

## SEBERT WOOD PARENT/CARER WEEKLY UPDATES

We have had another busy week throughout the school and it is wonderful to see the children happy and full of enthusiasm, working hard and enjoying their play times and PE activities outside. The works are still continuing on site and are currently on schedule, and although the children are unaffected by the work, the re-laying of the atrium floor has meant there have been some interesting logistics for staff, particularly with lunches!

With the latest Government lockdown announcement, we appreciate this is another unsettling time for many of you. Thank you, as always for your continued support. We are pleased to see everyone coming onto the school site wearing a protective face mask and keeping social distancing where possible.

Take care and have a good weekend,

Peter Dewhurst

& all the team at Sebert Wood

Our Year 5 pupils have had a fabulous time taking part in their **Bikeability training** this week! This is always a fun week and important training to boost the children's cycling skills and confidence on the roads. Mr Desira said the children had been extremely focussed and engaged



and a real credit to the school. Steve from Bikeability commented "the children have been absolutely superb all week and a joy to be with."

Well done Year 5 we are very proud of you and pleased you enjoyed Bikeability!

### WHAT CHILDREN DO OUTSIDE SCHOOL!

Sammy and Harvey (both Class 9) had their first Karate grading in Ipswich this weekend and both passed! They are both now orange belts. The boys starting training with Bury St Edmunds Shotokan Karate Club back in January and diligently continued their training through lockdown via Zoom lessons. They have both worked hard to achieve this belt and will be back to Zoom lessons this week to start training for their red belts!

Well done Sammy and Harvey for their hard work and dedication!

Next Friday we are happy to be supporting this year's **CHILDREN IN NEED** day!

Unfortunately we are unable to have our usual Fitness Friday and Huff n' Puff. However, next **Friday 13th** November will be a **non-uniform, dress down day**. Please ensure your child wears warm clothing appropriate for outdoor play time and a PE lesson if they have one.

We are asking for a £1 or £2 donation (on the day), thank you for your support. All proceeds will go directly to Children In Need.



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This could help hugely with FOSWS fundraising efforts this year, thank you!

Further details will be coming regarding this year's Christmas Hampers...watch this space!

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**Year 6** It has been great to see all the children come back to school well-rested after their half term break. This week in English, the children have researched and written biographies about the Ancient Greek God Hercules, building on their understanding from watching the film before half term. In Maths, we have been recapping our knowledge of fractions, beginning with equivalent fractions, simplifying fraction and looking at converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. In History, the children have started a group research project about a specific element of Ancient Greek Mythology, and in Science we have begun our unit on Light.

Reminder: Over half term, the children were set a research task as home-learning; this research needs to be brought into school on Monday.

*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 good weekend

Year 6 team

**Year 5** We hope you all had a good half term. We are very disappointed that our Gressenhall trip was cancelled, but we have planned a day of Victorian activities in the classrooms instead. If your child has a Victorian costume they were planning to wear for our trip, these can be worn on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November (the day the trip was meant to be).

We had a busy week this week with Bikeability and fun classroom activities. Well done to all those who passed their training!

Next week we will be starting our new science unit on forces. We will begin by considering the different types of forces. With this in mind, please could you start to save washed milk bottle lids (the round plastic ones) for a DT/science forces related project coming soon.

Have a good weekend

Year 5 team

**Year 4** We hope you all had a good half term and managed to enjoy some safe Halloween fun!

This half term's Home Learning sheet has gone home, please encourage and support your child to do some of the activities. Next week we will continue with 'Mr Stink' based work in English and column subtraction in maths. We will begin our history topic looking at where the Romans came from and why they invaded Britain. Our French lesson will focus on the French alphabet.

In Science we will begin our topic on looking at the skeletal structure of the human body and this week the children started their work on our power point presentation in computing and they will also continue this next week. Many children were very excited to write theirs about Italy!

Have a lovely weekend

Year 4 Team

**Year 3** The children have come back to school refreshed from half term and have made a good start to our new topics. In art the children have started their Canopic jars.

Next week they will paper mache the God they have created for the top. This is going to be very messy!

*Please can you send an old long sleeved top/shirt/apron (that you no longer need), to protect your child's school clothes. We will use this the following week as well so please send it in a named plastic bag so they can keep it on their peg.*

In Science we have started out Magnets and Forces topic. Next week the children will be investigating how magnets work. In Geography they will be learning about the source and mouth of a river and finding out about the geographical features along the River Nile. In French the children are learning the vocabulary for colours. In music this half term the children will be creating a ceremonial piece of music based on our Egyptian topic.

The children will have brought home a list of spellings to learn for a test on Monday. These are:-

*mouth, around, sprout, sound, spout, ouch, hound, trout, found and proud.* You can access these on Spelling Shed as well. Spellings will be coming home every Monday now so please look out for these in your child's book bag and let us know if they do not make it home so we can give you another copy. Next week the children will be recapping the times tables they learnt in Year 2 (2, 5, 10). ...YR3/Cont'd

**/Cont'd Year 3** If your child knows them they will receive a certificate. Please do help them to revise them, including the division facts, for next week. Over the next few weeks we will be working on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. The children need to know these by the end of Year 3. Your child will have brought home the new home learning menu. We hope you enjoy completing the activities with your child. Have a lovely weekend.  
The Year 3 Teaching Team

**Year 2** Welcome back! The children have had a great week and are really settled now. This half-term we will be learning about The Great Fire of London (Mr Winch's favourite topic!) To lead up to this, we have spent this week thinking about fireworks. In English we thought of some great verbs and adjectives to describe fireworks and used them to make poems. We also made collages of firework explosions and used pastels to depict a firework display over the London skyline.

In Maths next week we will spend a final week looking at addition and subtraction. In English we will learn about newspaper front pages, ready to write one about the Great Fire.

We have been asked about logins for Times Table Rockstars. We will send these out later in the term; in Maths we will spend time looking at what underpins multiplication and it is important to do this before learning times table facts. Children need a firm grasp of what multiplication represents rather than just reciting the facts.

Finally – due to Covid we usually have windows or skylights open to keep fresh air circulating. As it is colder now please make sure children have jumpers/cardigans or wear an extra layer if necessary. Thank you!  
Have a great weekend

**Year 1** We hope you had a good half term. The children have returned full of enthusiasm and we have been delighted at their readiness to learn.

In literacy this week we have been looking at 'Room on the Broom' and discussing rhyming pairs, we will continue this next week through our topic of Fireworks poetry. In maths we have been focussing on addition using a number track to support this. Next week we will be introducing subtraction using the language of taking away, there are lots of opportunities to practise this at home, maybe with sweets or toys. *I have 5 sweets, I eat 3. How many are left?*

In the front cover of your child's reading log you will find their password and email address to access google classroom. This will be used in the event of a school closure or our bubble having to isolate.

Have a good weekend

The Year 1 Team

**Reception** This week we looked at some photos on Tapestry of the children dressing up for Halloween and we also talked about how at this time of year people light fireworks. We watched a video on the white board and made some pictures using different resources. We want to teach the children how people celebrate in many different ways, so if as a family you would like to share photos of Diwali, thanks giving or other special times please do put photos on Tapestry. It is important that children learn that we live in a wonderfully diverse country and to value our differences.

We are having difficulty returning items when they are unnamed. Now the weather is changing please ensure you label hats and gloves. We encourage the children to keep their gloves in their coat pockets ready for cold days. If you wear a hoodie on PE days it must have name in it.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend

Reception Team

**Nursery** We have had a fantastic week playing in our witches kitchen having fun creating lots of magic spells using many different resources to create wonderful potions. A highlight was making a potion that turned Mr Dewhurst into a frog!

We also enjoyed reading the story 'Room on the Broom' and having fun acting out the story pretending to be the different characters and making our own truly magnificent broom.

Next week we will be creating our own firework pictures; if you are lucky enough to have any fireworks in your garden or get to see any fireworks we would love to see them on tapestry. We will turn our role play area into a fire station taking about fire safety. We will also be talking about Remembrance day and having some activities to support children in need.

Have a restful weekend

The Nursery Team