

SUMMER 2 2022

AUCKLAND PREP NEWSLETTER



Key Dates

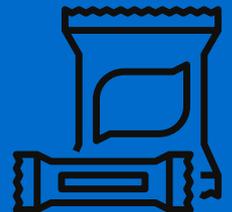
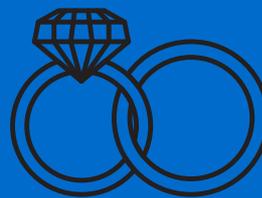
- Mon 5th and Tues 6th Sept - INSET
- Wed 7th Sept - School Begins
- Sat 17th Sept - National TA Day
- Sat 1st Oct - Black History Month Begins
- Tues 4th Oct - World Space Week
- Wed 5th Oct - World Teachers' Day
- Thurs 6th Oct - National Poetry Day
- Mon 10th Oct - World Mental Health Day
- Tues 11th Oct - National Braille Week
- Tues 18th Oct - Anti-Slavery Day
- Fri 21st Oct - End of Term

Deputy Head's Message

What a year! In many ways it has been harder than the previous two, but the children have worked so hard and been so resilient. It is lovely to see how they have grown over the year; they really are so different from when they began in September and are ready to move on to their new year group and teachers.

Thank you again for all your support; have a wonderful summer and we can't wait to see you back in September. And if you aren't joining us again, thank you for being part of the Auckland family, you will be missed.

Mr Ramsden
Deputy Headteacher



Important Notices

School Snacks

There has been an increase in school snacks that are not appropriate to bring into school such as: large chocolate bars, sweets, fizzy drinks and fast food. Can you please ensure that the snacks that you send your children into school with are healthy and fill your children up with goodness, and have no nuts in them.

Jewellery

Please note students must not come to school wearing jewellery including: rings, bracelets, necklaces and watches connected to the Internet. A simple watch and small earrings are the only permitted jewellery.

Year 1

The children in Year 1 have all been working very hard this half term.

In English, they have looked at traditional tales. They have used the ideas and structure of these fables as a springboard to then create their own wonderful stories. The children have also had the opportunity to dust off their drama skills and re-enact some of these all time favourites that we are all fond of. A lot of the children particularly enjoyed this.

In Maths, Year 1 have been learning how to record and analyse data in a variety of different ways: pictograms, bar charts and tally charts. This is a new skill which the children worked very hard on, with great success.

In Science, Year 1 have looked at Movement and Forces. They looked at how they could record data efficiently when observing all the different methods of movement in the school playground. This tied in with their maths work. They also learned about gravity, friction and naturally occurring forces too.

In Geography, Year 1 have been exploring 'Living On An Island'. They have been looking at the differences that can be found between island living and mainland living. They have investigated the different modes of transport, what types of jobs people have on a small island and how the land and buildings are used too. It has really been an eye opener for some of the children as to how different life can be on an island.

Towards the end of this half term, the children have been doing some end of term assessments in readiness for a smooth handover process into their new Year 2 classes. The children have worked very hard on these; they should be very proud of themselves.

Well done Year 1 for a great half term and an amazing year. Be your awesome selves as you move into Year 2.

Best wishes,
Mrs Gordon, Miss Martin and Miss Kelly



Year 2

Year 2 began their English unit by watching the film 'Up' and they used this story structure to write their own adventure stories. They also used lots of descriptive and persuasive language to write some brilliant job advertisements to hire a fellow explorer. Year 2 loved the film so much that in design and technology, they made their own houses by upcycling shoeboxes. Then, they attached their houses to an enormous bunch of balloons to see if they could fly. Luckily, in Mathematics they have been learning about mass, so they enjoyed estimating the weight of their houses and predicting whether they would fly. It was such a fun afternoon watching the children's houses lift off into the air!

Earlier in the term, Year 2 went on a trip to Gulliver's World. It was a fantastic day out and the children loved exploring all of the different rides and attractions that Gulliver's World had to offer. The children's behaviour was fantastic and they were amazing role models for the school.

Well done for all of the hard work and effort you have put in over the course of the academic year and we wish you lots of luck in Year 3!

Best wishes,
Miss Lyons & Miss Davies



Year 3

We have had an amazing academic year and I am so proud of all of the Year 3 children. I want to say a huge thank you to all of the parents, as your support has been invaluable.

This term Year 3 have been learning about The Rainforest and have really enjoyed this topic. During English lessons, the children have developed their vocabulary and poetic skills by studying different novels, poetry, and short clips. In maths lessons, we have been focusing on shapes, mass and capacity. In topic, we have compared different animals that live in The Rainforest and know how they are suited to their habitats. We know different layers of The Rainforest and can locate animals that live in these areas.

I have enjoyed teaching the children this year and I am so impressed with their efforts. They have continued to show lots of resilience and determination. I wish all of the children the best in Year 4, and I hope they have enjoyed their learning journey in Year 3.



Year 4

Year 4 has had a tremendous Summer term! Our English unit was based around the Vikings, where we read 'How to Train your Dragon'. We had a 'class pet' for the term, his name was Toothless the dragon. The children really enjoyed this topic, they created their own dragon, and they were able to write a non-chronological report about it, using fantastic technical language and descriptive phrases. Year 4 also wrote a narrative in the form of Hiccup as he is climbing the cave to catch a dragon. At the end of the term, we watched the film 'How to Train your Dragon' which brought the book to life.

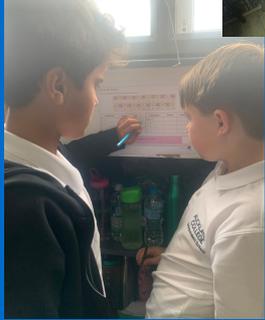
Mathematics this term has focused on geometry (position and direction). The children worked incredibly hard with this. We have also reviewed a range of Year 4 concepts, which the children have enjoyed and have allowed them to recap some difficult concepts to ensure they have an excellent understanding ready for Year 5. Reasoning and problem solving were also a big focus, to allow the children to deepen their understanding of a range of concepts.

In Science, we looked at 'Scientists and Inventors'. Including, looking at the invention of traffic lights, where the children made their own traffic lights using electrical circuit equipment and the invention of toothpaste! The topic this term was Vikings (History). We have explored the way in which Vikings lived, including their houses, and what they wore and ate. There was a slight Geography focus where the children found out where and how the Vikings settled in Britain. The children had excellent knowledge of this and used their knowledge from the museum workshop back in May to help with their work!

We also had an amazing day trip to the cinema and the beach, where the children were able to enjoy some well-earned down time and relax because of all their hard work and effort this year!

I have absolutely loved teaching you this year! We have had so many good times and I am so very proud of all of you. The determination and hard work that you have put in has been excellent. Thank you for being an excellent class to teach and I wish you all the best of luck for Year 5

Miss Russell





Year 5

This term has been a fun and extremely busy time for the children. They have completed a lot of fun activities, as well as worked hard on their academic studies in the classroom; I am sure they are all ready for their summer break.

This term in maths, the children have worked hard estimating volume and learning about units of measurements as well as understanding how to convert.

In Science, the children have been learning about the skeletal and muscular system, looking at how our bones and muscles work together.

In history the children have been learning about Black History and have explored in detail the ways in which influential Black people have made a difference.

The trip was very successful indeed and it was lovely to see the children make lots of happy memories with their friends.

Miss Bradbury and Miss Read have loved teaching you this year and we are very proud of you all and what you have achieved. We wish you the best of luck in year 6 and we are proud of you all and we know you will all be outstanding role models for the rest of the prep school next year.

Year 6

Year 6 have had such a busy final half term! We are so proud of the children for all of their hard work this year and hope they have managed to make lots of memories during these last few weeks of primary school. I am sure they are ready for a well deserved break.

Over the past few weeks, the children have been designing and creating their own 3D Titanic models. In Year 6 Red, each child picked a room from different classes on the Titanic. Through research, they created their own models with furniture! In Year 6 Yellow, the children designed their own 3D Titanic models. They all looked fantastic.

In English, we have been reading 'The London Eye Mystery'. Children have been keen to discuss their fantastic ideas and have been making predictions about what might have happened to Ted, the main character.

To bring their time in Year 6 to a close, the classes recently had their End of Year 6 party. They all looked fantastic in their party clothes! The party included a donut wall and candy floss machine, as well as a snow machine - which the children loved! They had some tasty food to keep them going and it all finished with an amazing UV party at the end of the night - they were all glowing with excitement!

We want to thank all parents for their continued support throughout the year, and wish all of Year 6 the very best of luck, whether they are continuing their education at Auckland or venturing elsewhere. You have been a wonderful year group and we will miss you and all your personalities very much!

Best wishes,
Miss Murphy & Miss Seymour.

