



Newsletter 4

Work Hard
Be Nice
Show Character

Back to School:
Tues. 23rd April 2019

Welcome to our Term 4 newsletter!

This term the children have, yet again, worked incredibly hard. Like you, we are proud of them! This term we have had lots of visitors - looking to learn from some of the things that we, and your children do. We had 15 teachers from Plymouth visit for a morning; they thought your children worked very hard and were very well behaved.

We hope that you have a wonderful break with your children and we look forward to seeing them on TUESDAY 23rd April, after Easter bank holiday.

David Wayland



What a term **Year 6** have had! Our book this term has been 'Journey to the River Sea' which has allowed us to explore the wonders of the Amazon Rainforest. The children have produced some *outstanding* descriptive writing about the rainforest, have created their own rainforests in bottles and have learnt all about deforestation. They have been inquisitive (as always) and have produced some excellent work. Not only that, the children have sat their last set of mocks for this year and their results are incredible – most notably an 100% pass rate in reading! This is absolutely brilliant and I am very proud of each and every one of them. Our term has finished with year 6 camp at Clifton College which has been a great experience and where the children have conducted themselves with character and maturity. I look forward to what term 5 will bring! Miss Parsons.

TERM DATES 2018/19

Term	From	Until
5	Tuesday 23 rd April 19 (Bank Hols – Mon. 22 nd April & Mon. 6 th May 19)	Fri. 24 th May 19
6	Mon. 3 rd June 19	Fri. 19 th July 19



This term, in **Year 3**, we heard the roar of Bristol Bears at Oasis Bank Leaze but rather than getting muddy, we had fun looking at sums relating to

Bristol Rugby and followed up with games of tag rugby to use up all the energy from our hard work. Our Friends from Bristol Sport coached us in a variety of games where evasion was the aim - amongst other games we tried American Football and dodgeball to learn how to evade everything but fun. Finally, Year 3 became junior doctors and looked at how our body works and how healthy eating can mean stronger organs. We toured the inside of a body to see what makes us tick. Mrs White.



This term in **Year 5**, we have been learning all about volcanoes, using our book 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' which is the story of an Indonesian girl who travels up the treacherous volcano, Mount Merapi, in order to find the missing ingredient for her fireworks. Alongside this, we have learnt about the causes and effects of volcanoes, discovered what made Mount Vesuvius in Italy so catastrophic to the city of Pompeii and have even made our own volcanoes! We have been working so hard on making sure that our handwriting is picture-perfect each time we write too. Mrs Tyler and Miss Herbert



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Term 4 has been out of this world in **Year 2!** We have been learning lots of facts and writing all about 'Space'. Children now know the names of the planets in our Solar System, the order that they are away from the Sun and also some interesting facts about each individual planet. We have also learned facts about the Moon and discussed the Space Race between the USA and Russia, which ended with Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landing on the Moon fifty years ago. In addition, children heard about Yuri Gagarin and Valentina Tereshkova, who were the first man and woman to reach space. Children have created the Moon, a moon buggy and designed our very own aliens in Art lessons, while we listened to a piece of music called 'The Planets' by our Composer of the Month, Gustav Holst. As well as our space learning, children have learned about money in maths lessons as well as beginning to learn about 2D shapes. This learning will continue next term. We've got an exciting term coming up in Term 5: we will be beginning a 'Maths with Parents' Club and children will continue to enter school through the main entrance so that they can watch Newsround! Meanwhile, children will also be completing their Reading and Maths SATs tests. Mr Walley

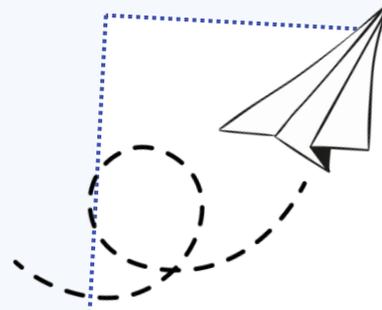


Year 1 have had a fun term learning about our new book 'Goram and Ghyston the Bristol Giants'. We have been able to develop our knowledge of the history behind

Bristol and the many great things our city has to offer. For example we have found many different facts about the SS Great Britain, Clifton Suspension Bridge and the Severn Bridge and learnt about the UK and the oceans that surround it. We have also written many stories about our own giants and we even received some letters from Goram and Ghyston. We have started to bring a real focus into our handwriting during our Literacy lessons. In Year 1 we are developing more into our Maths Mastery lessons and have enjoyed investigating length and weight of objects around the classroom.

Year 1 have produced lovely pieces of Art including hot air balloons, boats and landscapes. They have also enjoyed being able to go outside in their P.E lessons.

Miss Baker



Year 4 had a fantastic day, learning how to be Airbus engineers. They examined various inventions and tried to decide what they were made from, called and what they were used for. These inventions included a tea strainer and a garlic crusher!

Next, the class invented their own paper aeroplanes, after learning how and why they needed to be streamlined. This was all part of their Term 4 science unit about the forces around us. In the afternoon the class entered their paper aeroplanes into four competitions to see if they could stay up in the air the longest, travel the furthest, fly along a straight line and lastly, shoot through a target. They all did very well and showed great competitiveness and they were very polite and supportive towards each other. Miss Owen.

Term 4 in **Reception** has been jam packed full of super learning! We began with an adventure to Bristol Zoo where we learnt all about the Earth's Polar regions and the animals that live there. Next we had to solve the mystery of the two Minecraft eggs that appeared in our outdoor area and work together to find out what was inside? In Maths we have been learning all about 3D shapes and experimenting with them by creating amazing models. The final weeks of term have been focussed on the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk', we have planted beans and other vegetables and can't wait to see them start growing. The children have made fantastic progress with their reading this term – please support them by continuing to read with them regularly and practise those ever important tricky words! Have a lovely Easter break. Mrs Friend.



This term our **Nursery** topic has been "New Life". We have been on our zoo trip which the children really enjoyed. We learnt about some of the animals we saw and we learnt and retold the story "Dear Zoo". We have been very interested in the story Jack and the Beanstalk for the last part of the term and we planted some magic beans that grew into a beanstalk in our classroom. We made tea for the giant and went on a giant hunt to the woods after we found a giant's footprint in our classroom! The children have worked really hard on their "next steps" this term - lots of children have reached theirs and have received their next step certificates! Well done! Have a lovely Easter break! Mrs Fitz-Gerald and Mrs Hilton



100% Attendance



A HUGE WELL DONE to the following pupils for coming to school *on time*, every day this year!

(Correct 03/04/2019)

Aaron (Y2)	Harrison (Y5)	Lottie (Y6)
Adam (Y3)	Harvey (Y4)	Mantas (Y6)
Aiyonia (R)	Issac-Eddie (Y2)	Max (R)
Alisha (Y2)	Jacob (Y3)	Megan (Y4)
Amelia (Y3)	James-Lee (Y6)	Mia (Y2)
Callum (Y6)	Keira (Y3)	Michael (Y2)
Ellie (Y6)	Kiera (Y5)	Nikola (Y4)
Erin (Y2)	Lataya (R)	Riley (Y6)
Fatou (Y1)	Leon (Y3)	Tirion (Y6)
George (Y6)	Liana-May (Y3)	Zac (Y5)

Class Attendance

Nursery

84.4%

Reception

95.1%

0.9% lower than most schools

Year 1

94.6%

1.4% lower than most schools

Year 2

96.9%

0.9% higher than most schools



Year 3

98.2%

2.2% higher than most schools

Year 4

97.2%

1.2% higher than most schools

Year 5

95.9%

0.1% lower than most schools

Year 6

96.9%

0.9% higher than most schools



School success starts
with attendance

Whole School (excluding nursery and reception)

96.6%

0.6% higher than most schools

The Importance of Sleep

We have noticed that recently some children are coming to school very tired. This not only affects their ability to learn but can also have a huge impact on their behaviour and social interactions.

The average person spends around a third of their life asleep. In this time, our bodies are able to replenish energy stores and make repairs, while our minds organise and store the memories of the day before. The amount of sleep you need depends on your age, sex, health and other elements, and sleep cycles change as we grow older.

For children, the key to a good nights sleep is a consistent bedtime routine. Doing the same relaxing things in the same order and at the same time each night helps promote good sleep:

- A warm (not hot) bath will help your child relax and get ready for sleep.
- Keeping lights dim encourages your child's body to produce the sleep hormone, melatonin.
- Once they're in bed, encourage your child to read quietly or listen to some relaxing music, or read a story together.

Tablets, smartphones, TVs and other electronic gadgets can affect how easily children get to sleep. Try to keep your child's bedroom a screen-free zone and encourage them to stop using screens an hour before bedtime.

Here is a general guide to show how much sleep everyone should be getting...

