

Dear Parents and Carers,

Termly Update 2 - 24.10.25

Headteacher Catch Up!

We are now at the end of the first term of the school year. With it being 8 weeks long, there has been plenty of time to pack lots of learning in!

The children have been engaged in the following enquiries:

Year 3: What can we learn from how the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages lived?

Year 4: Are wolves and humans similar? Global Goal - Life on Land

Year 5: How do humans and animals change over time? Global Goal - Life on Land

Year 6: What have the Victorians taught us about working life? Global Goals - Decent Work and Economic Growth and Reduced Inequalities.

Year 3 and 4's learning has been enhanced by educational visits. Year 3 have visited Cheddar Gorge to find out more about the Stone Age and went to St Stephen's Church to explore the key features of a church while Year 4 visited the Bristol Zoo Project hoping to catch a glimpse of the wolves.

During October we have been celebrating Black History Month. The theme this year is 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride' and we have taken time to focus on this by finding out about Nelson Mandela, Baroness Floella Benjamin and the Bristol Bus Boycott which allowed us to also touch on the life of Rosa Parks and the Windrush generation. While we have taken the time to celebrate the huge achievements of these people, we have also focused on our value of justice and our chosen definition: we do what is right and fair without prejudice.

This term we have introduced our new book vending machine which the children absolutely love! The children can choose a book to keep if they are awarded a Headteacher's Certificate or chosen to be a Shining Star. So far, 84 books have been selected and taken home. A huge thank you to our

PTA for purchasing the machine for us and keeping it stocked with wonderful books for the children to read.

Finally, I cannot end the term without congratulating our Year 3 children. They have settled into their new school so well, taking their new routines and learning in their stride. Well done Year 3; we are super proud of you!

Have a lovely week and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd November.

Kind regards

Louisa Wilson

Headteacher.

Parent/ Carer Meetings - Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th November

To keep you more up to date with how your child is doing in school, we have introduced an additional opportunity for you to come into school and talk to their class teacher. At these meetings you will be able to find out how your child has settled into their new group, any early attendance issues and feedback from our Term 1 assessments in reading fluency and times tables, as well as looking at their work books. In addition, there will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions. A reminder that the meetings are for a maximum of 10 minutes. To book an appointment, please

go onto Arbor and go to Students > Parents & Guardians > Guardian Consultations > All Guardian Consultations. The appointments will go live at 5pm today.

Parent/Carer Survey Completion = Gems!

We have decided to run our Parent/Carer Survey at the start of the school year rather than in the summer so that responses reflect the reviews of parents and carers who are currently in the school. This will allow us to act upon any areas that you believe need further development now rather than at the end of the year. As an incentive, if you are happy to leave your name on the survey, your child will be awarded 50 gems to go towards their house! To complete the survey, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/FQBHuDmLFa2ehjjN7>

Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair week beginning 28th November through to Friday 5th December. Books will be on sale at the end of the day in the playground. This is a great opportunity to buy some Christmas presents whilst raising money for the school to buy books for classrooms and our library.

Winners!!

Here are the winners of our termly competitions:

Times Tables Championship: Well done to Harris in 6CW who won the Times Tables Championship and has earned a class party;

TT Rock Stars: Well done to Angelica who is this term's individual winner and 5TM who have won the class competition with over 84,000 points!;

House Quiz: Our Term 1 house event was a quiz involving questions on our school, music and sport and general knowledge. The winners were McEman with 275 points!

House Championship: It's been a tense competition this term but our winners for Term 1 are Attenborough who have earned 11,269 gems! The children in this house will be rewarded with pizza making on the first Friday of next term.

Mosaic Inter School TT Rock Stars Battle!

Next term, the schools in our Mosaic Partnership Trust will be battling it out on TT Rockstars. Every child can make a difference and help our wonderful school to climb up the ranks and be the times table champions! Please encourage your children to go onto TT Rockstars at much as possible next term on any gaming mode to earn points for our school!

Children in Need

Our chosen charity to support this year is Children in Need. To help raise money for this worthy cause, the house captains have decided that we will have a pyjama day and cake sale. This will take place on Thursday 13th November as we have an INSET day on the Friday. We want to raise as much money as we can so on the day, please can you make a donation of £1(to be paid on Arbor) in exchange for your child wearing their pyjamas to school. We would be grateful if you could also donate cakes for the sale; please send them in on the day. The sale will be run by our house captains and will take place after school.

Thank you.

Nails and Hairbands!

We have noticed that there are an increasing number of children who are coming into school wearing nail varnish or acrylic nails. A reminder that this goes against our uniform policy and should not be worn.

In addition, some of the children's hair and head bands are not appropriate for school as they are too big and multi coloured. These should be plain in colour and of a reasonable size. Your cooperation with this matter would be very much appreciated.

Family Thrive Programme

Thank you to everyone who completed the Family Thrive Programme survey. Unfortunately, we cannot reach a consensus regarding what time would suit you all. We are therefore going to postpone the programme for now, review availability in school then launch the programme in Term 3.

Louisa Wilson

Head Teacher