

SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

So, we have navigated our way to the half-term break, and it has definitely been an interesting and challenging term! We have all been extremely impressed with how well the children have returned to school and settled back so happily.

As I visited the classes to give out this week's Star Pupil Awards (at a safe distance!) I told every class how proud I was of them and the enthusiasm, resilience and hard work shown by them all so far this term.

We know we have been fortunate that we have been relatively unaffected by COVID cases, attendance has been very good and all year group bubbles have remained in operation so far. Our staff team have been resilient and fortunately very healthy and have all done a fantastic job welcoming back the pupils.

I would like to thank all of you as well for your ongoing understanding with the various logistical arrangements in school, and ongoing building works in the playground. Your flexibility and support has been hugely appreciated.

The children definitely deserve a good rest over half term to recharge their batteries ready for the second half of the term and what looks like may be an unusual lead up to Christmas.

Have a good half term break everyone, stay safe and well

Peter Dewhurst

& All the team at Sebert Wood

Thank you for your participation in the parent consultation calls over the last two weeks. Feedback has been extremely positive and we hope you found it a valuable experience speaking to your child's class teacher. As a school we're always keen to keep you well informed of your child's progress in learning, as well as their social and emotional wellbeing.

We are very pleased that our Year 5 pupils are able to take part in the annual **Bikeability training** during the week of 2nd November, with the incentive of receiving a certificate on completion of the course.

This is always as fun week and important training to boost their cycle skills firstly on the playground then progress to training on local roads under careful adult supervision and COVID guidance.

Don't forget your bicycles and cycle helmets Year 5!

Note Staff PD day — school not open to pupils tomorrow Friday 23rd October 2020

Just a reminder that with the change in weather, it is really important that your child always brings a **CHANGE OF SHOES** to wear in school after their PE lesson and a bag to put their PE trainers in. This avoids muddy and wet shoes being worn in the classroom. Many thanks.

Don't forget the Moreton Hall Pumpkin trail Friday 30th & Saturday 31st October 10am-4pm

The WINNERS of the best carved pumpkins will be voted for and win a prize!
Categories are scariest, funniest & most original.

To Register: Please contact Michelle Frost on 07810 456512

Visit Windy Pumpkins – for 'pick your own' pumpkin and 'Maize Maze'. See attached flyer for further details



Year 6 We cannot believe how quickly the first half term has gone! The children have all settled in to Year 6 and have adapted to new routines really well. This week, the children successfully finished writing their newspaper reports around the Battle of Marathon. Some of the finished articles have been put on display and are looking great! We had an enjoyable morning today watching Hercules in preparation for our English work after half term. In Maths this week, we consolidated our formal written methods for division; we look forward to beginning fractions after half term.

For those children who achieved at least 120 points from the Home learning menu and did not 'earn' themselves 3 or more red days this term, enjoyed a relaxed afternoon with activities of their choice as a reward for all of their hard work and good behaviour.

Over the next few weeks, the children have a home learning task we would like them to complete. The new home learning menu will be distributed after half term.

Task: Research how light helps us to see. Consider in your research how fast light travels and how long it takes to reach our eyes.

In school you will be writing a non-fiction piece with the title 'How light helps us to see', using your research. It is therefore important that this homework is carried out and brought into school by the deadline. If you wish to bring in images and facts to support your non-fiction text, then you may do so along with your research.

Please do not write the non-fiction report at home – only make notes!

Have a relaxing break,

The Year 6 team

Year 5 This half term has really flown past! This week we have created a Kahoot quiz about e-safety in Computing, using what the children have learnt about this valuable topic.

Week beginning 2nd November (after half term is Bikeability week). Your child will have the group they are in written in their planner, but we would like all children to wear PE kit all week. Just a polite reminder that your child will need to bring a spare change of shoes and a carrier bag to put muddy shoes in. On the days your child will be cycling, they will also need warm waterproof clothes and their bicycle and helmet. When the children are not cycling, they will complete activities in class based on our units of work on The Victorians and Earth and Space.

Please can you ensure that Gressenhall letters are returned by *Wednesday 4th November*, thank you.

Have a lovely half term week,

Year 5 team

Year 4 Half-term and we all made it; well done! Please enjoy your well-earned rest!

Remember the children can still use TTRockStars and Hit the Button to keep up with their times tables practise. We're not expecting anything from the homework menu, but if your child would like an activity, it would be lovely if they could create a poppy to display in a window of their home to show support and respect for Remembrance Day, which is quickly approaching.

Spellings given last Friday will be carried over to Friday 6th November. Please also use spelling shed to improve on everyday words. On Monday 2nd, we are planning to have a relaxing and colourful art day focussing on Pointillism. Please can we ask that if the children do not already have a large shirt/t-shirt suitable for art in school, can they make sure they bring one in on the first day back.

Take care and we'll see you soon!

Year 4 Team

Year 3 The children have had a very successful half-term. They have worked really hard and settled well into the school routines. This week, they have painted their Scarab beetles and you will probably agree that they look amazing.

After half-term, we will continue the Egyptian topic with a geographic focus, looking at the River Nile and its impact. In Science, we will start a new topic – Forces and Magnets. In Art, the children will make the Canopic jars.

During half-term, please continue to hear your children read as much as possible. Last week, they did a spelling test which covered the first 100 words children need to spell. We will send a slip (stuck in reading logs) or a separate sheet if your child made any errors and need to learn specific words. Please practise these with your child ready for re-testing in November.

We have also updated the Times Tables Rockstars so that the tables available are those appropriate for your child.

We hope you have a lovely half-term.

The Year 3 Teaching Team

Year 2 We can't believe the first half-term is over already! We are so pleased with how quickly the children have settled into their new classes. We have made a great start in English and Maths, and the children have really enjoyed the art focus we've had in our Seas and Oceans topic. This week we began handwriting sessions, practicing how to join up letters. By the end of Year 2 the majority of children should be joining their writing. They really enjoyed trying this – why not ask them to show you what they can do?

We haven't been able to change many reading books this week, as lots of books haven't been read at home. Reading at home is crucial and will help improve your child's spelling, imagination and understanding. Please record in the reading log when your child has finished their book so we can get it changed – thank you for your help.

Have a great half-term!

The Year 2 Team

Year 1 We have been focussing on Geography this week! The children have been really engaged in learning about our local area and enjoyed our visit earlier in the week. We were very impressed with their sensible behaviour while walking with their class around the local area. They have discussed road safety and thought about the jobs that people do, as well as looking at our school address.

We are delighted that many of you are reading regularly with your children. Please remember to sign the reading log book so that we can change their books when it is their turn. We will be sending 'high frequency words' to most children which match their reading level. A few children may not need these as they are reading beyond level 6 phonics.

P.E. day will continue to be Wednesday after the half-term holidays. Please come to school in PE kit (with separate school shoes to wear in class and a bag for muddy trainers), thank you.

On our return, we will be focussing upon the story of "Room on the Broom" in Literacy with a focus on rhyming words. In Maths we will continue our work on addition.

We are so pleased with the way the children have settled and risen to the many challenges we have given them. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break and return refreshed for the busy half-term ahead of us.

The Year 1 Team

Reception We have all had a fantastic week! Room on the Broom is one of our favourite books and the children have immersed themselves in all the activities we have planned.

We have realised that we don't have any wands in our role play area, so if you would like to make a wand over half term we would love to see it!

This week the children will be bringing home a Phonics book. These are for you to practise at home and so that you know the letter sounds we have been learning. Please keep these books at home and new sounds will be sent home every week. Please do not pressure your child to practise writing the letters, however, if they want to that is great.

We hope you all have a lovely half term.

Reception Team

Nursery It has been a lovely last week to the half term; we have enjoyed lots of dinosaur fun including our volcano erupting, painting using the dinosaur's feet, growing our own dinosaur garden using cress and making chocolate dinosaur nests! We hope they were yummy!

After half term, we are looking forward to reading the story 'Room on The Broom' by Julia Donaldson. We will have our own Witches kitchen where we can create our own magic potions, explore pumpkins and even make our own truly magnificent broom!

Thank you so much for all your positive feedback during your parent consultations it has been lovely to speak to you all and we are very proud of all the children.

Have a wonderful half term

The Nursery Team