

Newsletter 13/01/2023

Children who demonstrate an acceptable standard of behaviour are awarded points. To be awarded a point the children would have to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing.

This week **370** children have been GREEN all week.

WELL DONE!

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children are well settled and back into the swing of learning again – the classrooms are focused, and it is great to see the children so engaged in their learning and on task. This week we have enjoyed stay and read in each of the libraries and we have also had a visit from the police who have worked with year 5 and 6 on some educational sessions and year 5 have enjoyed some 'Luggage for Life' sessions. The classes have swapped round this term and some children are enjoying sessions with the music man and Elite PE... ask your child if they have session this half term! Our attendance is on the up too... please keep getting your children to school so they do not miss out on any important learning.

Upcoming Dates

- **Wednesday 18th January – 2CG Stay and Read**
- **Thursday 19th January – 5AB Stay and Read**
- **Wednesday 25th January - 1DM Stay and Read**
- **Thursday 26th January – 6SC Stay and Read**
- **Wednesday 1st February – 1DP Stay and Read**
- **Thursday 2nd February – 5LR Stay and Read**
- **Wednesday 8th February – RHP Stay and Read**
- **Thursday 9th February – 4Gk Stay and Read**
- **Friday 10th February – Break Up for Half Term**

Stars of the week

NURSERY AM- Maja. A. For joining in and being the best role model for her peers.

NURSERY PM- Mila. S. For the best storytelling and trying her best with all the activities.

RJD- Rosie for excellent phonics and doing so well with her writing.

RHP- Aliza for always showing others how to tidy up properly.

1DM- Robin for trying exceptionally hard in music and writing this week.

1DP- Darcey for her imaginative story telling.

2CG- Marharyta for becoming better in her writing and more confident during lessons.

2RS - Destiny S for exceptional green behaviour all week.

3ED- Archie for always willing to help others with tricky work.

3SM- Esmay for showing a great attitude towards her work this week.

4GK- Lily H for producing excellent work in class and helping her classmates.

4LH- Sailus for improving his behaviour and completing his work.

5LR- Harley for throwing himself into learning this week and has been doing extra read on a morning.

5AB – Tori for bypassing obstacles this week without complaining and completing her work to the best of her ability.

6SW- Ruby for her fantastic work in Maths this week.

6SC- Lucas for smashing his Maths this week!

Nursery

This week we have welcomed some new children into Nursery, and they have settled so well it seems like they have always been here. We are so proud of all the children and how they have helped our new friends and showed them how we are a team at Simpson's Lane. We have started our new 'Talk for Writing' story 'We are going on a Bear Hunt'. We went on an adventure in the outdoor environment to find a bear. The children were so excited, they acted out the story well and wanted to know what happens next. We have begun our story mapping and cannot wait to hear all the ideas the children have. In maths we have been focusing on numicon and recognising the different amounts shown by each piece. The children have shown lots of persistence with counting and have earned lots of green points this week. In phonics our rhyming is really coming along, and the children are beginning to recognise the rhyming words independently.



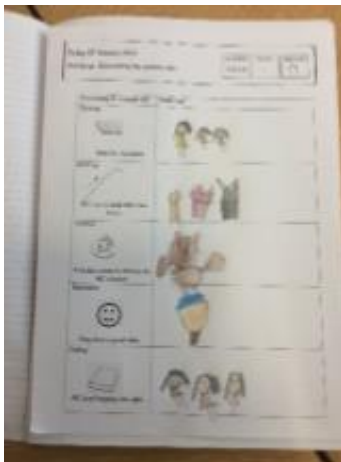
Reception

It has been an exciting week for us as we have had a visitor come to our class. At night, when we have all gone home someone came into our class. At first, they left lots of poorly vegetables that had been hurt and had bandages all over them the next day we found the vegetables had all been hurt, some of them had even been cut in half. We looked everywhere but could not find clues as to who had left them. Eventually we decided to set a trap and try to catch them. We made the trap and put pieces of fruit to try and trick whoever it was into the trap. Unfortunately, the following day the trap was empty but there was a letter from Evil Pea saying he was too clever for us and we would never catch him. We have placed wanted posters all around school so look out for him! We need your help!



1DP

In maths this week we have moved onto adding and subtracting numbers to 20 using a range of approaches such as whole part models, number lines, bar models and number bonds. In our writing we have moved on to boxing up our 5-part story and innovating the characters and setting. It is no longer The Three Little Pigs but the 3 Big Giants, the 3 Slimy Slugs, the 3 Magic Trolls. I cannot wait to hear these stories unfold.



1DM

This week in 1DM we have had a fantastic time looking at animals and their groups. We have even conducted an experiment using eggs and vinegar where we aim to create our very own reptile eggs! We have also continued delving into the story of the three little pigs and the children have started adapting it and making it their own.



2CG

Year 2 have had a wonderful week this week. We have been practicing out weaving for our Art session and in science we have been focusing on life cycles. Did you know that a butterfly's cocoon is called a chrysalis? During our Maths sessions we have been focusing on 3D shapes and what properties they have. We have all been superstars during Writing and have used inverted commas to signify speech! We have all had such a wonderful week and we cannot wait for some more amazing learning next week.



2RS

This week the children have been learning our new story 'The Papaya that Spoke.' The class have learnt how to confidently retell the events using a story map and are beginning to explore the punctuation used when writing speech. In Maths are learning about 2D and 3D shapes and we are now able to use the line of symmetry to complete a shape. Our Stay and Read session has been the highlight of our week and we can't wait for the next one!!



3ED

In writing, we have been thinking of exciting synonyms for said and using them to make our sentences more interesting. Some of our favourites include 'squealed' and 'squawked'. We continued our learning on Victorian mining and began to think about the Industrial Revolution – we sorted different images into before and after the Industrial Revolution and discussed why drawings may be a weaker historical source than images. In RE, we have started to learn about prayer – we thought of some reasons why we think religious people might pray. 3ED now have forest school on a Monday afternoon – please ensure your child brings some warm clothes, which they do not mind getting dirty, to get changed into at school.



3SM

This week, Year 3 have created actions to help them remember their story in Writing, they have also created a dialogue toolkit to help prompt them with their individual work. In Music, Year 3 had their first Samba lesson of the term with Mr Ellis. They loved being introduced to all the fantastic instruments. Year 3 have continued to develop their handball skills in PE with the help of the Elite coaches. This week they have continued to work on their overarm throwing technique.



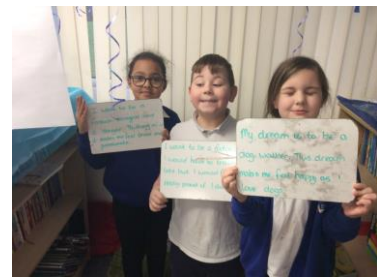
4GK

In reading we are well into our new book and have looked at some tricky true or false questions and how they differ slightly to our normal retrieval style questions. In science we have explored the particulate composition of liquids, solids and gases and learnt the specific properties of each. In geography we have finished off our work about coordinates as well as revising our knowledge of the seven major continents. We have also begun to explore the different uses of land and have identified these using a google earth map of Knottingley. Maths has been a review of how we multiply and divide numbers by 10 and 100. We looked closely at how we can use a place value chart to do this with confidence. In writing, we have story mapped our story and are creating a toolkit to help us write our own version – most specifically looking at how we use dialogue in writing.



4LH

This week year for have been exploring their new curriculum topic about Greece. We have identified the different biomes of Greece and the United Kingdom. We practised our grid reference skills as well as identified different land use. In Reading, Year 4 have been using retrieval skills to answer true and false questions and focusing on reading the text first before answering. For our nonfiction text this week we have read all about crocodiles linking across to our class text Krindlekrax. In writing we have story mapped our class text. The children made their own story map and practised their actions. Year 4 have written speech sandwiches and recapped their expanded noun phrases. In PE Year 4 have been practicing their throwing and catching skills in dodgeball. In PSHE we explored our goals and dream. We took calming breaths and focused on relaxing ourselves to learn.



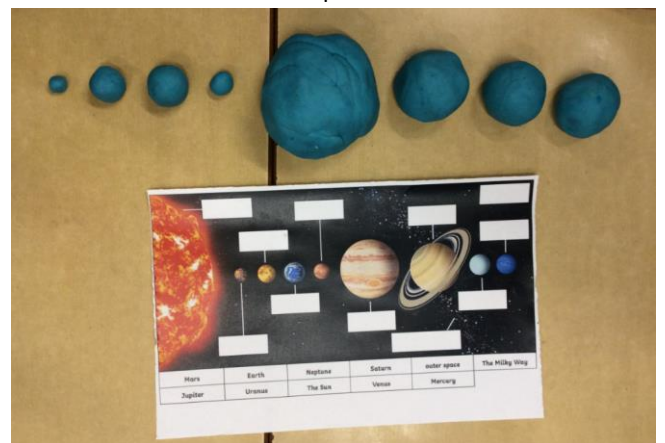
5AB

This week in 5AB we started with our story map in our writing with our actions to really to embed our model text. We have then done multiple demonstrations in our space topic, creating our own scaled solar system, and then looking at how the sun affects our night and day. We have also had our classroom kitchen which we were expert chefs creating our spring rolls which were incredibly tasty. We have of course been continuing our swimming where everyone in the class are making incredible progress.



5LR

In Year 5 this week, we have been creating solar system models looking at size and colour of planets. We have discussed how long it takes for each planet to orbit the sun. In reading, we have been looking at our new book 'Street Child'. It is based on the Victorian period, and we have been researching what it would be like to live in a workhouse. We have finished our fractions topic in Maths and next we will be starting our new topic.



6SC

This week we have been looking at the Treaty of Versailles and how it led to the start of World War 2. The children have produced some excellent work around this, but the highlight had to be our Mamamoo elections. We discussed how people of a nation become pro-conflict and after watching one of Hitler's speeches and looking at body language and gestures to persuade. We then made our own speeches in the made-up language of Mamamoo. Pearl was a worthy winner and is now official the leader of Mamamoo land!

6SW

This week we have moved along to comparing and ordering fractions in Maths. We also had a talk with the police about the dangers of knives and the statistics behind the crime linked. In History, we looked at The Treaty of Versailles and the effect this had on the German people after WWI. In Writing, we continued looking at the story of Rose Blanche and wrote our own setting descriptions focusing on the senses. We have been working really hard on our arithmetic skills in our groups and have seen so many scores increase!



WEEKEND SPORT CHALLENGE

To go do 30 squats

(Get a parent/carer to sign your reading record to say you have completed the challenge and you will receive a GREEN POINT)

Simpson's Lane Academy Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child or member of staff, please contact one of our safeguarding team. Our safeguarding leads are –

Mr Colley (Head of Academy DSL)

Mrs Silburn (Well-being Lead and Deputy DSL)

Mrs Ellis (Vice Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Coopey (Assisted Principal and Deputy DSL)

Miss Simpson (Attendance Officer and Deputy DSL)