looking at the work of George Hayter (portrait artist to Queen Victoria)
- Carrying out subtraction using 1 and 2 digit numbers

At Weston Junior Academy...

J1 are:

- Focusing on identifying coordinating conjunctions to write compound sentences in spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Multiplying using column multiplication to multiply a two digit number by a one digit number in maths
- Identifying the 5 layers of the earth in Science
- Learning new songs in Songbirds sessions
- Learning about the Chinese New Year
- Carrying out activities thinking about mental health
- Learning about medicines in PSHE

J2 and J3 are:

- Using apostrophes for possession and similes to describe the nasty characteristics of the Golden Ticket winners
- Looking at correspondence problems in Maths
- Measuring in metres (m), centimetres (cm) and millimetres (mm)
- Focusing on healthy eating in PSHE
- Celebrating Chinese New Year by using keynotes to retell the story of 'The Great Race' - the myth which tells the story of the Chinese zodiac

What are we learning?

Year 5 are:

- **Looking at Chapter 3 of Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, focusing on comprehension**
- **Writing the up-levelled disciplinary report**
- **Thinking about e-safety in computing**
- **Learning about air-resistance in Science**
- **Learning about Chinese New Year**
- **Rehearsing for the recorder festival**
- **Thinking about how we stay healthy in PSHE**

Year 6 are:

- **Carrying out practice SATs papers and discussing their answers**
- **Considering which questions are best answered by Science or religion in R.E.**
- **Discussing apps and online communication in PSHE**
- **Visiting 'The Blue Planet Aquarium'**

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

Please remember to speak to all staff politely at all times when inside the school building and when on the school grounds. The new Parent Code of Conduct will be posted on class dojo this week. We are here to support and help and to build positive relationships.