



SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

We have had another busy week in school, and as we near the end of this half term we hope that the national situation continues to improve and moves closer to normality. We were very pleased that the class photos were able to take place yesterday (despite the weather!) and were completed in record time on the playground before the afternoon rain forecast.

Well done to everyone who has taken part in the Walk to School Week—it is lovely to see so many of you walking, scootering and cycling this week. May I remind you however, that scooters and bikes should only be *walked* into the cycle parking area. In the interest of everyone's safety, please ensure your child does not ride their scooter or bike once they have entered the school site. They should walk them to the cycle park and leave them there, thank you.

Thank you for all your support with Pyjamarama last Friday and to Mr Winch for organising it. We raised a fantastic £360 for this valuable cause which does a fantastic job of giving children access to books. The children also had a fun day too, thank you!

Have a good weekend

Peter Dewhurst & everyone at Sebert Wood

PARKING SAFELY & CONSIDERATELY...

Unfortunately we are still receiving complaints about parking from local residents, particularly around the Raedwald Drive area.

This really is an important issue and we must ask you to always **park safely and considerately** when collecting and dropping off your child.

You should consider the safety aspect when parking close to driveways and junctions and do not park on the pavements.

You must not obstruct the view of any residents trying to enter or leave their driveways.

This is for everyone's safety as well as a courtesy and respect to our local residents, thank you.

WHAT CHILDREN DO OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL...

Congratulations to Abbie C in Year 2 who has achieved her white belt blue stripe with Northgate Karate Club!

Since lockdown last year Abbie has continued to train with the Red Dragons either via Zoom during full lockdown or in Ipswich once classes started again. She has worked really hard to obtain her white belt blue stripe—super well done Abbie this is a great achievement!

Please note: Communications from school that appear in your inbox from 9352925@capita-intouch.co.uk are for *outgoing messages only* to parents, so please do not reply directly back to this email address as it is not regularly monitored. If you need to contact us, please only use admin@sebertwood.co.uk. This is also the best way to let us know of anything, rather than leaving messages on the class doors, thank you!

Plastic bottle tops please....keep them coming!

We've had a fantastic response so far, thank you. We'll keep the bucket outside the front entrance so we can keep collecting for a whole school art project!

HALF TERM WEEK
MONDAY 31st MAY to FRIDAY 4th JUNE 2021

Year 6 We cannot believe it's only one more week until half term! This week the children have been writing their own 'next chapter' using our novel, 'Letters from the Lighthouse' as inspiration; we are very much looking forward to reading the final copies! In Maths, they have been consolidating their understanding of angles and use of a protractor. In Science, the children planned and carried out an experiment designed to test how different activities impact an individual's heart rate. Their findings were then presented in an appropriate graph of their choice.

Homework this week:

Reading Fiction pg 22-31– due Monday 24th May

Maths – Arithmetic pg 52 – 56 due Wednesday 26th May

Reasoning pg 45 – 50 due Wednesday 26th May

Additionally, over the next week, we would like the children to write a one page profile about themselves, including all the information they would like their new schools to know about them, ready for their transition in September.

They may like to consider including:

Photo/drawing of themselves

Favourite subject

Hobbies

Likes/ dislikes

Friends

Family information

As well as any additional information they think is important.

Enjoy the weekend,

Miss Woods and Mr Crew

Year 5 Year 5 have become experts in life cycles this week! They have now learnt about life cycles of birds, insects and amphibians - you may want to see what they can remember! Next week we will be finding out about the life cycle of mammals.

In History we will learn about Mayan writing, which is also a focus of our art lesson where the children will be string printing an example of a Mayan hieroglyph. The children will finish and present the Mayan temples they have designed in their computing lesson. Mrs Blythe, our peripatetic brass teacher, says that she can hear the improvement of the children's playing, keep up the good work Year 5! The children are enjoying the Kensuke's Kingdom book and using some adventurous vocabulary in their writing about it.

Well done to all those who have walked to school this week!

Have a good weekend

Year 5 team

Year 4 We hope the children's rain gauges are filling nicely with the heavy rainfall we have had this week! We were planning to send them home at half term but the miserable weather seemed too good to waste! Please encourage your child to fill in their chart so that the information can be used for Bury in Bloom. We're hoping that Monday morning will be drier as Stewart Curtis (Harvey's dad) will be giving both classes a knowledgeable talk on electricity in the pavilion, as next week's Science lesson. We hope he's prepared for the array of questions that the children are bound to ask!

In next week's Maths we will be completing our unit on properties of shape with symmetry, a lovely way to round off the half term! Following on from the beautiful writing the children produced this week which included expanded noun phrases and prepositional phrases, they will continue to work on the short film clip they watched. In Computing, the children have successfully completed and watched their iMovies and are beginning to work on a programming app called Scratch.

Have a lovely weekend

Year 4 Team

Year 3 The children have really enjoyed learning about fossils and making careful observational drawings of them. They successfully designed and made some clay pots in the style of Bronze Age beakers. Next week, the children will learn about the Iron Age in History. In Science, they will continue to learn about fossils. In Art, they will design an Iron Age shield. In PSHE, they will discuss how exercise affects the body and mind. In RE, the children will learn about Hinduism and their belief about karma. During half-term, we will be running a reading challenge! This requires the children to read every day for at least 10 minutes. An adult will need to sign a form (to be sent home next week) to say their child has done this. If they return the completed form on Monday 7th June, they will be able to select a small prize!

Have a lovely weekend
The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 In English this week the children have enjoyed learning about riddles – they have probably been testing them out on you! We finished the week by writing our own riddles about mini beasts. In Maths we have been revisiting ways we can add, subtract, multiply and divide – it was great to see what the children remembered from earlier in the year and we are proud of the progress they've all made. In our topic work we have looked at the life cycles of butterflies, frogs and other animals. This led to some great discussions, including what came first – the chicken or the egg? On Wednesday the children used egg boxes to make mini beast models. A reminder that children have the opportunity to change their reading books every day – please note in their reading records when they have finished the book.

Have a great weekend
The Year 2 Team

Year 1 We have really enjoyed learning all about Meerkats and the story 'Meerkat Mail'. The children have written some brilliant postcards home and are really starting to improve their independent working. In Maths next week we are working on turning and positions, which will link nicely to the work we have been doing in Computing programming mice. We have also been using the ipads with the programme 'Beebot Online', this is something your children may enjoy using at home. In Geography we have begun a new weather topic and the children enjoyed watching clips of different types of weather and describing them. The children have been working really hard collecting marbles for their jar. The jars are now full and on Monday afternoon we will be having a marble jar treat.

Have a lovely weekend
The Year 1 Team

Reception This week the children told us all about their pets and we looked at their photos on Tapestry. We also talked about if we could have any pet 'what would you choose and why?' Next week we will think about how to take care of pets, the types of food they eat and drink, types of homes they live in. For instance, hamster cage, fish tank, rabbit hutch... Also, how we can let our pets have fun, for example a hamster wheel, dog / cat toys, caves or plants for fish to hide in! The children will design a happy place for a pet to be. If you have photos of a hamster cage or fish tank please do share them on Tapestry.

Have a wonderful weekend
The Reception Team

Nursery This week we have had a lovely time learning about lots of different mini beasts looking through non-fiction books to help us find out some interesting facts! We learnt about bees and looked at them in detail to help us paint them using our fingers and sponges. We have enjoyed going on a mini beast hunt and making mini beast homes in our secret garden! Our tadpoles have grown and we can see they are starting to form a frog face. We cannot wait to see if they grow their back legs next week! It has been very exciting this week seeing our butterflies come out of their chrysalis. We let them go to continue the wonderful life cycle all over again! Next week we will be doing all about Jack in the beanstalk so will be changing our role-play area into a giant's castle and planting our own magic beans!

Have a great weekend
The Nursery Team