

The Grove Primary School Key Stage 2 Newsletter



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Issue 1

What have Kiwi and Kookaburra classes been doing?



We are delighted to see how open-minded and focused Year 3 have been, as they've transitioned from KS1 into lower KS2!

This term, Year 3 have been studying pre-historic Britain. This linked to all aspects of our curriculum: from our English lessons, reading Stone Age Boy and informing our writing; to investigating the use of materials in prehistoric life and how this has changed over time; whilst in Science, we have studied the importance of light in day-to-day life and how to stay safe in both day and night. We also had a fun-filled and thought-provoking trip to Flag Fen, to immerse ourselves in the surrounding areas of a real-life

What have Kingfisher and Woodpecker classes been doing?



This half term, we have been so impressed by how quickly the children have settled into life in Year 4. In particular, we have been delighted to see their enthusiasm for our history topic about the Romans and the impact that they had on Britain. Some of the children's favourite activities have been writing some very convincing letters explaining why they should join the Roman army, as well as investigating the uses of historical artefacts in Roman Britain.

Within English, the children have been so engaged with our text 'The Iron Man'. We were introduced to the book when a mysterious, metal object appeared in the school playground, which we quickly discovered was the Iron Man's leg. The children have created some truly powerful pieces of writing based on the book, such as an astronomer's log, a newspaper report and their own story based on the book.

What have Hummingbird and Toucan classes been doing?



The first half of the autumn term has been really busy in year five. We've worked with artists to create super illustrations of some Pearls of Wisdom given to us by elderly residents of local care homes. Don't forget to go and see the artwork displayed in 'Stir' coffee shop. We worked together in team building, had half a term of swimming, as well as enjoying our Harvest Festival this morning at school - the judges were harsh, but fair! We had a whole morning of team building and learned how to work collaboratively and effectively together to solve problems. This has helped us to reason mathematically, as well as be able to improve our resilience in other areas.

Next term, we can't wait to go to Stibbington Victorian Experience, and have another term of challenging and fun learning!

What have Eagle and Kestrel classes been doing?



Year 6 have settled well into their final year at The Grove. They are showing increasing maturity towards both work and play, and are taking on new responsibilities with pride. Early this half term they put themselves forward for the positions of Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains, having their first taste of applying for a job. The children were an absolute credit to the school when we went on our first trip of the year to two museums in Cambridge; they asked intelligent questions, showing curiosity and a desire to know more about Ancient Greece. They had great fun learning about the digestive system and exercise from a visitor, who they all hope will visit again soon!

Every Wednesday Year 6 have their puppet session and have nearly finished making the heads, feet and hands – they look very life-like already! Additionally, the children have been applying themselves diligently in the classroom, taking on the challenges of long division and long multiplication in Maths, and the complexities of the Odysseus and the Gods in English. Keep it up Year 6!

Please don't forget:

- *Read with your child for ten minutes every day, if possible, and sign their reading diary (the green book). If your child is older, it's fine to sign to say they have read to themselves!*
- *Monday 30th October 2017 is an INSET day - please don't send your children to school, and have a lovely day.*
- *Thank you to all the families who attended Parents evening on Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October, please do so as soon as possible!*

Dates for your diary:

- *Year 5 have their final sessions of swimming on Wednesday 1st November and Friday 3rd November.*
- *Year 5 will be going to Stibbington on Thursday 9th November, please don't forget to give consent and pay on Agora.*
- *Our school Remembrance Service will be on Friday 10th November.*
- *Family Decoration Day is on Friday 1st December, everyone who came last year had lots of fun and the school looked beautiful once the decorations were put up!*

Best regards

Miss Aurelio, Mr Cowdrith, Mrs Fairburn, Mrs Harwood,

Miss Hunneyball, Miss Lee-Fox, Miss Owen,

Miss Rhodes and Mrs Vince