

Newsletter 28th May 2021

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What has been happening at UT?

What a busy half term we have had!

I think we had all hoped for a calmer period once we returned in full on March 8th, but sadly this is not the case with Bedford infection rates which still remain a great concern. We have continued with all our mitigation measures and will continue to do so until we are able to return to normal.

In Year 2....

Year 2 have had a very busy half term. We started the term in eagerness for our trip to Kenya, only to be told that travel restrictions were still in place. What a shame! Never mind - we did the next best thing and visited the country via the internet, where we met Neresiah and her family. The children have really enjoyed finding out about Kenya and how it contrasts with the UK and we have loved our topic lessons.

In PE this term, we have dodged showers and hailstones but have still managed to work on our fitness and tennis skills. We have been really proud of our children and how their stamina has improved over the term. All children managed to complete a mile this week! Fantastic!

In science, we have been learning about plants and what they need to grow and we eagerly await the results of our sunflower competition. Come on Year 2!!

In Year 3...

We have been very busy in Year 3 this term and the children have been working hard as always.

In Maths, we have developed an understanding of fractions and have been practicing telling the time. Whilst in English, we all started work as 'Wonderland' reporters, writing some fantastic newspaper reports about Alice being stuck in Mr. Rabbit's house. We've written Calligram poems based on the caterpillar and focused on incorporating direct speech and quotes into other areas of our English work.


As part of our topic work, the children have been finding out how rivers are formed and been using their research skills to create eye-catching posters on different world rivers. We will continue with our topic 'River deep, Mountain High' and look forward to finding out about our local river and how mountains are formed.

Finally, in Science, through practical hands-on experiments, we have thoroughly enjoyed investigating rocks and soils. We are now looking forward to a week of combining science with an 'Alice in Wonderland' theme, straight after half term.



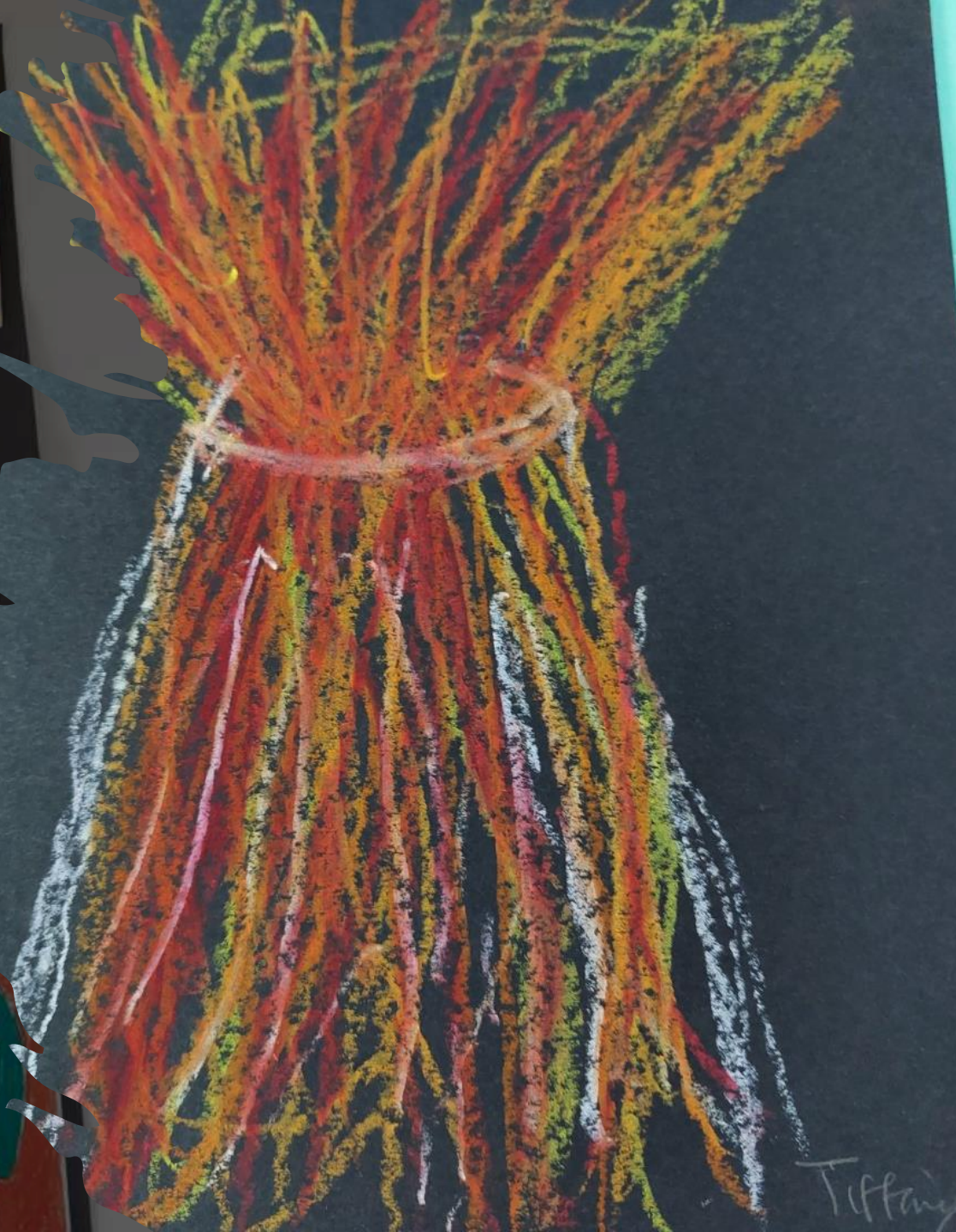
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Year 4...

This term we have looked at volcanoes  and produced some exciting art work, along with an art unit about expressionism and how we express ourselves.

In English, we have written plays about Alice's continuing adventures through Wonderland. We have had a special visitor twice, seeing Mrs Lee and Sophie on zoom and in person and worked as a team to play some amazing cricket! Nightingale and Brunel have some potential England batsmen and women! PE has been entertaining, dodging the showers and making an escape to the classroom when a downpour has hit!

Next term, Year Four will be looking at local history, local foods and our changing environment. If families have any local stories or photos they would like to share with us please do!



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Year 5...

This term Year 5 have been having a brilliant time stepping into the past and learning all about the Anglo-Saxons. From hawking to sewing, bread and soup making to puppet creating we have done it all! Next half term promises to be just as exciting when we delve deeper into some other invaders - the Vikings!



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Yr 6 ...

In Year 6, we have had a busy term despite not having SATS tests this year. We have been studying some Shape and Space topics in maths - including learning how to use a protractor correctly!

In English, we have thoroughly enjoyed reading Louis Sachar – Holes. We have learnt how Stanley Yelnats has changed after spending some time at Camp Green Lake, learned to stay away from Yellow Spotted Lizards and how he has made an unexpected friend in Zero. We have been concentrating on using quotes to help us answer questions on the text in our Big Write.

In Science, we have grown some bacteria – the pupils have been suitably revolted and know the importance of cleaning!

We are completing our Archbishop of York Young Leaders Award in RE – thinking about our own and other's needs, realising that there are others around the world who are less fortunate than us.

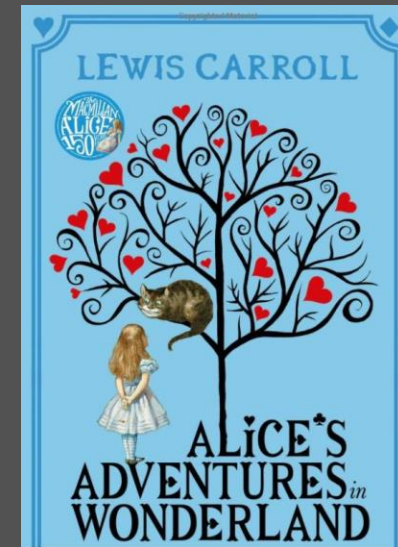
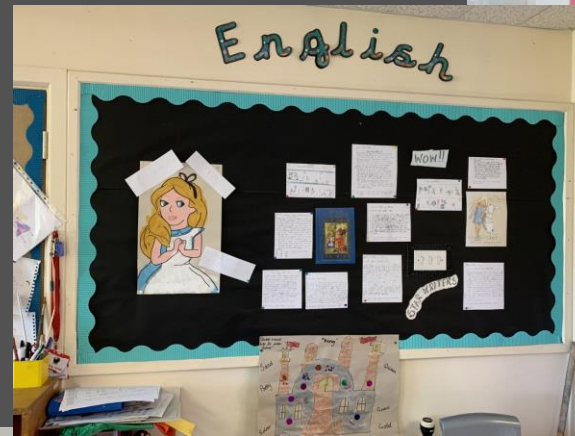
We have enjoyed the start of our House sports - cricket and rounders. Looking forward to Athletics next term.

As we head into the children's last term at Primary School, (sob) we will finish our curriculum, be reflective and most importantly have as much fun as we can. Heres to a fun packed next 7 weeks.



Whole school Reading...

In Year 2 – 6 we have all been reading Alice in Wonderland as our shared reading book. In addition to reading the story we have displays popping up all over the school to share children's work and to support learning in the classroom. After half term we have some special activities planned and Year 1 and Reception will start their Alice work!





Track and Trace over the Half Term Break

I (Mrs Morrall) am required to remain responsible for Track and Trace over some of the Half Term Break.

If your child is ill and demonstrates any symptoms of COVID, you must isolate and seek a PCR test. If you are unsure about what to do, contact NHS111 who will advise you.

If your child has symptoms over the weekend of 29th / 30th May you will need to let me know. (Through Class Dojo or by emailing: vmorrall@ursulataylor.bedssch.co.uk)

You will also need to ensure that you make contact with me to let me know the result of the test – negative or positive.

This is to ensure that if a positive test is returned, we can track back the contacts which your child may have had through the infectious period.

If we receive news of positive tests from staff or children, which lead to your child needing to isolate, you will be informed through Class Dojo. Please keep an eye on this in case this is needed. Any symptoms after Sunday 30th May, you must follow the NHS guidance re: testing and isolation. There is no need to inform us, until we return after the Half Term Break.



Dates for your



School Term Dates: 2020 – 2021 Academic Year (Approved – March 2019)

August 2020						September 2020						October 2020						November 2020					
Mon	3	10	17	24	31	Mon		7	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26	Mon	2*	9	16	23	30
Tue	4	11	18	25		Tue	1	8	15	22	29	Tue		6	13	20	27	Tue	3	10	17	24	
Wed	5	12	19	26		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed		7	14	21	28	Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	6	13	20	27		Thu	3*	10	17	24		Thu		1	8	15	22	Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	7	14	21	28		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri		2	9	16	23#	Fri	6	13	20	27	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22	29

December 2020						January 2021						February 2021						March 2021					
Mon	7	14	21	28		Mon		4*	11	18	25	Mon	1	8	15	22*	Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
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April 2021						May 2021						June 2021						July 2021							
Mon		5	12*	19	26	Mon	3	10	17	24	31	Mon		7*	14	21	28	Mon		5	12	19	26		
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Key		Term lengths	
Bank Holiday		Autumn = 72 days, Spring = 55 days, Summer = 68 days	
School Holiday		Total = 195 days	
Proposed PD Day		Less 5 PD days = 190 days	PD Days: 3 & 4 Sept, 2 Nov, 3 Jan, 12 Apr
* first day after break		Total teaching days = 190	
# last day before break			

Summer Holiday Club 2021

Our 'Olympic Themed' Summer Club will be a great social club for parents who wish to give their children an activity based experience for part of the holiday, or to support parents who need to work and required childcare.

The costs are as low as they can be to cover our costs and each week will be planned to include a wide range of activities both inside and outside. Morning/afternoon snacks and drinks will be provided but children will need to bring a packed lunch each day.

Our club will run for 2 weeks:

w/b 26.7.2021 - 30.7.2021 and w/b 2.8.2021 - 6.8.2021

Opening hours will be:

8am – 5:30pm each day.

The cost for a day is £20 (regardless of how many hours you use) or £100 for the full week.

Bookings for this will open up on Monday 7th June through Scopay, the system we use for our Active Kids Club bookings.

If you have any questions please email:
office@ursulataylor.bedssch.co.uk

Half Term w/b 31st May 2021

7th June Children return from Half term

6th / 7th July Transition Days (Lincroft/Sharnbrook and Internal Ursula Taylor – other Secondary Transition days to follow when known.)

22nd July last day of the school year

Dates for the 2021 / 2022 Academic Year have been agreed and are available on our School Website.

Parent's Evenings, School Reports and Transition...

REPORTS and CONSULTATIONS

On Monday July 12th Reports will be coming home to all children. This will be followed up with an optional Parent Consultation Meeting via Zoom, on the 14th July. Further information about this and how to book, will follow.

TRANSITION

6th and 7th July are our internal Transition days, and when we have our Y6 at their Secondary Schools and our new Reception intake to visit. Classes placements for 2021/2022 have not yet been finalised, when they have been you will be told which class and which Teacher/s your child will have in September. On the Transition days they will move into their new class for 2 days to get a feel for what will happen in September.

We usually have a 'Meet the Teacher' session after school, for you to meet your child's Teacher for the next year – this may not be possible Face to face. If we can't do this, we will come up with a different plan!



Don't forget
parents'
evening!

What do our
children think
about our
school?



Over to some of
Tim Peake
Class...



Ellie R, 'I like the toys and the Teachers.'

Amelia-Grace, 'I have lots of friends that play with me.'



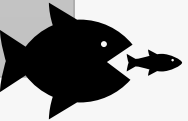
Oliver B, 'I like the Ice-Cream at lunchtime.'

Theo, 'I like playing with my friends.'



Mollie, 'I like the Teachers because they help me learn.'

Jone, 'I like fish and chips.'



Keira, 'I love school and I like playing at school,'

Seth, 'I like Maths'

Joseph, 'I like school because I help Mrs Hurley in the garden.'



Macaiah, 'I like learning and playing, I like Maths.'

Oscar, 'I like the garden'



Community Spirit in Action!

A HUGE UT THANKYOU goes to Matthew Mitchener from Bedford Electrical Services Ltd, for offering to repair and replace all the lights on Church Walk which were vandalised at the weekend. Matthew has already been in and replaced them all for us for FREE. We are so thankful and grateful and so pleased to have wonderful support from our community. THANKYOU!



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place!