

## DORRINGTON NEWS: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

### DORRINGTON DIARY - Dates for your Diary

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - School Closes for the Half Term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – School Opens for all pupils

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day at Dorrington

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – School Production of ‘ANNIE’ 7.00pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March – School Production of ‘ANNIE’ 7.00pm

### World Book Day

Dorrington Academy will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Join in the fun and come to school dressed as your favourite book character.

Unicef Article: 28

### ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY FOR WEEK ENDING 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

This week the top classes for Attendance and Punctuality were as follows:

<u>Attendance</u>			<u>Punctuality</u>		
KS1	2A	98.67%	KS2	3K	95.86%
REC	RJ	96.67%	Year 3	3K	95.86%
Year 1	10	96.33%	Year 4	4N/4P	95.00%
Year 2	2A	98.67%	Year 5	5S	94.83%
			Year 6	6D	93.55%
KS1 Winners	2I/2A	1 LATES	KS2 Winners	4P/5A/6N	1 LATES
KS1 Most Lates	RC	8 LATES	KS2 Most Lates	3G	9 LATES

Unicef Articles: 12, 28, 29, 31

## Nursery

This week we have been fishing in Nursery! We caught fish in our nets and counted them. The best way to do this is to put them in a line. You can practise lining up objects and touch counting them at home. After that we found the correct numeral to ten. Can you count objects up to twenty?

## Reception

This week we have continued to learn about our new topic of dinosaurs. The children have been learning how to take away practically using dinosaurs. They have then progressed onto taking away using marks to represent numbers and then writing the number sentence. The children have enjoyed drawing pictures of their favourite dinosaurs and recalling facts they have learnt. Please encourage your child to discuss with you what they have learnt this week.

## Year 1

- 1 This week the children have been working on rhyming words in Literacy. They have learned that words rhyme when they have the same sound at the end. We have had lots of fun matching rhyming words and creating our own lists of rhyming words. By the end of the week the children were able to write their own version of the poem Green Eggs and Ham by Dr Seuss. In Numeracy we have been writing numbers as words and attempting to spell them correctly. As the week progressed the children had to work out the answers to written addition and subtraction problems by finding the sum and the difference. In outdoor education this week, learning focused on the properties of lots of different materials. All of the year one teachers would like to say a big thank you to all of the children for their hard work this half term. When we come back after half term it will be Book Week. For this our focus is Annie and more specifically Sandy the dog. We will be making junk models of dogs and we ask you to please bring in any used cardboard boxes, kitchen rolls, string, empty bottles, bottle tops etc. Please bring these in on Monday 26th February. Children are able to dress up on world book day as their favourite character from a story on Friday 2nd March.

## Year 2

- 2A In maths this week, we have started looking at multiplication and the skill we can use in order to solve those problems. In Literacy, we have been looking at various grammatical rules that we have learned so far such as full stops, subordinating conjunctions, word classes and sentence types. Food chains are still our focus for science, but this time we have been trying to piece together a full food chain for the correct habitat - so we have been learning that a shark would not be eating a giraffe and using the arrow correctly to show what is prey and what is a predator.
- 2I In 2I this week the children have been learning how to multiply by using arrays. The children began by practically making arrays using cubes. They then progressed to drawing their own arrays. They have worked really hard this week! During Literacy, we have been practising our basic skills. They have been punctuating sentences and extending them by using conjunctions. Well done to Year 2 for a fabulous half term! They have all worked really hard. Enjoy your holiday.
- 2K In 2K this week the children have been busy learning new basic skills for literacy. My group identified and added subordinate clauses to main clauses. They showed a good understanding of this within the lesson. We have been really busy learning how to multiply numbers using arrays. The children can securely multiply numbers by drawing arrays to help them and they have worked super hard on this. Overall the children have had a brilliant week! A big well done to everyone in year 2 for working extremely hard this half term and I hope you all have a fantastic holiday.

## Year 3

- 3B** What a fantastic end to the term! The children have started their new unit in Literacy, as we enter the wonderful world of Haikus. We have been performing different haikus and identifying the features they have. In numeracy we have been doing multiplication and division, which the children really seem to enjoy! We continued to explore the human body in science, learning all about the different bones in our body and the jobs they do! What a great job, 3B!
- 3G** A great week to finish our first half term of 2018. The children have been working incredibly hard in Literacy to create their very own Haiku poem, which consists of three lines following a pattern where they are limited to a number of syllables per line. In Numeracy, we have learning the bus stop method to help us with dividing numbers. We have worked hard to understand the method and are now able to apply our skills to help us solve word problems. We have thoroughly enjoyed our Intra-sports competition in PE, where we have learnt the skills of Handball and put these into practice when competing in games against 3K and 3B. Have a well-earned rest this half-term and I look forward to welcoming you back the following week.
- 3K** This week in Numeracy we have been looking at using new methods to multiply and divide larger numbers. In Literacy we have been exploring haiku poems and collecting vocabulary to write our own. In science we have continued to learn about the human body and looked at why we need a skeleton. We have all worked really hard this half term and made some great progress! Well done 3K!

## Year 4

- 4D** This week in 4D we have been multiplying by 10 and 100 in numeracy. In literacy, we have been writing informal letters, imagining that we are Macbeth! In IPC sessions, we have been exploring the life of Anglo-Saxons. During our Numeracy lessons, we have been looking at multiplying and dividing whole numbers and decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. We have had excellent mathematicians this week who were able to work together to solve missing number problems. In Literacy, we have been looking at informal letters and imagining we are Macbeth writing a letter to his wife informing him about a peculiar prediction. I look forward to reading your letters at the end of the week! We have been looking at the Anglo-Saxon era and discovered what life was like back then. Children were very enthusiastic during the lesson and were shocked to find out that we haven't always had televisions and technology.
- 4N** This week, 4P worked really hard in science learning about the water cycle. We have remembered lots of interesting facts from Year 3! In numeracy, we have looked at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We have completed lots of challenging questions! In literacy, we wrote a letter to Lady Macbeth as her fearless husband and used so many fantastic adjectives!

## Year 5

- 5A** In 5A this week, we have been looking at how the Olympic Games began during our IPC topic on Ancient Greece. In Numeracy, we have been looking at using partitioning and the short multiplication method to multiply numbers by 1-digit and more. In Literacy, the children have been writing a diary entry in role as King Darius, the leader of the Persian army, and have included a range of ambitious vocabulary and relative clauses.
- 5R** This week in 5R we have been working on statistics in numeracy, interpreting and drawing line graphs as well as complex tables of information. In literacy we have been writing our character descriptions and in science we have been continuing to study the Solar System. We have also learned a lot about the Ancient Greeks in IPC, drawing a timeline of the main events of the Ancient Greek period.
- 5S** In literacy, 5S have been busy writing their own diary entries based on our topic this term, the Ancient Greeks. We have also been working on our knowledge of short multiplication and have begun to multiply decimal numbers. In IPC we have been learning how the Ancient Greeks have influenced our society today. A big thank you to everybody who completed their 3D models-they were fantastic!

## Year 6

- 6S** This week, Year 6 have completed their Point of View Narratives. In set 1 and 2, we have rewritten an iconic scene from the Boy in the Striped Pyjamas from the perspective of Shmuel instead of Bruno whilst showcasing our writing talents. In maths, we have continued work on angles and extended our knowledge of shape to 3D and circles.
- 6D** 6D have had an amazing week!! In Literacy we have been writing a narrative taken from a scene in Goodnight Mister Tom. In Maths we have been doing more reasoning questions focusing on shapes. Keep up the hard work and have a fantastic Half Term!!
- 6N** This week in 6N we have been focusing on a range of different types of texts in guided reading. In Literacy we have been writing narratives based on the novel 'Carrie's War'. In Maths we have been working through a range of different Geometry based questions in preparation for our SATs

## **MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS**

**If you would like your child to walk home on their own, please ensure that you put it in writing and hand to the School Office.**

**If you change your Telephone Numbers or any other details please remember to let the school office know.**

**V-tech watches and Fidget Spinners are prohibited in school and will be confiscated.**

## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

**Reminder to parents, Breakfast Club finishes at 8:50am. Can we remind all parents that Breakfast Club opens in the hall from 8.30am. Please do not bring your child to school before this time. The club is for children to purchase and eat breakfast. We cannot supervise children in the club who are not eating.**

**Thank you.**

## **REMINDER – LATE CHARGES**

**For each child entering the late area, the parent will be charged an initial £5. For every subsequent 5 minutes thereafter, there will be a further £5 charge. For example, if a child in Key Stage 1 is in the late area at 3.30pm and is not collected until 4.00pm, this will incur a charge of £35. An invoice for the total amount will be sent to the child/children's home address within 7 days.**

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