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What's been happening this week.....

Dear Parents and Carers,

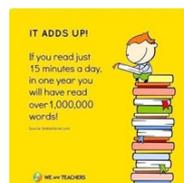
We cannot quite believe that we are at the end of another half term! It has been an action-packed six weeks of exciting learning opportunities. All the staff and the children are ready for a well-earned rest next week.

Enrichment Day

We have ended the half term with a fabulous Geography-based curriculum Enrichment Day today. Classes across the school have been off the usual timetable and, instead, they have spent the day going on 'A Tour of Europe'. The children have 'visited' several European countries and have developed their geographical skills including locating countries on a map and naming physical features including rivers and mountains. They have even completed passports to show their journey! It has been a great day - many thanks to Mrs Adcock for organising the event. The children will no doubt have lots to share with you. Ask them about their journey!

Reading

As you know, Reading is one of our key priorities at Whittle Academy. Reading is such an important life skill. Please encourage your child to do some reading over the half term break - at least three times and every day ideally. Magazines, newspapers, websites count, as well as their school reading books. We really do see the difference at school if they've had some extra practice of this key skill at home.



Parking outside school

As we mentioned in a recent newsletter, our local PCSO, Rachel Horton-Barr, has encouraged us to contact the Civil Enforcement Officers at the Council to support us in stopping bad parking at the beginning and ends of the school day. Please could you ensure you park safely and sensibly, in particular taking care not to block people's drives. Thank you once again for your support with this matter.

Finally, have a super break next week. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 25th February and to hearing about the things they have done over half term.

Mrs Docking and Mrs Upton

EYFS

This week in Nursery we have completed our Julia Donaldson topic. The children have loved reading the books and doing some amazing art activities linked to them. After half term we are going to be learning about growth. Our first story is 'The Hungry Caterpillar.'

In Reception the children have written some super sentences all about different Arctic animals. They have worked together to create a wonderful information text and we are looking forward to sharing it with Nursery. Ask them about the facts we have been learning. We have also been very creative and made some Polar Bears, Penguins and Snowmen. After half term we will be looking at the season Spring and new life. We will be reading the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'



Class attendance for last week..

Class	%
Reception	94.0
R/1K	96.8
1/2A	97.5
2M	98.2
3/4H	96.4
3/4S	97.0
5/6TA	96.9
5/6C	88.9
5/6JA	97.2
Whole School	95.5

-----After School Sporting Clubs-----

The after school sports clubs will run during the first week after half term with the same children that currently attend.

Letters will come home during that week asking you to pay & resign for the second half term and to see if other children want to join.



News from around the School



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMING UP

Easter Holiday - Monday 15th April to Friday 26th April

May Day - Monday May 6th

Half Term - Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May



YEARS 1 / 2 It's been another busy week in Key Stage 1! Children in both Year 1 and Year 2 have been really enjoying this term's Science topic 'The Apprentice Gardener'. The children have had a lots of fun setting up their own investigations to find out more about different types of plants and seeds and how they grow. Ask your child about what happened when we planted seeds in different materials and when we tried to grow grass in the dark! This week we have been setting up an investigation to find out if seeds can grow without soil!

Home Learning: Please continue to encourage children to complete their homework packs and Power Projects over half term, with your support if needed. We will collect these packs in after the half term holiday to check how the children are getting on and offer support and guidance if needed. Children in Year 2 will also have an additional pack of homework activities that they can also choose to complete, but this work is not compulsory. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and restful half term!

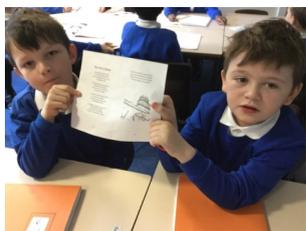


YEARS 3 / 4 Last week we worked hard completing a Roman information text and locating Rome on a map of Europe. Some of us looked at satellite images of Europe at night and we could easily see the British Isles and could locate the unique shape of Italy (shaped like a boot). We have finished publishing our stories which look absolutely Great and we are planning on sending them to David William's in the hope that he might use some of our ideas in his next book.

In dance Miss Kirsty has been teaching us a Roman soldier inspired dance. We are totally enjoying the routines!

In English this week, we have been reading a humorous book of poems about Romans. We have worked together in teams to evaluate the poems and decide which we liked and why we liked them. We are now working on writing our own informative but entertaining poems about 'What the Romans did for us'.

Our work in Science has moved on to looking at teeth and their different purposes. We have investigated our own teeth and discussed how different teeth do different jobs. We can't wait to find out how toothpaste protects our teeth.



REMINDERS. Please remember to bring PE kits to school on Fridays and Tuesdays, or leave them in school. We will send them home for washing at half term.

Half term will be the ideal opportunity to get ahead with some exciting work on your POWER projects on Romans, bring them in to school to wow your classmates.



YEARS 5 / 6

We've reached the end of a busy half term where the children have worked hard and shown that they are up for the challenge! All of the children have been set homework for the holidays which should take a maximum of 40 minutes to complete in addition to them reading books for pleasure. This would be a great opportunity for them to complete a POWER project or invent their own - we know they've been hooked by Greek Mythology and their imaginations have been wonderful. Over the holiday, we encourage your children to rest and enjoy time with family and friends. We hope you have a lovely week off and look forward to hearing about what you get up to when we are back.

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