

**SPRING NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents & Carers,



It hardly seems possible but today is the last day of the Spring Term. The school has been fully open for three weeks – and what a three weeks they have been! It has been lovely to have all the children back in school. It feels like we are beginning to get back to some kind of normality. Over the last three weeks, the staff have been working on getting the children used to being in school, wearing their uniform and adapting to learning in whole class groups again.

I hope that all enjoy the break and, as restrictions relax, you are able to get out and enjoy the holiday. I don't wish to put a damper on your holiday but I have to make sure that correct procedures are in place if any of our staff or pupils test positive for Covid-19.

Please take the following action if your child tests positive:

- If they develop symptoms 48 hours or more after being in school, then you do not need to contact me. You should follow the instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- If they develop symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, for example on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March, then please contact me as soon as possible by email on the following address.

[rrobinson9nr7@nsix.org.uk](mailto:rrobinson9nr7@nsix.org.uk)

I will be checking my emails daily and I will need to know the following information:

Name and class of your child

Date symptoms started

Date of test

Case reference number (if known)

Last day your child was in school

This information will help me when I contact the Department of Education and the Norfolk Outbreak Management Centre. It will also help me to identify close contacts and enable me to advise the relevant people of the need to self-isolate.

I will use our usual forms of communication (email) to inform you of any positive cases.

Fingers crossed that we will not need to do this at any time! However, I will be available on the above email address throughout the holiday if you need clarification of anything.

Please stay safe, take care and enjoy the holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back in school at the start of the Summer Term.

Kindest regards,

*Mrs Robinson*

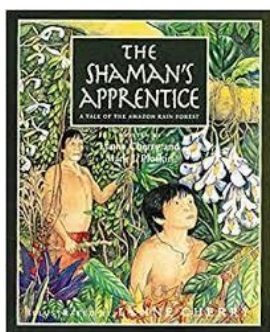
## YEAR GROUP NEWS

### YEAR 3

Since returning back to school at the start of March, Year 3 have been getting used to school routines and expectations again and life back in the classroom. We have been continuing with our rainforest based discovery and English work and have enjoyed sharing 'The Shaman's Apprentice'.

In maths, we have taken a break from the four operations and instead have been learning about data through pictograms and bar charts, as well as developing our understanding of money. We have continued to challenge ourselves with Nrich problems and daily Fluent in Five challenges.

After all our hard work over the last three weeks, we are looking forward to resting our brains over the holidays.



### YEAR 5

We can't believe that it is Easter already! Year 5, have settled into school really well and have adjusted to the school routines over the last three weeks. They have particularly enjoyed learning about life cycles in science and have been able to compare the life cycles of reptiles, fish, birds and reptiles.

### YEAR 4

Pupils in Year 4 have returned to school happy and ready to learn! All of the staff are delighted to have the children back in class and are very proud of all of their hard work during lockdown and since returning to the classroom.

In English, the children have been developing their use of speech punctuation as they write their newspaper reports which will add to their bank of 'Wonderful Writing' that follows them all the way through to Year 6. Maths has seen the children consolidating their learning of decimals, which was initially taught remotely.

A topic that many of the children have enjoyed this term is 'Field to Fork' children have explored key words such as environment and economy whilst participating in debates focusing on the impact of local and global food production. The children have a great understanding of the importance of looking after our world and have even offered some fantastic solutions to prevent global warming!

We are still enjoying our class read 'Wonder' and are looking forward to watching the film this week as a class treat after all of the hard work the children have put into their learning! Once again, thank Year 4 for always trying your best and a huge thank you to your parents/carers for supporting you with your learning. We hope you all have a fabulous Easter break!

### YEAR 6

Firstly, we must congratulate our Year 6 children on their positivity and enthusiasm in returning to school. It really has been wonderful to witness established friendships being rekindled and new ones forged. Furthermore, it has been particularly pleasing to observe the way in which they have supported and encouraged each other throughout this transitional time.

In English, we have been writing stories about a Wish Granter and we are very impressed with their imaginations and the ambitious vocabulary that they have been able to use.

We know that lots of the children are very excited to begin our history topic on the Ancient Greeks and our Science topic on Forces in the Summer term.

Have a lovely Easter break!

Stay safe,

The Year 5 Team



Our Year 6 cohort engaged admirably with the tasks and activities offered during 'Lockdown' and we were delighted with both the quantity and quality of work posted on 'Google Classrooms'. Well done to all!

Recently, our themed work has centred upon inheritance and adaptation/the theory of evolution. We have approached these ... from a variety of different perspectives including a historical account of Darwin's life, a balanced argument and the scientific exploration of the development of plant and animal species. We have been delighted to have had online lessons delivered by the Education Department of Banham Zoo.

We are excited to reveal that new units of study for the first half term of the Summer will include Living things and their habitats, poaching and its prevention and consequences and RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education). English and Maths will continue to follow the National Curriculum objectives. Our class novel will be 'Warrior Boy' by Virginia Clay and our extended writing tasks will use its content as a stimulus.

We hope that you all have a happy and healthy holiday and we look forward to seeing the year group on their return to school.

#### DIARY DATES

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of the Summer Term
31 <sup>st</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half-term holiday
14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Proposed transition days
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term



Thank you to everyone who donated last Friday for our non-uniform day to support Comic Relief. The day was a great success and it was lovely to see so many children taking part. As always, thank you for your support with our fundraising efforts.

#### UNIFORM

A reminder that we have brought forward our start date for summer uniform so children do not need to wear their ties for the rest of the school year. We have been quite relaxed about uniform over the last few weeks, as we know that non-essential shops continue to be closed. After Easter, when the shops reopen we hope that all children will be able to return to their normal uniform. If you have any problems with uniform, please contact your child's class teacher.