



Newsletter Friday 4th March 2022



Message from Mrs Grainger

I hope that you all enjoyed a good half-term break. The weather was particularly awful, but I hope you enjoyed some family time and found lots of exciting things to do. It has been good to see you all back at school this week.

There are a lot of exciting events planned in school for this half of the term. This week our focus has been on World Book Day, with some amazing costumes from both children and staff! The masked reader event was especially entertaining. We are also welcoming our governing body to a visit today. They work hard for our school behind the scenes and so it's particularly special for them to come in and see the learning first hand.

Next week is our Arts Theme week. We have a visiting artist working with the children in Years 1 & 2. The National Gallery are providing an online workshop for Years 1 – 4, and Years 5 & 6 are taking part in a dance workshop. Last term, the Arts week was incredibly well received by all the children and so we are very much looking forward to these experiences.

Finally, our Year 6 children are away at Whitemoor Lakes for a week. For some this may be their first time away from home but such a valuable opportunity to develop new skills, friendships and interests.

House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 14th February 2022

	514		465
	392		480

Covid Update

On Monday 21st February, the Prime Minister announced an end to Covid-19 restrictions in the UK from Thursday 24th February, with an end to free NHS provision of testing from 1st April. The Government has published a "Living with COVID" plan and updated guidance for schools with the removal of all restrictions. We are following the national guidance for 'People with COVID19 and their contacts' for pupils, staff and other adults if they have COVID-19 symptoms. In practical terms little has changed. If your child has symptoms of Covid-19 they should get tested and stay at home whilst they await their test results. If they test positive, they should remain at home and avoid contact with other people. As previously, pupils can return to school after 10 days, or earlier if they receive two negative LFD tests on consecutive days from day 5 onwards. You should continue to follow the usual absence reporting process.

Music Concert

Children were treated to a concert from Entrust peripatetic teachers who got together to showcase their talents. It was a wonderful experience and the children and staff loved it.



curriculum

What has your child been learning about in class this week?

Years 1 & 2

It has been a busy start to our new half term. During this first week we have celebrated reading achievements, listened to beautiful orchestral music and gathered to discuss World book Day - and that was just the assemblies! In our writing we have begun to think about poetry and have learned to recite a poem about bugs. We have also begun to create group poems by changing the verbs in 'The Bug Chant' poem.

In maths, Year 1 have been learning about tens and ones in 2-digit numbers up to 50 and finding different ways of representing these numbers using practical objects. Year 2 have just begun their journey on fractions. This week we have started to look at halves and quarters of number. We had a very exciting start to our new theme - 'Wriggle and Crawl'. Laura, from the 'Animal Man' company visited school with some animals from around the world. The children were able to see different animals close up and to be able to touch and handle them too. World Book Day, on Thursday was great fun. Lots of children dressed up as their favourite book characters. The staff put together a 'Masked Reader' quiz for the children to guess who was reading and what book they were talking about.

Years 3 & 4

Welcome back to Years 3 & 4 after half term. It has been lovely to see the children back in school working hard and getting enthused and happy.

We have spent the first week designing and making clay bottles to finish our potions theme. The children have worked so hard and the standard of work produced has been really high. The children have followed a step by step guide to help produce their pottery and learned some new skills including scoring, blending, pinching, moulding as well as using 'slip'. Ask your child for an explanation of these words and they will gladly tell you! It was also an exciting day in Years 3 & 4 on Thursday as the array of costumes were just amazing for World Book Day. Thanks for the all the support here it makes the children's experience just magical. Well done to the Year 4s as they have gone swimming for the first time this week. They all did really well and came back from the pool smiling!



Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week begun our new theme titled Stargazer. We have looked at identifying different parts of the earth such as the North and South poles; the Northern and Southern Hemispheres; the Equator; Latitude and Longitude lines; Tropic of Cancer and Capricorn and Time Zones.

In reading we have started our new class text 'The Jamie Drake Equation', whilst in writing we have been planning our own science-fiction based story.

In maths, we have been looking at fractions in Year 5 and a range of problem solving and reasoning questions in Year 6.

We are also planning forward to our Year 6 visit to Whitemoor Lakes and slightly further forward, SATs.

Next week we are looking forward to our Arts Week, which for Years 5 & 6, will focus on Dance and Drama.

Reading Celebrations

At the start of every half term, we have a whole school 'reading celebration' assembly to recognise the amazing effort and progress from all our pupils. The children receive reading certificates for their progress through Accelerated Reader.

In our house teams we celebrate the number of quizzes that we have passed during the previous half term and the number of words read.

Since September we have read, 27,212,718 words as a whole school. That's a huge number of words and a huge number of books read!

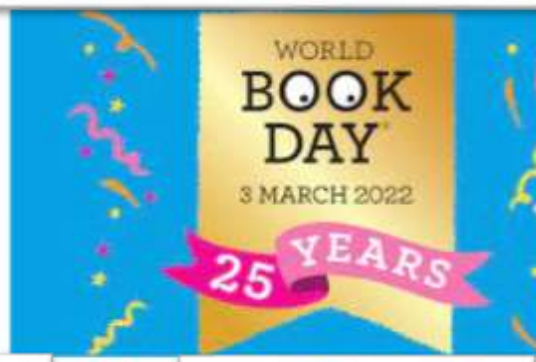
We also celebrate individual 'Millionaire Word Readers'. Last half term, Nate was our first member of the 'Millionaire Word Readers' club. This term he was joined by three new members; Isaac, Renee and Isabella.

A big shout out to our amazing Chadsmead readers!

READY READER	 Collect 5 points Read to/ with/ independently
3 books read Level 1.2 or higher Collect 10 points	Independent Reader
RIISING READER	3 books Level 1.6 or higher Collect 10 points
3 books Level 2.0 or higher worth 1 or more points each	SUPER READER
ADVANCED READER	3 books Level 3.0 or above worth 2 or more points each
3 books Level 4.0 or above worth 4 or more points each	STAR READER
CLASSIC READER	3 books Level 6.0 or above worth 7 or more points each
Read and pass Reading Practice Quizzes and collect 100 points for books on challenging literature that a teacher creates	HONOURS READER

Save the Date...

Chadsmead PTFA Family Bingo - Tuesday 29th March 4.30 - 6pm. Order forms coming out next week with all the information. Get your dabbers ready!



Dates for the Spring & Summer Terms 2022

Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th March 2022	Year 6 Whitemoor Lakes Residential Trip
Thursday 7 th April 2022	School breaks up at the end of the day for the Easter holidays – back to school Monday 25 th April 2022
Monday 2 nd May 2022	Bank Holiday
3 rd – 13 th May 2022	KS1 SATS
Thursday 5 th May 2022	Polling Day – School closed
9 th – 12 th May 2022	KS2 SATS
Tuesday 17 th May 2022	KS2 Summer Music Concert 9.30am
Friday 27 th May 2022	Platinum Jubilee Day
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2022	Halt Term Break
w.c. Monday 6 th June 2022	Year 1 Phonics Screening
w.c. Monday 6 th June 2022	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 16 th June 2022	Chadsmead's Got Talent 6.30pm
Friday 24 th June 2022	School Closed – Inset Day
Tuesday 28 th & Wednesday 29 th June 2022	Year 6 High School Transition Days
w.c. 27 th June 2022	Creative Arts Week
w.c. Monday 4 th July 2022	Sports Week
Friday 8 th July 2022	School Reports sent home to parents/carers
Wednesday 13 th July 2022	Meet the New Teacher 5-6pm
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Last Day of Term