

#### **School-wide News**

Welcome to this week's newsletter, and a happy Eid to all our Muslim families – we hope you had a wonderful celebration.

Last week we said we would share examples of great work and this week we have been impressed by some real initiative shown by children in year 4. Veli and Michelle, on behalf of Koala Class, have written a fantastic letter to Ms Chinnadurai and Mr Commander to suggest ways that we could improve our school.



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#### Koala Class School Council Letter

Dear Mr Commander and Mrs Chinnadurai,

We know that you are both really busy but we would dearly love for you to read this letter.

Koala class have been considering how to make the school ever better. We were wondering if we could have some of the following things:

- Class pets
- Swings in some of the playgrounds (or perhaps a slide or more climbing equipment)
- A house teddy when the house wins the weekly points
- More play equipment
- A vending machine
- A school radio
- More school trips
- A sensory room
- School shelter (in the playground for when it rains and when it is very sunny)
- New school soap
- A drama after school club
- Swimming lessons for the entire school every year

We hope you have read this important letter which will improve this amazing school.

Yours sincerely,



On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May it is census day. Attendance is very important as it links directly to our funding. We ask that every child who is entitled to a free school meal has one on this day. It will be fish-fingers Thursday, a Southville favourite!

#### **In-year Admissions**

We have spaces available in most year groups and welcome in-year admissions – if you know any families looking to join our fantastic school, please ask them to contact the school admin officer via email or phone and we will provide more information.

#### **PSHE**

Thank you to the parents and carers who shared their feedback to our PSHE policy last term. We have taken your comments on board and made some amendments to the policy, which will be available to view on the school website soon. There were also some queries about some of the wording in the Jigsaw documents – we are unable to change this wording but our teachers are aware of the comments and will take these into account when planning their lessons.

#### <u>Author Ruth Drury</u>

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, Ruth Drury visited both KS1 and KS2 over Zoom to read her new book about Sherman, a busy man with pants that are bright red! Sherman's job is to help create those funny feelings in your tummy which big people know as shame. But poor Sherman, all he wants to do is retire and go fishing! If you would like to learn more about the books Ruth has written or purchase one of them, follow this link: https://www.writtenbyruth.com/

# Zones of Regulation - Parent Information Meeting

The school has introduced the "Zones of Regulation" programme. The aim is to help children notice the different emotions that they might be feeling and then regulate themselves if they are feeling uncomfortable. Please <u>click here</u> to find out more about what the programme entails and how you can use it at home. Miss Charnock will be hosting a meeting for all interested parents to find out more about the Zones of Regulaton on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 4.30pm. We will send round a Zoom Link to all parents closer to the time.

#### Plant Sale

Vegetable and flower seedlings will be available to buy from 15:00 on **Wednesday 19th May** on Milford Street (the back gate of the Merrywood site). Plants available include tomato, kale, broccoli, leeks and a range of flowers and all have been grown onsite by our Reception children.

All donations for the plants will go towards funding materials for Reception's gardening club. Suggested donation of 50p per pot (cash only please). Come along and support our green fingers! Thank you to Ms Kerr for organising this and for her work with the gardening club.

# Medical appointments

Please can we remind you that medical and dental appointments need to be communicated to the school office in advance, and that you will be asked for evidence of the appointment (either on paper or text message/email) when collecting your child from school.

# School streets application update & road safety

Bristol City Council has received the Streets School application for Southville Primary. Thank you to the parents who helped to write the application. We will update you when we hear back. We ask you to continue to be vigilant when dropping your children off, particularly at the Mrytle street site, as delivery vans sometimes drive down the road during drop off and pick-ups which means you will need to use the pavement.

# **Local residents**

It has come to our attention that some children in years 3 and 6 have been looking into a resident's garden near the gate at the end of Myrtle Street and disturbing their dog. Please can we remember to respect our neighbours' privacy. Thank you.

<u>Shine</u>



# SHINE AT SOUTHVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL-TERM 6

Re-booking onto the same clubs goes live online Thursday 13th May 12:00 noon All clubs go live on Thursday 20th May 12:00 noon.

MONDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB - YR 1 - YR 6	FOOTBALL-YR1&2
	MY TIME - YR 1 - YR 6	BASKETBALL - YR 3 & 4
	SNACK & CHILL - YR 1 - YR 6	CRICKET CLUB - YR 5 & 6
TUESDAY		CREATIVE - YR 1 & 2
	BREAKFAST CLUB - YR 1 - YR 6	MINI-SPORTS - YR1&2
	MY TIME - YR1 - YR 6	CRICKET CLUB - YR 3 & 4
	MI TIME TO THE	FOOTBALL-YR5&6
	SNACK & CHILL - YR 1 - YR 6	CREATIVE - YR 3 & 4
WEDNESDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB - YR 1 - YR 6	OUTDOOR ADVENTURE - YR1&2
	MY TIME - YR 1 - YR 6	NETBALL - YR 3 & 4
	SNACK & CHILL - YR 1 - YR 6	BASKETBALL - YR 5 & 6
		CREATIVE - YR 1 & 2
THURSDAY	BREAKFAST CLUB - YR 1 - YR 6	CRICKET CLUB - YR 1 & 2
	MY TIME - YR1 - YR 6	FOOTBALL-YR3&4
	SNACK & CHILL - YR 1 - YR 6	NETBALL - YR 5 & 6
		CREATIVE - YR 3 & 4
	BREAKFAST CLUB - YR 1 - YR 6	
FRIDAY	MY TIME - YR1 - YR 6	
	SNACK & CHILL - YR 1 - YR 6	
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#### **PTA News**

#### PTA meeting

The next PTA meeting is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm, via zoom. The link will be circulated nearer the time. The minutes of the last PTA meeting are attached.

#### Kite Race

After the success of the virtual balloon race, we will be organising a virtual kite race to take place from Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July. More details will be circulated early next term.

Contact: Southville.primary.pta@gmail.com

Please join Southville Primary PTA facebook page to keep up-to-date

# Resources

The school is hoping to improve the resources available to children during wet play. If you have any of the following that you would be happy to donate, please hand into the office before the end of term so that we can quarantine items and share them out between classes ready for next term.

Merrywood:	Myrtle:
Quality books	Board games/cards
Construction (Lego, Duplo etc.)	Quality books
Big chalks	Construction (K-nex, Lego etc.)
Tape	Big chalks
Felt tip pens	Таре
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	CD player

# **Community News**

# BS3 Space Trail

Please see the attached flier and the links below for information about an exciting project taking place in our community and organised by Launchpad, whom many of you will know. It is a celebration of the green spaces in BS3 and all that's great about our fantastic community, encouraging everyone to walk, cycle and scooter around our local area and share in some fantastic space themed art.

Website: <a href="https://bs3community.org.uk/event/bs3-space-trail/">https://bs3community.org.uk/event/bs3-space-trail/</a>
Promotional video: <a href="https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=lvvlhu1vVds">https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=lvvlhu1vVds</a>

# **Year Group News and Reminders**

# Preschool

This week in Seahorses we have been finding out about celebrating Eid; making musical instruments, cards and even playing with sparkly purple play dough!



Could we please remind parents/ carers about collecting promptly at the end of the school day - 3pm. Many thanks.

# Reception

We hope the children have been enjoying exploring the scientific concepts that we have looked at so far! It's been wonderful to see the children having a go at home as well. This week our focus is life cycles. We will also be beginning to reassess the children in phase 3 phonics over the last few weeks of term. The Characteristic of Effective Learning focus is 'Creating and Thinking Critically', specifically 'developing ideas of grouping, sequence, cause and effect'.

Here is a rough outline of some of the activities that we will be covering but please note they may be completed on different days in each class.

Monday	<ul> <li>Reading books and Reading Records will be collected to be quarantined</li> <li>Phonics – phase 3 recap and assessments</li> <li>Maths – taking away</li> <li>Jellyfish P.E (Ball skills - team games)</li> <li>PSHE: Managing my feelings</li> </ul>
Tuesday	<ul> <li>RE - how do we celebrate our journey through life?</li> <li>Phonics – phase 3 recap and assessments</li> <li>Maths – taking away</li> <li>Science input - introducing life cycles</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul> <li>Reading - New reading books will be issued and sent out</li> <li>Phonics – phase 3 recap and assessments</li> <li>Maths – taking away</li> <li>Gardening Club - Octopus Class</li> <li>Philosophy - should we eat animals?</li> </ul>

<u>Thursday</u>	<ul> <li>Phonics – phase 3 recap and assessments</li> <li>Maths – taking away</li> <li>Writing - drawing and annotating a life cycle</li> <li>Octopus PE (Ball skills - team games )</li> </ul>
<u>Friday</u>	<ul> <li>Phonics - phase 3 recap and assessments</li> <li>Maths – taking away</li> <li>Starfish PE ( Ball Skills - team games)</li> <li>Music - matching instruments to their sounds</li> </ul>

# Lost property

Next week, Mrs French will be across the road from the Reception entrance gate at the end of the day with boxes of lost property from each class. If there is anything you are missing, please come and have a look as we have lots of clothes without names. After the end of the week, anything remaining will be donated.

# PE days

Please can children wear their outdoors PE kits to school on the following days:

Jellyfish: Monday Octopus: Thursday Starfish: Friday

We will be beginning to use gymnastics equipment and so we must ensure children are wearing the correct clothing and footwear for health and safety purposes.

#### Observations from home

During lockdown it was lovely to see so many families posting observations to tapestry and seeing the wonderful examples of learning from home. Now we are back at school we would love to continue to see your posts. This week, our focus is on life cycles as part of our science topic. We would love to see any observations of children learning about life cycles at home or simply exploring nature! What do they notice about what they have found? Can they talk about similarities and differences?

#### Year 1

# Farm Trips this week:

Butterfly – Monday 17th May

Badger – Tuesday 18th May

Bear – Thursday 20th May

Please can you ensure that your child brings a water bottle, a waterproof coat and a small backpack or bag to carry their packed lunch (provided by the school.)

More parent volunteers are needed for **Bear class** for our trip on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please contact the office if you are able to join us for the day (approximately 9.30am - 2.30pm). Many thanks, Miss Hayes.

# PΕ

Bears – Mondays and Thursdays
Badgers – Tuesdays and Thursdays
Butterflies – Wednesdays and Thursdays

# **Daily Mile**

The children will be taking part in a daily mile throughout the week on the days they don't have P.E please bear this in mind for children's footwear being suitable for running.

# **NumBots**

Please remember to keep practising the number facts at home by playing NumBots. If you have forgotten your login details, contact your child's class teacher.

Please can your child bring in a bottle of water with them every day.

#### Year 2

#### PΕ

Falcon – Mondays and Tuesdays Flamingo – Tuesdays and Wednesdays Fox – Tuesdays and Fridays

# Reading

Please ensure that your child brings their school reading book and reading record to school each Monday so that books can be quarantined, and new books issued on Wednesdays. Thank you!

# Times tables

Please practise times tables at home on TT Rockstars. If you have forgotten your login details, contact your child's class teacher.

https://play.ttrockstars.com/

# <u> Year 3</u>

#### Science recycling resource request!

Next week we need as many Pringles (or similar) tubes as we can get to make a device for our Science and Art topic: Brilliant Light! Please bring to your classes!

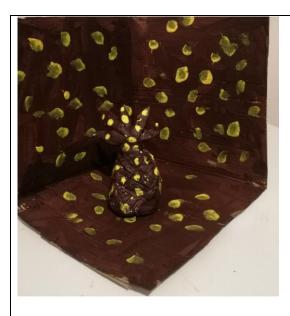
See below for some of Y3's homework based on Yayoi Kusama. There was even a wonderful LED light box made in Hedgehog class!













<u>Mental Health and Wellbeing:</u> All children had an online assembly this week with the focus being on mental health and well-being. The session was led by one of our governors Ruth Drury who read her latest book which helps with emotions and mental health issues in fun and easy to understand. We then followed this up with some thoughtful and practical discussions in class about emotions and well-being.

# French – next week

As part of our fruit and vegetables topic, we are learning to express likes and dislikes. Please could you send your child with one or more of the following fruit and vegetables (cut into pieces or in an easy to eat form) on the day of their French lesson to eat during the lesson. (Herons-Thursday 20.05, Honeybees-Friday 21.05, Hedgehogs- Friday 21.05). All children will wash or sanitize their hands thoroughly before eating. apple, banana, cucumber, green beans, carrots, tomatoes, pineapple, orange Merci, Mme Turvey

#### Homework

Thank you for supporting your children in to getting back into the swing of doing homework each week. It can both add a depth of study to our topic and often consolidates our classwork. As you know homework is set on Google Classroom but if you are having trouble logging on then please do ask your child to ask the teacher for a printout of the task ... there are spares in the classrooms for this very reason. We aim to look at homework on Wednesdays so please ensure it's uploaded (or handed in in their Homework books) by Wednesday morning. Sometimes all that's needed is a photo of the homework like last week's art homework. Many thanks.

#### **Tables**

Tables test next week will be x8 and x4 in Hedgehog class. When practising their tables please do the division facts too .... eg: 3x8=24 24 divided by 3=8

By the summer term, the Year 3's need to know their x2, x3, x4, x5, x8 and x10 tables. Please try to practice 3 or 4 times a week. It really helps their maths.

#### PE

Heron - Tuesdays

Hedgehog – Thursdays

Honeybee - Fridays

Year 3 will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. (Tuesdays-Hedgehog)

#### Reading

All Year 3 -- Please ensure that your child brings their book bag and reading record to school every day next week — it is essential that I can get an idea of the current level of your child's reading. Thank you!

#### Year 4

#### PΕ

Kiwi - PE on Tuesdays; Daily mile on Mondays and Wednesdays Kangaroo – PE on Tuesdays; Daily mile on Wednesdays and Thursdays Koala – PE on Thursdays; Daily mile on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

# Reading

All Year 4 --Please ensure that your child brings their school reading book and reading record to school each Monday so that books can be quarantined, and new books issued on Wednesdays. Please write a short comment in the reading record each time you hear your child read. It helps to keep track of progress and identify next steps in your child's reading journey. Thank you!

#### Homework

All children took a homework 'menu' home at the end of last term. Homework is also set on google classroom. Your child may choose an assignment from the menu each week and submit it in that week's homework portal on classroom.

# Year 5

#### Online safety and screen time

Over the next 3 weeks, Year 5 will be learning about online safety and social media during our PHSE lessons. This continues from our theme of keeping healthy and nurturing their self-esteem. We will consider how to stay safe online, the rights and responsibilities when you join an online group, how to identify and deal with online bullying, grooming or trolls.

There is a growing concern about how much time people spend using devices with a screen. Doctors and mental health organisations have suggested that people need to be aware of how much screen time they have each day, because too much screen time could be damaging. We will discuss with the children the effects on their physical health, mental and emotional health and how this might affect their family and friendships. Whilst we have all had to rely on this more due to lockdown, now that things are opening up and the weather is improving, it's good to get out into the real world and fresh air. We'll think about what we can do instead of being in front of a screen.

If you want, you could challenge your children to log how much screen time they and the rest of the family have spent online this week and when it happens. This can often reveal just how much screen time is happening outside of school hours. If you feel you need to, then agree some screen time rules to try and cut down, if it is becoming an issue. (e.g. no devices an hour before bed, or at meal times etc).

#### Stop Everything and Sing!

We are taking part in Bristol Plays Music's 'Stop Everything and Sing' Key Stage 2 event on 29<sup>th</sup> June, when schools across Bristol will be joining each other virtually to sing together. We have a rehearsal for this next week on 18th May. Bristol Plays Music may take some stills or use snippets of the rehearsal in their media coverage, so please contact your child's class teacher if you would rather your child is placed out of shot.

# Advance Warning – term 6 - old T-shirt needed

Our topic next term will be *Climate Warriors*. We will be upcycling an old T-shirt each. All children, please bring an old T-shirt to cut up and make into something else - any size will do. Due Monday 7th June – first day back, so please save any items that would be useful.

# <u>Homework</u>

Please continue to complete the homework set on Google Classroom each week. Homework will be available from Thursday evening and need to be 'turned in' on Google Classroom by the following Wednesday.

#### PΕ

Lemur – Mondays Leopard – Tuesdays Lion – Mondays

Year 5 will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays.

# Reading

All Year 5 -Please ensure that your child brings their reading record to school every week — it is essential that we can see the current level and amount of your child's reading. Please update regularly with your home reading and make sure and adult signs your book. We will be checking these every Thursday.

# <u>Immersive work</u>

This week year 5 have continued with our 1960s art theme. We made layered collages in the style of Robert Rauschenberg, and printed like Andy Warhol to create our own Pop Art.







#### Year 6

# Mojo Active Trip

This week, you have should have received a letter regarding the year 6 trip to Mojo Active (Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4DF) on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. If you have not received the letter, or need any further details, please speak to your class teachers. Please not that, as it states in the letter, if we do not receive enough contributions by the **15**<sup>th</sup> **June**, we will unfortunately need to cancel the trip.

#### <u>Immersive</u>

Next week in our Immersive lessons, we will be looking at the fascinating world of the Suffragettes and writing some creative diary entries.

## Term 6 Hook Day

Next term, we will be immersing ourselves in a new topic – Curious Crime! This is always an excellent topic to teach and the children always really enjoy writing Cluedo-inspired detective stories and learning about electric circuits to build their own miniature police cars. As it is the children's last hook day, we have decided to do a dress-up day! On **Monday 7th June**, please come dressed as a character or detective inspired by the board game Cluedo. You can use clothes you already have at home and be as creative as you like. We can't wait to see your creations on the first day back of term 6.

# **Homework & Spellings**

Year 6 homework can be found on Google classrooms. Please submit your responses via google classrooms by the date shown on the homework sheet. Remember to keep practising your times tables on TTRockstars too. All spellings can also be found on Google classroom, along with the dates of each weekly test.

#### PΕ

Puffins – Mondays Penguins – Thursdays Pelicans – Thursdays

Year 6 will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays