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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am not entirely sure where September has disappeared to, but somehow we have already reached the end of our first month back! One of the best things about the start of the year is seeing how quickly the children settle into their new year groups and build positive relationships with the adults who are working in those teams. Whether children have joined us in Year 3 for the first time, or have moved up through the school into new classrooms and routines, it is always impressive to see the confidence, resilience and enthusiasm they show. I have loved catching up with so many of the children either out on the playground or when visiting classrooms and hearing about what they have been up to - new learning, clubs and teams they are part of (in and out of school), how their pets are doing, interests that they have recently developed, the list goes on... someone even told me that they had tried a scotch egg for the first time - and loved it!

There has already been lots happening across the school, from sporting opportunities and trips to exciting learning experiences in classrooms. It has also been lovely to speak to so many of you on the school gates in the morning - we are incredibly grateful for the partnership we have between home and school as it plays such an important role in helping our children. On that note, parent/carers evening meetings will be taking place on Monday 12th and Thursday 15th October, please make sure you book an appointment to see your child's teacher when the meeting slots are released.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the fantastic things that have been taking place across the school over the last few weeks.

Kind regards

Ryan O'Hearn

Headteacher

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YEAR 3

What a fantastic start to Year 3! The children have settled into their new year wonderfully and have made a really positive start to their learning. They have been getting to grips with new classroom routines, showing great enthusiasm for their learning and demonstrating positive behaviour and kindness towards one another. We are incredibly proud of how well they have adapted to the expectations of Year 3 and look forward to all the exciting learning experiences ahead.

English – The World's Most Ridiculous Animals

In English, we have been really excited by our new book, *The World's Most Ridiculous Animals*! The children have loved exploring the wonderfully unusual creatures and have used their imaginations to design their very own ridiculous animal. They are now creating an infogram to inform their readers all about their fantastic creations. In their writing, the children have been developing their use of expanded noun phrases to describe their animals' features, prepositions to explain where these features are located, and subordinating conjunctions to extend their sentences with extra detail. We have been so impressed by their creativity and the enthusiasm they have shown in bringing their ridiculous animals to life!

History – The Stone Age to the Iron Age

In History, we have been exploring our exciting topic of the Stone Age and discovering how daily life changed from the Palaeolithic period through to the Iron Age. The children were fascinated to learn that many of the largest wild animals that roamed the Earth during the Palaeolithic period had become extinct by the Mesolithic period. This helped us to understand how people's lives, homes and hunting practices changed over time. The children even decided that the Mesolithic period looked easier to live in than the Palaeolithic! We have also enjoyed discovering similarities between the food people grew and harvested, and the animals they domesticated during the Neolithic period, and the ways in which we live today. It has been wonderful to see the children's curiosity and thoughtful contributions as they piece together what life was like thousands of years ago.



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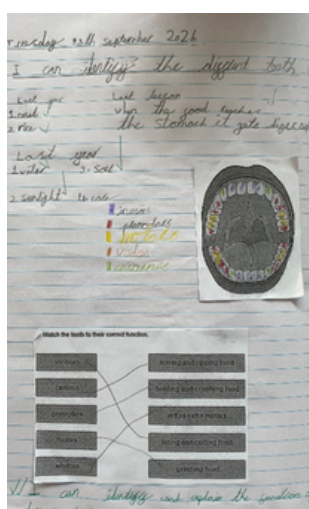
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We were extremely lucky to start Year 4 with an incredible visit from Dr Gostling who taught us all about dinosaurs. It really helped us become experts, preparing us for our English unit writing dinosaur infograms about a dinosaur that we were going to invent! The children were able to see real fossils and ask a range of questions to Dr Gostling during each classes Q and A session. The Year 4 team were so impressed with the children's knowledge of dinosaurs during the visit. Subsequently, the writing they have produced has been amazing! Well done everyone!



In Science, we have been learning about the function of different teeth, how they help us and how to look after them. We conducted a class experiment to look at the effect of different types of liquid on teeth - we used hard-boiled eggs, as the shell is like enamel on teeth. We used coke, squash and orange juice with water being the control. The children predicted that coke would have the worst effect because it is full of sugar.



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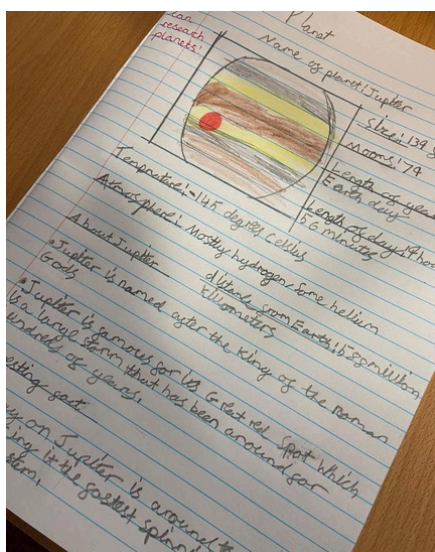
YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the year and have been busy exploring a wide range of exciting learning.

In English, we have been developing our journalistic writing skills, inspired by the thrilling novel Stormbreaker. In Maths, we have been practising useful tricks and hacks to help us become more confident and efficient when solving addition and subtraction problems. Science has taken us out of this world as we have been learning about space, our Solar System and the planets. In Geography, we have been exploring the USA, learning about its different states, biomes and environments. We have also been learning to count in French, exploring networks in Computing and beginning to develop our musical skills by playing the ukulele.

There is plenty more to look forward to in Year 5! The children are particularly excited about the arrival of the Space Dome in school next week, which will give us an immersive opportunity to explore the wonders of space. We are also looking forward to our upcoming visit to Winchester Science Centre, where we will be able to bring our science learning to life and discover even more about the fascinating world around us.

It has been a brilliant start to the year, and we can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings!



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YEAR 6

All things light!

Year 6 have been doing some amazing work in science this half term! The children have been exploring the fascinating world of light and have discovered that light travels in straight lines. They have investigated different materials to find out which make the best reflectors and have enjoyed carrying out practical investigations to test their ideas. They have also been learning all about the human eye and how it allows us to see the world around us. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity, enthusiasm and growing scientific understanding as they ask questions, make predictions and explain their findings.



World War 2

Year 6 have been immersed in some fascinating history learning this half term. The children have been investigating the events of Dunkirk and learning about the huge evacuation operation that took place in 1940. The children have explored how British forces, alongside Allied troops and civilian boat crews, played an important role in rescuing soldiers from the beaches of Dunkirk. It has been fantastic to see the children developing their understanding of this significant period in history while asking thoughtful questions and considering different perspectives.

