

SPRING 1 2023

AUCKLAND PREP NEWSLETTER



Key Dates

Mon 20th Feb - School Reopens
Thurs 2nd Mar - World Book Day
Thurs 9th Mar - Y3 and 4 Residential (1 night)
Fri 10th Mar - Report Cards out
Mon 13th/Tues 14th Mar - Y1 Parents' Eve.
Wed 15th/Thurs 16th Mar - Y2-3 Parents' Eve.
Mon 20th/Tues 21st Mar - Y4-5 Parents' Eve
Tues 21st Mar - World Poetry Day
Wed 22nd Mar - Y5 and 6 Residential (2 nights)
Thurs 23rd Mar - Ramadan begins
Mon 27th/Tues 28th Mar - Y6 Parents' Eve
Fri 31st Mar - Last day of term - 3pm

Deputy Head's Message

Another busy half term has come to an end. I am continually heartened by the hard work that all the children put into every aspect of school life.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support. As ever, it is always appreciated and never taken for granted – thank you.

I hope that you all have a wonderful half term break and we can't wait to see all of you when we are open again on Monday 20th February. The days are becoming longer, brighter and warmer, which always brings a lot of life and enjoyment to the school.

Mr Ramsden
Deputy Headteacher

"A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new." — Albert Einstein



Important Notices

School Uniform

Can all families please ensure that students have their full school uniform each day. In particular that the correct PE kit is worn, this includes the school branded black PE sweatshirt. It is important for the students to have pride in the school and part of this is being ready to learn in the correct uniform.

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. Jewellery may be removed from students and kept safe.

Year 1

Year 1 has had a busy half term. We held our wellbeing day where we enjoyed Yoga, meditation and hot chocolates.

We have also celebrated Chinese New Year, Storytelling Week and NSPCC Number Day.

As part of storytelling week, some parents shared their favourite stories with the classes. Older pupils visited the classes to read with the children too.

Our topic this half term has been the Great Fire of London. This has influenced our English work and the children have written a diary entry and a Newspaper article.

Well done Year 1 for another successful half term.

Best wishes,

Miss Martin, Mrs Gordon and Miss Monaghan



Year 2

This half term, we have been writing mystery stories based on the storybook 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and we have used persuasive language to write product advertisements for our favourite toys. We then used google slides in our computing lessons to bring our advertisements to life! We completed our English unit by creating shape poems based on our favourite toys.

In Mathematics, we focussed on multiplication, division, and statistics. Within the topic of multiplication and division, we applied our knowledge of our 2, 5 and 10 times tables to multiply and divide. We have also learnt how to make tally charts, draw and interpret pictograms, as well as create and interpret block diagrams.

Meanwhile in Science, we have been looking at the uses of everyday materials. We carried out an investigation around the school to identify objects made from a variety of materials. We also explored how objects change shape and how the recycling process allows us to reuse some everyday materials numerous times.

The projects that we have created this half term for our 'Toys' topic have been fantastic and we have really enjoyed learning about toys through time.

Next half term our topic will be 'Sensational Safari'. We will be learning all about the geography of Kenya through exploring the key geographical features of the country including Kenyan wildlife, landscapes and culture. We will use our knowledge of the animals that can be found on Safari to create fact files as well as write our own letters sent from a safari expedition, based on the text 'Expedition Diaries – African Savannah'. We will end the term by writing acrostic poems about an animal that interests us the most. In Science, we will be continuing our focus on animals including humans and we will also begin the topic of shape and fractions in our Mathematics lessons.

Best wishes,
Miss Hanson, Miss Lyons & Miss Davies



Year 3

This half term, we have been up to a lot in Year 3. We celebrated Chinese New Year, NSPCC Number Day, National Handwriting Day, and National Story Telling Week.

We took the opportunity to visit Sefton Park Palm house twice this half term! Firstly, for a scientific tour of the plants. We learned about Dragon plants, which have red sap running through them, and Spanish Moss which doesn't grow in soil but on other trees! Our second visit was to celebrate Chinese New Year and our pupils took part in calligraphy and printing workshops and got to watch some live musical performances from members of the local community.

In Maths, we finished our multiplication and division topics. Pupils learned to use a variety of different methods including grouping, repeated addition, column method, related facts, and more. We then moved on to our Money topic where we recapped recognising the value of coins and notes, adding and subtracting money, and calculating change.

In English and Topic, we have been focusing on the Romans. We worked really hard to write persuasive arguments, carefully considering whether Boudicca should have rebelled against the Romans!

Best wishes,
Miss Kelly & Miss Lett





Year 4

This half-term has been very busy. We have celebrated Chinese New Year, National Handwriting Day, Story Telling Week and NSPCC Number Day and finished off the half-term with Children's Mental Health Week.

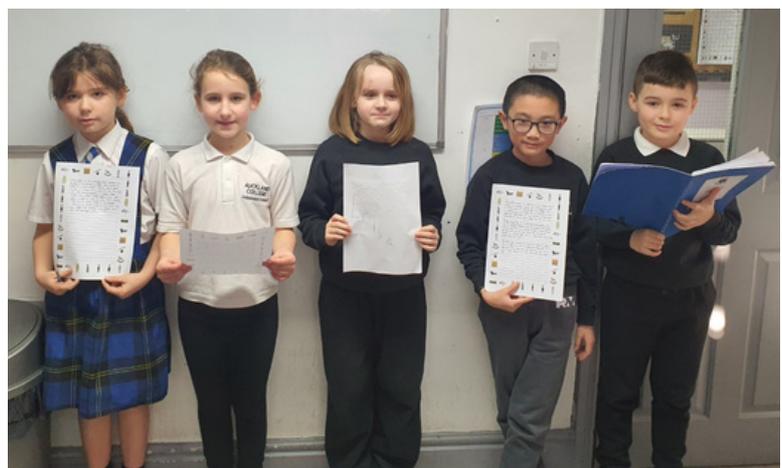


The children have been very engaged with the Victorian topic which we have learned about. They have written some fantastic fact files and have learned so much about Charles Dickens.

The children have focused lots on written methods for multiplication and division and they should all be very proud of their efforts.

As part of National Story Telling Week, the children loved reading to the Year 1 pupils so much that we are going to try and incorporate this into our class timetable on a regular basis.

Best Wishes, Miss Bradbury and Mr Neil.





Year 5

Wow, this half term has been jam-packed full of fun activities!

We have continued the topic of World War 2, more specifically learning about how Britain was rebuilt after the war. We have been reading a new novel called 'Code-Cracking for Beginners' and the children have written some fabulous historical fiction set in WW2.

In Mathematics, we have been learning to use formal methods of multiplication and division, as well as applying these skills to problem solving and reasoning. In the beginning, many of the children found the methods really tricky but they have persevered and now are able to use them very well. They have proven to themselves that practice makes progress and that it pays to not give up!

We had lots of fun this half term celebrating Chinese New Year by making lanterns and creating our own name designs to celebrate National Handwriting Day. Their Chinese lanterns they made look great in class! We have also had a great time celebrating National Storytelling Week and the NSPCC Number Day!

Best Wishes,
Miss Read and Miss Katie.



Year 6

Year 6 has had a wonderful term so far! In Maths we have been focusing on decimals, percentages, and algebra. The children have worked fantastically in class, recently trying out to work out different formulae and missing numbers.

Science this half term has been filled with lots of work about Adaptation, Evolution, and Inheritance. The children have discussed the types of features that we can inherit from parents, how different animals have evolved, and the ways in which animals adapt to their climate.

In History we have been learning all about the Victorians – from the Workhouses to Victorian Schools, with the children planning and creating some fantastic Victorian schoolhouses of their own! The children especially loved their trip to Weaver Hall to see what life was like for Victorian Children.

In English, we have been reading the novel 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. They have created character profiles, completed freeze-frame activities, and used their wonderfully creative minds to continue the story of Jim, Emily, and Lizzie.

The Year 6 team is very grateful for the continued support from parents throughout this term and we are excited about what the upcoming months will bring for the children. We can't wait to get started on our new topics after half term.

Best wishes,
Miss Murphy & Miss Seymour.



Auckland in The Community

Community service

This half term, the Year 2 and Year 3 Community Service enhanced Curriculum group went on our sponsored walk around Sefton Park. In total, we raised £320 pounds!

On our walk, we carried banners with pride and were congratulated by the public for our efforts. One very kind member of the public even stopped us, donated, and thanked us for the important work we have done.

It has been fantastic working with this group of kind, caring, and empathetic children. They have all taken this experience very seriously and tried their best. We are so proud of each and every one of them.

Finally, a huge thank you to all those families who have donated toys to be gifted to patients at Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

Miss Lett.



School Choir

The Auckland Songbirds have had a fantastic start to the term, with lots of new faces joining and some lovely voices coming with them!

This term we have been working with a focus on musicals and songs from films. Songs include those from Oliver the Musical, Matilda and Jungle Book to name a few. As always, the children have been working very hard to learn the lyrics and tunes. They are sounding great so far!

We hope to be singing out in the community by the end of next term and can't wait to hear all the progress made over the next few weeks.

Miss Seymour, Mrs Gordon and Miss Collins.