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Highfields

Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th January, 2024

Exciting Learning for Wimbledon

This half-term in Wimbledon Class we are learning all about division in maths. We have enjoyed sharing out sweets to make equal and unequal groups and we will continue to practise this key skill over the next few weeks. We are also going to be writing about the 'Fae Folk' (also known as fairies) as we learn how to write to inform. This week we also started our new topic, 'Giganotosaurus' and thought about our big question (would you like a dinosaur's life?) Our topic started with a game of Simon says to identify body parts followed by using all of our five senses. We particularly enjoyed using our sense of taste to guess the flavour of different crisps! On top of this we are learning how to set achievable goals for ourselves and dance in PE. We have all had a fantastic start to the new term!

Mrs Bainbridge

Paddington

Wimbledon

Lev

Mia-Grace

Kaitlyn

Waterloo

Stars of
the week

Rome

Lucas

WESTMINSTER

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

Victorious Victorians

This half term in Westminster class, we are learning all about how chocolate is made in our writing lessons, to be able to produce our own non-fiction, information text. We really enjoyed taste testing different chocolate brands and creating a vocabulary bank to use in our writing.

In Maths, we are focusing on multiplication and division, and we are looking forward to getting active as we practise these key skills. To round up our core learning, we are starting our new book which is 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'.

Our topic sessions over the next few weeks are all about Victorian mining - we started off with a scavenger hunt around school leading us to a time capsule in forest school! We looked through lots of exciting artefacts and are keen to learn more about the time period, as we begin to look at mining and the role children had in this. Westminster is really eager to get stuck in with these new topics alongside learning about light in Science, Hinduism in RE and dance in PE!

Mrs Walters

Attendance

Wimbledon



2nd



1st



3rd

KNIGHTSBRIDGE

Paddington

| Class | Week % | Year % |
|---------------|--------|--------|
| Paddington | 94.4% | 90.7% |
| Wimbledon | 99.5% | 93.8% |
| WESTMINSTER | 92.6% | 90.6% |
| KNIGHTSBRIDGE | 96.9% | 92.6% |
| Waterloo | 88.4% | 94.5% |
| Whole School | 95.3% | 92.7% |

Woeful World War II

This term, we will be getting SATS ready! We will be having lots of test practices so that the children are familiar with the testing process and know the structure and content of what their SATS paper will include. We want the children to be relaxed and fully prepared so that they can embrace the tests and achieve to their full potential.

We have started a new class text this term, Letter from the Lighthouse, that links to our curriculum topic, World War II. So far, the children are loving the book and are always intrigued to what happens next! We will be looking at the reasons as to why World War Two broke out, which countries were involved and how World War Two has affected where we live today. Our writing is going to link to our topic also, with the children writing an information text that will tell the reader about how Hitler rose to power.

In science, we are focusing on electricity, looking at how electricity flows through a circuit, adding switches and explaining how that will affect the flow of electricity. We will finally move onto making a burglar alarm.

Please make sure that you ask your children about what they have been learning as this term is set to be fun filled and very busy!

Mrs Bonner



Diary Dates

Energy Saving Week –

January 17th–23rd

Chinese New Year –

January 22nd

NSPCC Pants! – January 26th

National Puzzle Day –

January 29th

Child Mental Health Week –

February 5th–11th

Safer Internet Day –

February 6th

Pancake Day – February

13th

Women's History Month –

March

Parents' Coffee Morning –

March 1st

British Science Week –

March 8th–17th

World Book Day – March 7th

Parents Evenings – March

12th / 14th

Red Nose Day – March 15th

Hemsworth the Hamster



We have some sad news to share from our academy. Our beloved school hamster, Hemsworth, has passed away this morning. Hemsworth was a cherished member of our academy and brought much joy and learning to all our children. We will take this time to celebrate Hemsworth's life and the happy moments he gave us. We understand that this may be a sensitive topic for some children, and we encourage you to talk with them about it.