

Monkfrith School

Summer Term 2023

Newsletter 2



We had a great start back to term last week. I hope those of you who were celebrating the end of Ramadan had a lovely weekend.

Reception

For the next few weeks, Reception will be learning about all things minibeast-related. They will be finding out about caterpillars, butterflies, worms, snails and more...

As part of their aim of enriching the experiences we are able to offer in school, **FOMS** are funding ZooLab to visit the children this Wednesday.

In Phonics they will be consolidating lots of their learning from phase 3 before moving on to phase 4.

In Maths the children will be looking at numbers and counting beyond 10 followed by adding and taking away.

Year 1

The topic in Year 1 this half term is called '**Paws, Claws and Whiskers**'. The children will learn about different animals and link that to science and geography. They will be visiting Willows Farm and reading *The Tiger Who Came To Tea*!

In Maths they will be learning about volume and capacity, then starting to look at multiplication and division related to 2s and 10s and then move on to finding fractions of shapes.

Ms Delaney

You may have noticed that Ms Delaney has not been around over the last few months. I can now let you know that she has been very busy having a beautiful baby girl! Hopefully Ms Delaney will be able to pop in at some point in the next few weeks to see us.

I am sure you will join me in celebrating this exciting news and wishing them all the very best.



NEU Industrial Action

This Thursday is the next day that teachers are able to strike.

Please see the email sent last Friday about which children should attend school on this day.

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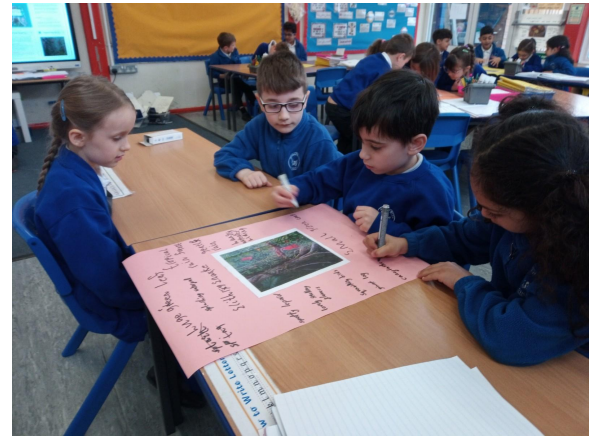
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Year 2

The topic in Year 2 this half term is called '**Rainforests**'. The children will be learning about the different layers of the rainforest and animal habitats. In art they will be developing their sketching techniques. Last week the children read the Kapok Tree as a basis for some descriptive writing and later in the term the children will be reading the Just So Stories before writing their own version.



In Maths the children will be looking at multiplication and division related to 2s, 5s and 10s and then do some work on fractions.

Year 3

The topic in Year 3 this half term is called '**Rocks, Relics and Rumbles**'. The children will be learning about the what causes volcanoes and the different types of rocks. Last week they began by finding out about the layers that make up the Earth.

In addition to this they will also be visiting the Natural History Museum next month. Their whole class reading novel is The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate Di Camillo.

In Maths the children will be doing some more work on fractions then move onto using money and learning about time.

Year 4

The topic in Year 4 this half term is called '**Playlist**'. The children will be learning about sound, how it is made, how we hear it and how sounds make us feel. Last week they were also starting to write a short narrative using their senses based on a music video.

In reading, the children will be finishing Alien in the Jam Factory before moving on to 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd Stanton.

In Maths the children will be doing some more work on decimals, before moving on to money and time.

Year 5

In Year 5 their '**Alchemy Island**' topic is rich with science and geography. They will be learning about grid references and compass points as well as properties of solids, liquids and gases. They will also be designing their own code to create computer games. Last week (and this week) the children were writing cinquain poems.

In reading, their text is based on the Greek myth of Odysseus.

In Maths the children will be doing some more work on decimals, before moving on to money and time.

Year 6

Year 6 have started the term with some revision in preparation for their SATs in two weeks time.

However they have also been doing some fantastic artwork based on their topic for this half term - Gallery Rebels. Over the next few weeks, they will be learning about different artistic movements. Last week they looked at pointillism and this week they will explore the work of the surrealists. In Science, they will learn about the science of colour and chromatography.

After SATs we (and I am including me in that!) head to the Isle of Wight for their Year 6 residential. We have not been for the past three years because of Covid and so I am delighted that the children will get to go! A letter will be going out on Tuesday with the final arrangements and the kit list. Keep your fingers crossed for some sun!



Advance Notice of Disruption

During the week of 15th May we are hoping to have some work done in the Key Stage 1 playground which will impact on some aspects of the school day.

We are still finalising plans, but please expect not to be able to use the gate on Brookside South for drop off or pick up in the morning. I will send further details shortly when we have confirmation from the contractors.

Coronation of King Charles III

School will be closed for the coronation of King Charles on Monday 8th May. On Friday 5th May will be holding our own celebrations in school. For this the children can come in their own clothes - dressed for a party or celebration. Please just make sure your child will be warm enough.

KS2 Choir

There is not much time before the Barnet Music Festival so please make sure that if your child is in Choir they are coming on Thursday morning.

Choir will be on as usual this week. Please note there will be no session on 18th May.



Attendance

Week commencing:

17th April 2023

Whole School	93%
Reception	89%
Year 1	93%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	94%

4 days off school over the year.

7 days off school over the year.

9 days off school over the year.

11 days off school over the year.

20 days off school over the year.

30 days off school over the year.

100%

98%

96%

95%

94%

90%

85%

In the last week of term, we were visited by our Educational Welfare Office to review attendance.

We reviewed children's attendance focusing on the children who are below 90% and meet the persistently absent threshold.

You can check your child's absence by logging in to Arbor.

Key Dates for Summer Term 2023

Wednesday 26th April - Reception enrichment workshop, **funded by FOMS!**

Thursday 27th April - proposed date for Industrial Action

Monday 1st May - School Closed for Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd May - proposed date for Industrial Action, Year 1 to Willows Farm

Thursday 4th May to Friday 5th May - Year 4 One Night Residential at Phasels Wood.

Friday 5th May - Coronation Celebration!

Monday 8th May - School Closed for King's Coronation

Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May - KS2 SATs week for Year 6

Thursday 11th May - Year 3 to the Natural History Museum

Sunday 14th May - Friday 19th May - Year 6 Residential to the Isle of Wight

Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June - Half Term

Monday 5th June - INSET 4

Thursday 8th June - Year 2 to London Zoo

Friday 9th June - Class Photos

Tuesday 13th June - Music Festival for KS2 Choir

Wednesday 14th June - New Reception Parents meeting 7pm

Monday 19th June - Sports Week, **including the return of the FOMS Danceathon on Friday 23rd June**

Friday 23rd June - Reception Sports Morning (9.15am start)

Tuesday 27th June - Barnet Athletics Competition for KS2

Wednesday 28th June - Year 5 to Capel Manor

Monday 3rd July to Thursday 6th July - Whole School Spelling Bee!

Wednesday 5th July - KS1 Sports Morning (9.15am start)

Thursday 6th July - KS2 Sports Afternoon (1.30pm start)

Friday 7th July - INSET 5

****Saturday 15th July Summer Fair****

Friday 21st July - Break up 2pm

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September - INSET Day

Tuesday 5th September - First day of school