



Newsletter

Friday 13th May 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead

UNDERSTANDING GROWTH, PRODUCE and MARKETING

This week Year 4 Pine have had a fantastic opportunity to learn about how produce goes from land/sea to the shop floor when they visited Waitrose in Rickmansworth. It was an interesting and informative experience that enabled the children to find out more about how the food gets to our shops and how it is marketed. Year 4 Maple will complete their visit next week. After a morning swim, the year 4 children stopped off at the park for a picnic before venturing to Waitrose. A special thank you to Nick's mum (Y4) for helping to organise the visit.



FOREST SCHOOL

Year 3 Laurel have had the first taste of Forest School teaching over the past few weeks - and I believe we can safely say they have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. As one pupil said the only bad part of it is when the session has to end! Mrs Girling has now almost completed her training and she will be leading Forest School teaching sessions for all year groups over the next year. A huge thank you to Mrs Girling for the tremendous



amount of hard work she has put into this project, including creating an area in the school grounds for the Forest School



Dates for your diary

This week

Tues 17 th May	Y4 to Clay Lane
Wed 18 th May	Y6 Height/weight
	Y4 to Waitrose
Thurs 19 th May	Y6 Kwik cricket

Up and coming events

w/b 23 rd May	Baby & Toddler Week
25 th May	Grandparents' Day
26 th May	Magistrate to Y6
	Gymnastics Assembly 10:30am
27 th May	Y5 to Rickmansworth School
	Science morning
	Break for Half Term

Friends of Yorke Mead Logo Competition

Thank you to all the children and adults who took part in the logo competition. Winners were announced in today's assembly. These were:

Early Years: Leah Cupit
KS1 : Summer Evason
KS2: Hannah Bushell
Adult: Mrs Cupit

Well done Year 6!

You will no doubt have read headlines about this week's SAT tests sat by our year 6 children – with much talk being focused on how difficult some of them were in comparison to previous years. Many of you may have given the grammar bits a go online too! We are all so incredibly proud of all of our year 6 children, who showed the true level of resilience in the positive way they tackled these tests. No tears, no panics – they simply did the very best they could do then when one test had finished moved onto the next. No one can ask more of them than they gave.

Special thanks to the Year 6 team, Mrs Arora, Mrs Feldman and Mrs Haynes, who along with Mrs Seabrook and Mrs Gardiner made sure no Year 6 faced any test on an empty stomach by putting on a special breakfast club.

Summer heat!

Although we have only had one or two warm days it is very clear that our classrooms are going to be hot in the summer, and whilst we have shade outdoors as children play they will get very hot. Many children are still not bringing a water bottle to school or a hat to protect them from the sun. Please ensure your child has a water bottle EVERYDAY and a sun hat/ suntan lotion in his/her bag as there are days that start cloudy but are very sunny by lunch time.



Learning Next Week:

Nursery- Acorns

Learning Behaviour- *Looking after our resources*

Focus – *Caring for pets, handling animals, sorting pet items, build a home for a pet.*

Sound of the week 'b'

Reception- Willow & Lime

Learning Behaviour – *Trying our best*

Focus – *Continuing with 'Biscuit bear' with focus on writing sentences, letters, instructions and using punctuation. Halves, more/less*

Phonics – *ure, air, igh, ear*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

Learning Behaviour: *Working independently to finish on time*

English – *Writing a comic strip*

Phonics – *ea, ee, ey diagraphs*

Maths – *Data handling, drawing & interpreting*

Topic – *Colour mixing*

P4C – *Special stories*

Year 2 – Horse Chestnut

Learning Behaviour: *Learning from each other*

English – *The effect of language*

Phonics – *er/ ss/ th*

Maths – *Multiplication and division*

Topic – *Polar explorers*

P4C – *Arctic stimulus*

Year 3 – Sycamore & Laurel

Learning Behaviour: *Making sensible decisions*

English – *Non chronological reports*

Phonics – *'dis' prefix*

Maths – *Money addition and subtraction*

Topic – *Seed dispersal/ status of volcanoes*

P4C – *Living near a volcano*

Year 4 – Pine & Maple

Learning Behaviour: *Giving 100%*

English – *Persuading characters / motives*

Phonics – *ous words*

Maths – *Co-ordinates*

Topic – *Clay Lane visit*

P4C – *Stimulus Always Take the weather with you' music*

Year 5 - Rowan

Learning Behaviour: *Making sensible decisions*

English – *Diary entries and descriptive writing*

Phonics – *ible suffix*

Maths – *Multiplication and word problems*

Topic – *Greek Gods and Goddesses*

P4C – *Completion of discussion around voting*

Year 6 - Oak

Learning Behaviour: *Bringing learning skills together*

English – *Class book British Landmarks*

Phonics – *Y6 word list*

Maths – *Investigation skills*

Topic – *Sewing/embroidery*

P4C – *Recognising our own talents*

Children's University

Please ensure your child is logging all of their Children's University hours on the online system. The calculations for the award earned are beginning and only hours logged will be counted. Remember – any club that takes place at Yorke Mead, and play leading hours, count too!

A good read!

On Saturday Alicia Eaton is holding a book signing for **Words that Work** between 10 and 12 noon. This book focuses on the kind of words that will help you avoid the difficult times when what you want or need to happen and what your children want doesn't quite match.



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