

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Issue Number 11 – Monday 14th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is our last week before we break up for the holiday so I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, understanding and co-operation this term, it has been most welcome and appreciated. This Newsletter is about celebrating, in each year group, the learning that has taken place this term and shows how our school values shine through all that we do.

Reception

Fifteen weeks ago Reception started school for the first time, and we could not be prouder; they have learned so much in such a short while; have made great friends, and continue to delight us, by following our school values. Each day they impress us with their kindness, enthusiasm, and love for learning, and not even a few weeks at home, undertaking remote learning, could halt their excitement and joy for school.

This term the children have learned how to identify the season of Autumn, and have loved exploring the school grounds, looking for signs, and learning about woodland animals. They have begun their journey of reading and writing, by taking part in daily phonics lessons, and have loved listening to a range of exciting stories and singing songs - a particular class favourite is 'Sing' by the Carpenters! It is wonderful to see the children developing their confidence to mark-make, in so many ways, particularly outdoors. The children have undertaken challenges and activities to improve their skills in art and craft, and we have seen such an improvement in cutting, colouring and pencil control, in a very short time. The children have particularly loved using clay to create a 'friend', a hedgehog, and a Christmas decoration. We wish you and your family a fantastic Christmas break, and look forward to seeing you in the new year! Mr Wilson and Miss Roberts.

Year 1

Wow! What a fantastic term Year 1 have had! They have shown excitement and curiosity with their learning, which has been wonderful to see! They enjoyed reading the story 'Superworm', which led to some brilliant writing in our English lessons. The children even dug up some worms to keep in a wormery in our classroom, and then used amazing adjectives to describe them! They have been super mathematicians and have all shown good reasoning skills with their number bonds and have loved counting in 2's and 10's! In Geography, the children have carried out some great research, using the I-pads to find out facts about the North and South Pole, and what animals live there. As scientists, the children have learned how to carry out investigations and had so much fun using torches and globes to understand why we have day and night. We are so proud of all the children and how well they display our school values each day. Well done Year 1! Miss Swain and Miss French

Year 2

What a wonderful Autumn Term we have had in Year 2. It has been lovely to have the children back in school and showing what a passion they have for learning. They have all worked so hard.

In English, we have been busy working on lots of different genres of writing about dragons and pirates, the children really have great imaginations. We particularly enjoyed looking for clues of dragons living in our school grounds.

In maths, we have been working hard on learning our times tables, the children love using TT Rockstars and are becoming much more confident and are now applying this to problem solving in maths lessons.

As historians, we have been learning about the Great Fire of London, this topic really caught the children's attention and they learned so much. We have recently begun to learn about the impact that Rosa Parks has had on the world. This is such an important topic and we have been so impressed with the maturity and thoughtfulness of the children. We will be continuing this after Christmas.

Mis Delargy and I really enjoy our time with the children, they show our school values so well and are a really great group of children to work with. Well done Year 2 and thank you for your hard work this term.

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Year 3

Amazing! What a super term Year 3 have had! Everyone has worked really hard and has settled into Key Stage 2 very well. As writers, we've written adventure stories and reports on the Greek gods. As mathematicians, we have learnt to use the column method of addition & subtraction and have just learnt to multiply & divide by 3, 4 and 8. As scientists, we have investigated "How does Usain Bolt run so fast?" and as geographers, we found out "Why do so many people visit the Mediterranean on holiday?" As musicians, we've had lots of fun learning to play the ukulele with Mrs Ball. As artists, we've learnt to be book illustrators and as designers, we've made our own bridges. Phew - what a busy term! Happy Christmas to all, Mr Kelley and Miss Softic.

Year 4

We have had a wonderfully busy term in Year 4, full of enthusiasm for learning. It's been so brilliant to see the children rise to the challenge of a new year group and adapt to the necessary changes we have had to make in school.

In their writing, Year 4 been storytellers and newspaper reporters, linked to our learning in History. We have earned the story of Romulus and Remus, about Boudicca's revolt and have written and published their own Mr Men and Little Miss Stories. They have worked hard on problem-solving in maths, particularly on explaining our answers and in Science, we have learned about the different states on matter and how a material can change from one state to another. The children really enjoyed our art week project, where we designed our own mosaics and then created them ourselves – even doing a bit of grouting. In Design Technology, the children explored pizza boxes and created their own nets to produce a pizza box for themselves. Thanks go to Pizza Express for donating some Pizza Boxes for us to disassemble. Year 4 have also worked hard with their ukulele playing this term. I've certainly seen all of the school values in their lessons and I know that their teacher, Mrs Ball, has been very impressed too. Year 4 have worked so hard this term, both in the classroom and during our two isolation weeks. Their enthusiasm for learning and demonstration of our school values have been a pleasure to see. We are really looking forward to our learning journey next term. Miss Ashby and Mrs Kailey

Year 5

What a wonderful, busy term we have had in Year 5! The children have been so keen to learn, showing enjoyment and discipline. We were so impressed with how quickly they adapted to the new safety rules. They have enjoyed listening to many stories, read by Miss Cleveland, including 'The Soup Movement' (which caused a few tears), 'The Invasion Of Crooked Oak' and 'How Winston Delivered Christmas'. Reading 'Brightstorm' together as a class has really helped the children with their comprehension skills.

There has been lots of exciting writing going on this term, including Science Fiction stories and explanations of imaginary inventions. As mathematicians, the children have learnt about place value up to one million, addition and subtraction of larger numbers, multiplication and division, as well as area and perimeter.

In Geography, the children have been learning all about the USA, including Native Americans, the US election and famous USA landmarks. As scientists, the children have learned about space. This included taking different balls onto the field, to look at the relative sizes and positions of the planets and also creating fact files about the solar system.

We all enjoyed Art week, where the children created their own Portraits, based on the style of Picasso. It was lovely to be able to record a Christmas performance this year. We hope you enjoy our version of 'The Night Before Christmas'.

The children make us so proud every day, always showing our school values. They have blown us away with how brilliant they have been on Google Classroom, during our two isolation weeks. They have worked really hard and supported and encouraged one another with a maturity way beyond their years. Well done Year 5! Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland.

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Year 6

Year 6 have reached the end of their first full term and I could not be prouder of them.

As Writers, the children have explored a wide variety of writing techniques including explanations, letters, newspapers, narratives and more and have applied their writing skills in a cross curricular manner.

As Mathematicians, the children have worked incredibly hard. They have learnt how to solve fraction problems including the four operations. They have explored how to order the operations within their calculations, and they have learnt to solve problems requiring written methods.

During their afternoon lessons, as Scientists, the children really enjoyed learning about how blood is pumped around the body and enjoyed considering the components that make up blood. As Historians, the children have learnt about the impact of positive changes to our human rights and considered the traits of prejudice and discrimination.

During Art Week, the children used clay to create their very own dinosaur sculptures. They used a range of techniques to design and sculpt their very own dinosaur. They also framed them and thoroughly enjoyed the process- these are now displayed proudly in school.

Finally, I am so pleased with how the children have adapted to the changes they have all faced at the end of this term. Completing two weeks of remote learning and submitting the quality of the work that they did has been wonderful to see. Thank you for all your hard work and I look forward to more fantastic learning next term. Mr Young and Mrs Nagra.

COVID Test Results - reporting out of school hours

If you need to report your child having either: COVID-19 symptoms and awaiting a COVID test, or that you have received a positive or negative COVID test result, **outside of normal school hours or over the weekend/school holidays**, please inform school staff via a **text message** to **07763008550**. This information will allow us to promptly get in touch with others who may need to self-isolate in the case of a positive test result being received outside the main school hours.

COVID Testing

If your child shows any symptoms linked to COVID19 we will ask that you take them for a COVID test. Until you have a test outcome the government recommends that the family should isolate. This means that siblings of symptomatic children who have undergone testing should not be in school. If a negative result is returned, then the children can return to school. We ask that families communicate test results with the school ASAP so that we can support the individual and the whole school community. If you receive results during the school day, please continue to contact the school office as usual on 02476 414683 if you receive results outside of school hours please text to 07763008550

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Illness in school

Can we remind parents that any child who has any symptoms related to COVID must not be sent into school.

These symptoms include:

- High-temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- Loss of taste/smell

To reiterate—If we do have children experiencing these symptoms in school, we will contact families ASAP.

Children will be asked to be collected from school. Families will also be advised to book a COVID test and share the results of this with the school.

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Weekly Reminders

Parents/carers remember to social distance from one another when you are on the school site.

Please wear a face mask whilst on the school site.

Use the one-way system to walk to each area of the playground, please do not walk across different year group areas of the playground. For example, if your child is in year 1/2 **do not** walk across the designated area for years 5/6, use the one-way path.

Parent/carers must keep walking and not stop on the one-way system. If you want to attend to your child by giving them their bag and water bottle, please, step to the side of the one-way path and use the designated playground.

Children **must** stay with the adult who drops and picks them up. Children must not run anywhere on the school site or run under the barriers.

Adults and children must stay on the designated playground allocated for their child's/children's year group. If you need to go from one playground to the other, then walk around the back of the playgrounds not against the one-way system.

Thank you as always for your continued support and understanding, it is much appreciated.

I hope you all get the opportunity to have some time with your family and to enjoy the break.

Yours sincerely,

V. MacDonald

Mrs V. MacDonald
Head Teacher



Attendance Chart w/c 07/12/2020

Year	Percentage
1 st 4	98.3%
2 nd 1	98.0%
2 nd 2	98.0%
4 th 3	94.6%
5 th R	94.1%

Well done Year 4!

Star of the Week Certificates W/C 07/12/2020

R – Ariyan Y1 – Sophia Y2 – Acadia
Y3 – Nathan Y4 – Zoe

