

Brambleside Primary

Newsletter

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Issue 3

Reception news

We've had a fantastic first full week of school. The children have settled brilliantly into their new routines. We've been playing in the kitchen, making castles, singing songs, reading stories and of course making new friends. In addition to all the fun, we've played "silly soup" which is a phonics game to help children learn their sounds. Felix, who celebrated his birthday this week said *"It's been fun, playing and making silly soup and making friends. I like playing outside and running. My uniform is cool. I got a sticker for learning!"*.



Dates for your Diary

20 Sept – Year 4 swimming
27 Sept– Individual student photos

31 Oct - Year 6 secondary school application deadline



Felix said
this week
was 'fun'!

Year 1 and 2 news

Year 1 in Maths have been counting forwards and backwards to 10. They have used their knowledge to find the missing number and are becoming more confident in spotting the sequence. They are now enjoying the work on one more than and one less than, using number cards, Numicon, cubes and dice to explore their answers. In Science they have been learning about the seasons of the year, which months they occur in the UK and which weather conditions are associated with them. Yesterday's Science lesson used the key question 'Why does day become night?' and they practised using the vocabulary dawn, dusk and rotate.

In Art this week Year 2 have been exploring mark making with emphasis on using mixed media for stippling, dots, dashes, curls and crosshatch using a contrast of colours. In their final Art session this week they looked at the work by Beth Krommes and focused on her 'Waves' piece and then created their own wave picture. They enjoyed using three colours to develop a contrast. They



were able to explain their choices of medium when making their marks. When the classes reflected on the 'masterpieces' they had produced they could spot the dots, stipple, curves crosshatch techniques that had been used and we hope you can too.



Year 3 and 4 news



Year Three have settled nicely into their second full week of a new academic year. In English, we have enjoyed poetry writing on a theme. We shared recent experiences to produce poetry filled with emotion through the use of alliteration, rhyme and similes. In Reading, we have been learning about the life of Greta Thunberg and the work she is doing to prevent further damage through climate change. The children have found researching the life of Greta, who started campaigning not much older than themselves, very interesting. In Maths, we have continued learning about Place Value, focusing on 3-digit numbers and sequencing numbers up to 100. We have also started a new topic in Science, researching how rocks are formed and the types of rock found within the Earth's crust.

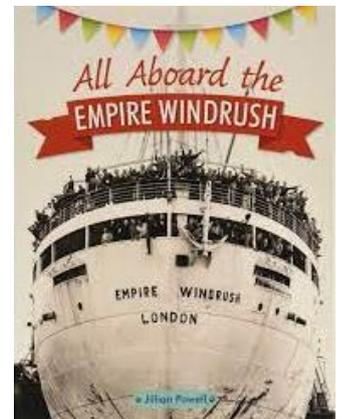
Year 4 have had a flying start to the term. In English, they have been looking at the differences between formal and informal texts and revising word classes. During Maths, they have been practicing rounding numbers to 100 and are beginning to learn counting in 1000's. Year 4 have moved onto learning about classification in Science and are learning about the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates. The children are feeling more natural in the water at the swimming pool as they have been practicing water confidence in their weekly swimming lessons.



Children have been quizzing on their reading books at school and the teachers are impressed with how much they have been reading, both over the summer and during the term.

Year 5 and 6 news

This week, year 6 have enjoyed learning about negative numbers in Maths, especially in the context of weather and ship's anchors! They also successfully added and subtracted integers (making sure to spell that tricky word correctly!) in reasoning and problem solving situations. In reading, the classes have continued reading 'All Aboard the Empire Windrush', as well as some supplementary texts on the theme of stowaways and contrast. The focus of our writing this week has been building up to writing our own first person story with a moral. This week, that involved looking at the use of first person, including a moral, adverbs, conjunctions, prepositions, expanded noun phrases, direct speech, action, dialogue and description - what a lot to focus on! We are looking forward to writing our own stories including all of these features next week. In science, the children continued their year 5 learning about animals including humans and have extended their knowledge of vertebrates and invertebrates. Great work this week, year 6!



Secondary school places – Current Year 6

North Northants Council are now accepting Applications. We invite parents to make contact with local secondary schools to enquire about their Open Week/Evening arrangements. The application submission deadline is **31st October 2021**. For further information visit: <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/secondary-school-places>



Staff Leavers

We are really sad to say goodbye to Mr Callum McGill who leaves us today on completion of his apprenticeship. He is looking to join The Royal Navy and we wish him the very best of luck with this. Callum has been a very popular member of the team with staff and children alike. He will be greatly missed.

This week, Callum has announced he wishes to run 100k for breast cancer during the month of October. His target is £150. If you would like to show support and sponsor Callum, please see the link on the email attached to this newsletter.



Wider community RE involvement



Brambleside Primary School is the centre of a vibrant and varied community and we would like your help to reflect this in school. Over the next academic year, we would love to invite members of our wider community into school to help us celebrate and further understand the cultures and religions of Brambleside.

If you, or someone you know, has links to a faith or cultural group who would be prepared to come in and share their experiences with the children please email hwright@bramblesideacademytrust.co.uk



Story: As people in Afghanistan are now under Taliban leadership following the collapse of the country's government, the UK has introduced a resettlement scheme for Afghan refugees.

Question: How would you feel if you were forced to leave your home?

