



Week 8 - 27.10.23

After what was the longest half term we've had in a very long time, all of the staff would like to wish all of our families a well rested and wonderful half term. We hope you have the opportunity to switch off and spend some time with your families.

We finished our half term with some great memories for the children with our well attended PTFA Halloween Discos and our Reward Afternoon on Friday.

Mrs Duncan and I would like to extend a huge thanks to our wonderful Race Leys Infant School team. They have all worked tirelessly this term to create some great learning experiences for our children and have helped to make the school a brilliant place for learning. We'd also like to thank our cleaning and office team for helping to drive improvements in and around school, from helping to move and create new learning spaces to launching Apps to support communication.

Have a wonderful half term break everyone.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



Have children wear **REFLECTIVE MARKINGS** or carry a **FLASHLIGHT** so they can be seen.

Always **CHECK CANDY** before letting your child eat it. Avoid homemade treats made by strangers.



Always **ACCOMPANY YOUR YOUNG CHILDREN** when they are trick or treating.

Make sure your children's costumes are properly sized to **AVOID FALLS AND TRIPPING.**



Use **NON-TOXIC MAKE-UP** on your child instead of a mask so vision is not limited.

Keep kids on a sidewalk or path and don't let them dash across the street or to the next house. Always **WALK TOGETHER** and cross at a street corner or walk signal.



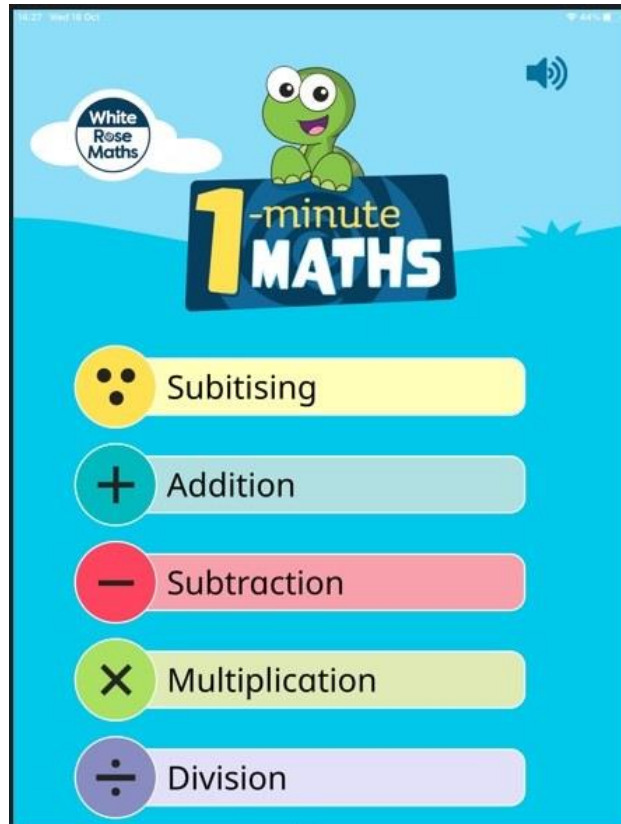
Educaterers have updated their menus for after half term. We will currently not have the photo menus but instead just the menu lists for all of the weeks.

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Children can come to school dressed in their PE Kits on their days. Our PE kit is a white T-Shirt, Black Shorts / Joggers and trainers. Children will need to wear a school jumper on PE Days if needed. We ask that jewellery is not worn on PE Days or tape is provided to cover up earrings.

- Reception - Monday and Wednesday
- Year 1 - Tuesday and Friday
- Year 2 - Wednesday and Thursday

On Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th November our Year 1 children will be working with our friends from Coventry University. They will need PE kits on for both of these days.



*1 - Maths Fluency is a huge skill we are working hard on in school. Maths fluency means recalling key facts with speed and accuracy. We would recommend downloading the **1 Minute Maths** App which is completely free. This App matches resources the children will be familiar with in school.*

We are super proud to host the only Book Shop in Bedworth. Our Book shop has a long and proud legacy in our school. We have relocated this to our Community Kitchen downstairs in school.

Each Wednesday children are invited to attend our Bookshop with their savings money. At the beginning of the year the children have all chosen books that they would like to save their money for. Each week they can bring small change into school (in named envelopes / containers) and this will be recorded in their savings books.

The very best things about Bookshop...

- children will learn to save money to buy a book they would like
- when they've saved enough money they come home with a quality book to keep at home
- all money that is raised within Bookshop goes directly back in to school to purchase wonderful new books to support our learning.

We wanted to extend a huge thanks to our wonderful Bookshop ladies who have supported our school for many years. After half term the ladies would like to invite parents in to attend our Bookshop with the children in order to learn more about what they do. More information on this will come home soon.

Some of the wonderful books on offer at our Book Shop.







Dates for your Diaries

October

26.10.23 Halloween Discos – PTFA Event

27.10.23 Autumn Term Foodbank

HALF TERM 30th October - 5th November

November

6.11.23 INSET Day (Staff Only)

10.11.23 Remembrance Day Celebrations

10.11.23 PTFA Meeting 3:30 (All Welcome)

13.11.23 Finance Governors Meeting

13.11.23 Anti-Bullying Week

New Date 15.11.23 Freshwater Theatre Company working with Y2

17.11.23 Children in Need

20.11.23 Curriculum Governor Meeting

20.11.23 Coffee Morning – SEND

23.11.23 Prospective Parents Open Day 4:30 – 5:30pm

27.11.23 EYFS Phonics - Parents invited into school

New Date 29.11.23 Mental Health in Schools Team(MSHT) Parent Workshop 9am-10am 'Understanding children's anxiety.'

December

04.12.23 Full Governors Meeting

05.12.23 School Nurses in for Reception Height and Weight Checks (pm)

06.12.23 Bedtime Stories

08.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day

13.12.23 Reception Nativity

14.12.23 Year 1 Toy Museum Parents Tour

19.12.23 Reception Christmas Assembly (children only)

20.12.23 KS1 Church Service

20.12.23 Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Holidays 22nd December - 7th January

8.1.24 INSET Day (Staff Only)

New Date 17.1.24 mental Health In schools Team parent Workshop 9am -10am ' Understanding children's emotional regulation'

12.2.24 - 18.2.24 Spring Half Term

25.3.24 - 7.4.24 Easter Holidays

27.5.24 - 2.6.24 Summer Half Term

19.7.24 Last Day of Summer Term

Enrichment success

Following on from Moorhen's performance last week, a big WELL DONE to Heron Class! Your Gingerbread Man Story was great and you sang and danced so well.



2 - Many families have now registered their accounts on the EduLink One App/Website - thank you to those families that have done so already - we hope you are seeing the benefit of using this to communicate with school. It was great to also see so many parents using EduLink One to book their Parent Review meetings recently.

We are planning to introduce the club booking feature for school clubs after Christmas so parents will be able to book spaces on afterschool clubs directly through the app. If you have still not registered for your account, can we encourage you to do so ASAP so you can be able to book clubs when this feature becomes live. If you need to have your registration link resent to you to be able to register or you have any questions about EduLink One or are experiencing any difficulty registering your account, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on admin2614@welearn365.com.

REPORTING ABSENCES ON EDULINK ONE

Please note that the absence reporting tab on the EduLink One App should only be used **for reporting sickness absences and medical appointments only (a screenshot/copy of the medical appointment confirmation should be uploaded to the app at the same time if possible or copy shown at the school office)**. If you wish to request leave of absence for other circumstances such as family holidays, attendance at religious festivals, family events (weddings, funerals etc) you will need to complete a separate Leave of Absence Form and submit this to the Co-headteachers for consideration giving as much notice as possible. These forms can be obtained from the School Office.

Year 1

This week in Art, we have learnt about primary colours and we have enjoyed using watercolours to create under the sea paintings. In Maths, we have enjoyed using numicon to explore making number bonds to 10. We have also been using our creative skills to create spooky Halloween decorations for the disco. We also started our learning about seasons today and went outside to spot evergreen and deciduous trees. Please encourage the children to look at the trees over the holiday and tell you which ones are which!





This week in Reception, we have been getting ready for Halloween! We have enjoyed sharing the story 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson, especially when we made our own magic potions focusing on telling our partner each step of the instructions. In maths, we have been looking at numbers 1, 2 and 3 -

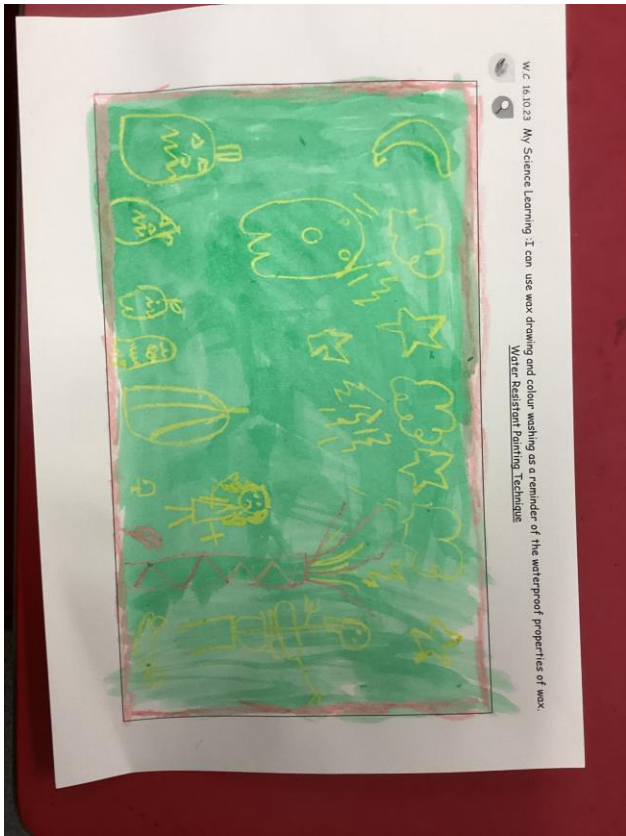
counting, writing, making and drawing each of the numbers and representations. We have been busy making decorations for the Halloween disco, we have made bunting and paper chains ready to celebrate.





3 - A huge thanks to Eva S's family for donating the most spectacular pumpkin! We had lots of fun exploring!

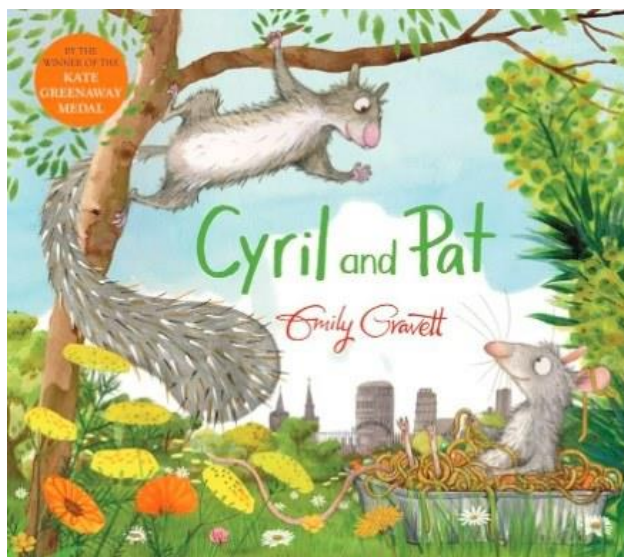
Year 2 have been continuing their materials learning in science by creating wax and watercolour paintings. The children used wax crayons to waterproof the card, preventing the watercolours from soaking in.



Just like Goose class last week, Swan class have been doing some amazing water resistant paintings using wax crayons and watercolours.



4 - Year 2 have also been learning about the forces that keep aeroplanes in the air. We then had a paper aeroplane competition to test out the theory!



5 - Cyril and Pat – Emily Gravett

This is a favourite book of Mr Lidbetter's. Cyril is a squirrel who makes friends with another, very similar, grey furry animal. They like to play all the same games like Hide-and-seek and Pigeon sneak, until somebody points out that Cyril shouldn't be friends with... a rat! This story is all about the importance of loyalty and friendship, despite our differences.



**Race Leys Infant
★ School ★**

Could you be a School Governor? We have vacancies!

Are you interested in supporting our school? Are you able to attend a termly meeting and a monitoring visit in school? If so, why not apply to become a school governor? Perhaps you have a relative that is retired or has time to spare? Then please share our details.

School Governors support the school's leadership team to make improvements and ensure we are operating in the best way possible.

Race Leys Infant School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and it is expected that all staff and volunteers share this commitment.

Visit our website to learn more about our school
<https://www.raceleysinfant.com/>

Interested? Contact our Chair of Governors, Claire Davies: davies.c11@welearn365.com

Just a reminder that we have a TEACHER TRAINING DAY on Monday 6th November

School will be closed to pupils of Race Leys Infant School on this day and our gates will be locked on that day as well.



6 - Sam - School Attendance Matters

*This week Sam goes to **Cygnets** Class*



7 - Otis - On Time In School

*This week Otis goes to **Cygnets** Class*




8 - This week we say Happy Birthday to Jacob and Harley.

We hope you had a lovely birthdays.

Racquet Sports Afterschool Club.

This half term we have enjoyed a range of different sports and have diversified from just racquet sports. This week we enjoyed learning how to play a sport featured in the Olympics. We learnt how to 'Kurl' and we all agreed we needed quite a lot of perseverance.



RISE MHST
Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)
Tips For Wellness:

PERSISTENCE

Persistence allows you to overcome obstacles that you may face and helps you to stick with something challenging until you achieve your goals. Persistence is about having a growth mindset and believing that you can learn, grow and improve with effort and practise.

Our tips for persistence:

1- Practise positive self-talk. Often when faced with a challenge, we can be unkind to ourselves and talk negatively. We might tell ourselves we are "rubbish" or "hopeless". Try to remind yourself about what you would tell a friend, if they told you they were finding something difficult. Practise giving the same advice to yourself:

"I'm not good at this YET but I can get better"
"This is hard but if I keep trying I will get there eventually"

2- Try a new hobby or sport. When we begin a new hobby, we may need to learn our craft and improve our skills. This is a great way to improve our persistence skills in a way that is also FUN!

3- Practise mindfulness. A good way to improve our mental wellbeing is by practising mindfulness. This involves us paying more attention to the present moment and the world around us, thinking about sounds and smells around us, what we can see, and how they make us feel. By being more aware, this can improve our mental wellbeing and enable us to improve skills such as being persistent.

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate!
thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.