

Kingsfield Chronicle

Week ending: 22.04.22



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school for the summer term. Please take time to check the back page of the newsletter for any new dates or changes in information for the coming term. These dates are also on the school website's [calendar](#).

Ready, Respectful, Safe

This week, although short, has been very busy and children have come back to school well, showing excellent focus with their learning. It has been a pleasure to see children beginning to engage with their new topics with enthusiasm; below you will find information about the curriculum each year group will be covering this half term for your information. If you would like any more information about this, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

We welcomed a professional chef into school this week and they worked with Year 3 to make bread. You can find photos below of their produce!

You may remember that before the Easter holidays a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children attended a netball tournament competing against other local schools. We are proud to announce that our Blue team came first in the bronze league and our Yellow team came third in the gold league, there were thirteen teams in total. Congratulations to all those children who took part and thank you for representing the school so well.

I am pleased to report that the planned programme of works to improve the building has progressed well over the Easter holidays with a new fire alarm system being installed and redecoration of the King Edward Hall being well underway. Mr. Calderwood has also redecorated the new entrance hall. We are looking forward to showing off the new and improved building as we are able to open up school events to parents through the summer term.

I hope you have a really lovely weekend.

Mrs. Read

French Awards

This week, Madame Barbault's French award goes to:

Jack P in 6T.

This week Jack showed excellent levels of independence when learning about transport, his new topic in French.

House Points

This week's points are:

Blue	225	Green	205
Red	173	Yellow	169

Well done to **Blue Team!**

Weekly Awards

Well done to the following children:

Class	Star of the Week	Resilience Rock
RK	Grayson D	
RM	Ryder T	
1B	Hatun T	Charlie R
1H	George E	Camilla S
2R	Backley P	Bilal T
2C	Ruby A	Kobi M
3DH	Max W	Luke Y & Troy T
3W	Brenden C	Shana T
4C	Charley T	Francesca W
4R	Carson N	Poppy G
5P	Joseph O'H	
5S	Rosie M	Ethan W
6R	Oliver R	Alistair B
6T	Jackson K	Megan F

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Curriculum Update

Reception:

This half term we will be learning the last few of our sounds that we need to know in Reception. We will then be concentrating on reading and writing words with these phonemes. It was great to hear at parents' evening how lots of children are reading and writing at home with you. They children love reading and writing so much, and they enjoy doing this for pleasure which is wonderful. Keep up the good work.

Our theme over the next few weeks is 'Eggs, Dinosaurs and Fossils'. We are really looking forward to learning lots of information and reading books linked to this topic. We are learning about different animals that lay eggs. In maths we are now learning about numbers above 10. The children are getting really confident with numbers and giving explanations about numbers. As part of understanding special events, this week we are learning about St. George's Day and at the beginning of May we are talking about May Day. We are also looking forward to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations at the end of this half term.

PE day continues to be on a Friday. Please make sure your child wears their 'team' colour t-shirt. Reading books will be changed on a Monday. Please make sure that book bags are in school every day.

Year 1:

This half term our cross-curricular topic will be 'Kings and Queens'. In English, will be focusing on fairy tales and story writing. We will also be learning about the monarchy in History and drawing portraits of the Queen in Art. This will culminate in a Year 1 celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In Science, we will be studying plants: identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants and describing their structure. In Maths, we will be exploring multiplication and division and fractions. In PSHE, we will be thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe. We will be looking at identifying different feelings; recognising which adults and friends we can trust and thinking about school and classroom rules that help us feel safe. In PE we will be practising skills that we will need for Sports' Day. Reading and Phonics are a particular focus in Year 1. Daily reading is vital to your child's continued development and access to the curriculum. Your continued support in this is essential.

Year 2:

This term in Year 2, we will be focusing on traditional tales and non-fiction texts in English which link to our Castles theme. In Maths, we will learn about length and height as well as position and direction. In Science, we will learn about plants and what they need to grow. In History, we will learn about castles with a focus on Belvoir Castle. Art lessons will see us develop our observation and sketching skills resulting in an observational drawing of a castle. Whilst in RE, we will learn about Sikhism. In PSHE, we will learn about how we have grown and changed. In PE, we will take part in athletics and prepare for sports day; P.E will take place on a Wednesday this term. In music, we will sing friendship songs based within the pop genre.

Year 3:

Our overarching theme for this half-term is the Ancient Egyptians. We will begin by learning about all the types of people who lived in this amazing place and build upon this knowledge across our other subjects. In English, we will be writing diaries as if we were Tomb Raiders who are going to find a Pharaoh's Tomb and in DT, we are making bread (which was first made by the Egyptians). If you have any Ancient Egyptian books or knowledge you would like to bring into the classrooms, please do! In Maths we are covering a range of topics including fractions and shape. Science is all about 'Light', culminating in a Shadow Puppet Show and RE looks at Islam. Please be aware that PSHE this term focuses on our bodies, for more information, please read the letter sent out last half term.

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Year 4:

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This half term our topic will be 'Angry Planet'. Using the texts 'The Iron Man' and 'The Iron Woman' by Ted Hughes, we will write newspaper reports and write a story exploring pollution and the effect it has on the planet. In Maths, we will develop our use of the four operations in the context of decimals, time, money and statistics. In Science, we will investigate sound through looking at how we hear noises and how they change over distances. We will then be learning about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes linking to our topic. We will study how they are created and the impact natural disasters have on the planet. RE will focus on Sikhism, particularly looking their key symbols, place of worship and their main beliefs. PSHE will enable us to explore how to stay safe and the effects of different medicines.

Year 5:

In Year 5 this half term, our new Guided Reading text is an exciting tale from Eva Ibbotson called, 'Journey to the River Sea.' It follows the adventures of Maia and her trip to the Amazon rainforest to live with her long lost family. From this text, we will focus on two writing genres: persuasion and discussion texts, starting with a persuasive piece about if schools do enough to support the slowing of deforestation.

In Maths this half term, we will begin by focusing on adding and subtracting decimals before moving onto statistics and geometry modules. Science will see us explore life cycles and answer our big question: 'Are all life cycles the same?' The children have already begun their study by looking at the life cycles of various living things.

In Geography, we will begin our topic on Rivers. In the topic, we will study various aspects about rivers including how they are formed and how they change the land around them. We are in the final stages of planning our trip to Ferry Meadows at the end of May to compete the 'living rivers' study day (more details to follow very soon!).

In RE, we are beginning our study of Judaism and answering our big question: 'What does it mean to be Jewish?' PSHE will see us explore drugs (both legal and illegal) and how they help or hinder people's lives.

Year 6:

Pupils in Year 6 will be taking part in KS2 SATs tests from Monday 9th to Thursday 12th April. Please ensure your children are in school on those days.

We are pleased to let you know that we will be putting on a Year 6 production of The Lion King this term. In Music, we will be practising songs to prepare for the performance. PE days will be on Mondays and Thursdays and our topic will be athletics this half term. Our Science topic will be 'Living Things and their Habitats'. In RE we will be learning about Islam, and the role prayer has for Muslims. In Art we will be creating artwork in the style of Andy Warhol. In Computing we will be learning about website design. Pupils will continue to learn French on a weekly basis. In PSHE, pupils will be taught lessons on Relationships and Sex Education. Please refer to your letter from earlier this week regarding this learning.

Ways to help at home

Reading:

Please try to read with your child, or encourage them to read to themselves, for 10 minutes every day. This is important for all children across school from Reception to Year 6.

Homework:

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be set homework each week on Purple Mash. Please support your child to complete this work.

Timetables Rockstars:

Children from Year 2 to Year 6 have access to TimesTable Rockstars to support them to learn and practice their multiplication tables.

If you need support logging into Purple Mash or TT Rockstars, please contact your child's class teacher.

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Year 3 Bread Making

Caterlink, our lunch providers, invited a professional chef to work with our Year 3 children this week to make some bread. The children explored making different styles of rolls and were able to take them home to try with their families. The children had a wonderful time learning how to knead the dough and enjoyed tasting their bread roll once it had been baked. The bread making links to the new Year 3 history topic 'Ancient Egypt' as this was the first civilisation that made bread.

Thank you to Caterlink for organising the event for the children.



Fundraising for Shelter

Well done to Freya in 4C who has undertaken some fundraising for the charity, Shelter.

Shelter support people and families who are homeless or at risk of losing their home.

Freya completed a sponsored swim and, in total, swam an incredible 52 lengths of Chatteris swimming pool in just one hour! Her efforts have raised over £500 for the charity so far.

Well done Freya, you have showed superb effort and care for others.



Book Recommendations

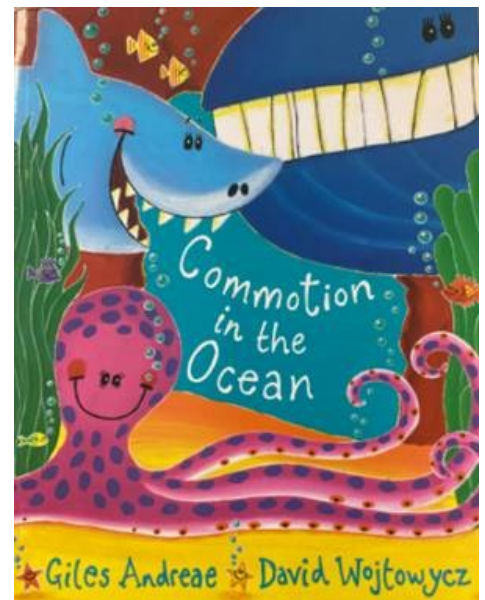
This week's recommendation was from Mrs. Kent, our Early Years Leader.

Mrs. Kent recommends "Commotion in the Ocean" by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz.

'Commotion in the Ocean' starts with a lovely rhyming poem which explores the world under the surface of the seas. The book then goes on to give details about each of the animals that are encountered on the journey to the sea floor.



I chose this book because I loves all of the different creatures in the book. I really enjoys reading the book to my class using different voices for each of the different characters. The children in my class love the book too!



Diary Dates

New dates will be added weekly so please do read this section each week.

April 2022

20th, 27th - Year 3 swimming

21st - Class group photos and Year 6 leavers' photos

21st - Tri-golf sessions for Year 5 each Thursday throughout Summer 1

22nd - Earth Day

W/C 25th - Bikeability Year 1/2

28th - Year 6 Maths Challenge

May 2022

2nd - May Day - no school

W/C 3rd - Bikeability Year 1/2

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Year 3 swimming

9th - 12th—Year 6 SATs

9th - W/C Bikeability Year 1/2

6th - 5P Class Assembly

11th - Wellbeing Day Years 3&4

12th - Year 6 Uniform event at Cromwell 4.30pm-6.30pm

20th - 3DH Class Assembly

24th - 6R swimming

26th - 2C Class Assembly

26th - 6T swimming

27th - PD Day

30th - 3rd - Half term

June 2022

6th - Children return to school

7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - 6R swimming

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - Year 3 swimming

9th, 15th, 23rd, 30th - 6T swimming

14th - Olympic and Paralympic Pentathlon Yrs 5&6

17th - 1H Class Assembly

17th - Year 4 Athletics Quadkids Event

23rd - Reception visit to Old Hunstanton

24th - RK Class Assembly

25th - 26th - Chatteris' Summer Festival

29th - Year 6 transition day to Cromwell #1

July 2022

1st - RM Class Assembly

5th, 12th - 6R swimming

7th, 14th - 6T swimming

13th - Year 6 transition day to Cromwell #2

14th - Year 6 production

14th - French Event

18th - Bikeability Year 6

20th - Celebration of Work

21st - Last day of term

21st - Leavers' Assembly

22nd - PD Day

Dates for the 2022-23 academic year:

Autumn Term Dates 2022

1st September – PD Day

2nd September – PD Day

5th September – Children return to school

18th October 2022 - Individual photographs

24th to 28th October 2022 – Half term

20th December – Last day of term

21st December 2022 – PD Day

Spring Term Dates 2023

4th January – Children return to school

13th to Friday 17th February – Half term

20th February – PD Day

21st February – Children return to school

31st March – Last day of term

Summer Term Dates 2023

17th April – Children return to school

1st May – Bank Holiday

26th May – PD Day

29th May to 2nd June – Half term

19th July – Last day of term

Clubs

Our clubs offer for the summer term will be sent out on Monday. Please encourage your child to try something new!

We are hoping that all children in school will have taken part in at least one club across the year.