

Hatfield Heath Primary School Weekly Bulletin

25th October 2019

Message from Mrs Gelston

Thank you to the staff and a number of volunteer parents this week for putting on a terrific Science Week for your children. We hope your children have shared some of their experiences – I'm sure after our Owl visit today they will be very enthusiastic! We will share photos after the holiday.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy half term holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone rested and ready for our next half term on Monday 4th November.

Our New Curriculum is Coming

When the children return to school after the half term holiday, they will begin a new type of project in their classrooms. Before the Summer holidays and during this half term teachers have been working hard with a new curriculum the school has bought into called Cornerstones Maestro.

The Cornerstones Maestro curriculum has developed exciting, relevant and thoughtful projects across all year groups and all subject areas for schools to use. When Governors and senior leaders looked at this last term we were excited by what was on offer and felt that the children at Hatfield Heath would really benefit from the content. Since the beginning of September, teachers have been working on selecting the projects they wish to complete in their classes and on Monday 4th November we shall start with introducing these. The projects are as follows:

Reception – Why do squirrels hide their nuts?

Year 4 – Playlist

Year 1 – Paws, Claws and Whiskers

Year 5 – Time Traveller

Year 2 – Land Ahoy!

Year 6 – Frozen Kingdom

Year 3 – Heroes and Villains

Attached to this week's newsletter you will find PDF parent and carer information sheets that detail the learning that will take place in each project. We hope you will find these interesting and informative. We will keep sharing more information as the curriculum develops and hopefully your children will tell you about what they are learning too!

Remembrance Rocks – A Reminder



This is a reminder about our plan to mark remembrance again, by asking families to paint rocks at home to bring into school.

The photo to the left shows some ideas of what can be done.

If you are able to paint a rock at home, please make sure your child's name is on the underneath side so it can be returned.

Please send in any painted rocks by Friday 8th November.

Year 4 Trip to Colchester Castle

Year 4 had a lovely day out at Colchester Castle this week, bringing their Romans topic alive. During the day they got to handle and try on lots of Roman artefacts and generally learn more about this fascinating period in History.



Well Done Alfie!



Well done to Alfie in Year 4 for winning a first place trophy in his remote control banger racing. Alfie thoroughly enjoys taking part in this activity and is clearly very successful. Congratulations!

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half Term holiday
Tuesday 5 th November	Year 2 out visiting the Golden Hinde Prospective Parent Tour (for Reception 2020 intake)
Wednesday 6 th November	Year 6 out at Warner Bros Studio Tour
Monday 11 th November – Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Wednesday 13 th November	BMX Academy in school to work with all children
Thursday 14 th November	Prospective Parent Tour (for Reception 2020 intake) Evening – PFA Quiz Night
Friday 15 th November	BBC Children in Need
Tuesday 19 th November	Sports for Champions Athlete visit
Friday 22 nd November	Prospective Parent Tour (for Reception 2020 intake)
Friday 29 th November	PFA Non-Uniform Day and Christmas Bazaar (after school)
Tuesday 3 rd December	Parent's Evening
Wednesday 4 th December	Parent's Evening
Monday 9 th December	Prospective Parent Tour (for Reception 2020 intake)
Friday 13 th December	Save the Children Winter Jumper Day
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 6 th January	INSET Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 7 th January	Pupils return to school
Saturday 9 th February	PFA Valentines Ball at The Manor of Groves (details to follow)
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	Half term holiday
Monday 24 th February	Pupils return to school
Friday 3 rd April	Last Day of Spring Term