



## Newsletter

Friday 29th April 2016

### This Week at Yorke Mead

#### STORY BOXES

Year 1 have worked tremendously hard to create settings for their stories in a shoe box, and puppet characters. The boxes are lovely and something to be very proud of.



#### DRAMA WORKSHOPS

Our foundation stage and key stage 1 children enjoyed a drama workshop this week and immersed themselves into the characters and story.



#### GYMSTASTIC

Well done to our KS1 and KS2 gymnasts who yesterday competed in the Rickmansworth family gymnastics competition. Sadly the KS2 team suffered a late injury and, with the additional team member in plaster from a fall a few weeks earlier, had to compete with one member less than other teams. Their 3<sup>rd</sup> place position was therefore a marvellous success. The KS1 team triumphed winning their age group, and this team will go on to compete in the Herts County finals. **All** of the gymnasts, whether they competed or not, worked tremendously hard over the past few weeks, and their progress is something every one of them should be proud of. Thank you to Mrs Royal who trained and supported the team for her hard work and dedication.

#### LANGUAGE LEADERS

Yorke Mead welcomed language leaders from Rickmansworth School this week to work with our children. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to see how far they can take a language and to learn from someone new.



Thank you Rickmansworth School!

### Dates for your diary

#### This week

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday
w/b 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Level 1 cycle training Year 4 Y5 Play leader training
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y4 to the River Chess
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	

#### Up and coming events

w/b 9 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week and breakfast club
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr4 Pine to Waitrose
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 to Clay Lane
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Height/weight
	Y4 Maple to Waitrose
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Kwik cricket
w/b 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Baby & Toddler Week
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Grandparents' Day
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Gymnastics Assembly 10:30am
	Magistrate to Y6
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 to Rickmansworth Sch Science morning
	<b>Break for Half Term</b>

Try talking to your child about...

Trying your best and persevering!

You can try harder than your best – and if you do try your best no matter what happens you know you have done all you can. Effort and practise eventually leads to success or at least improvement in whatever you are doing. Talk to them about things you have had to work hard to achieve and about how you felt as you did this.

# PE Kits

May I remind all parents to check that their children have their full PE kit in school. We are finding that many children do not have PE kit – and cannot participate fully. The importance of PE is to ensure your child is physically healthy and encouraged to take a love of physical activity forward in to adulthood is highlighted by the additional funding the government provides for PE. Please support them by ensuring they have kit in school.



## Summer Uniform

We will hopefully soon be seeing a little more of the sunshine and the days will be warmer than we have experienced this week. As you sort out the children's uniform for summer I would like to remind you that children's socks should be either white or grey, and that open toed shoes are not part of our uniform for the safety of the children when they are running around the playground.

As the weather gets warmer your child will also need a hat and should come to school wearing sun cream. Children should also have a bottle of sun cream in school (named) to enable them to top up their protection.

### Learning Next Week:

#### Nursery- Acorns

**Learning Behaviour-** *To think about others feelings*  
**Focus –***The Gruffalo. Gruffalo crumble, den maing, woodland pictures*  
**Sound of the week 'r'**

#### Reception- Willow & Lime

**Learning Behaviour –** *Looking after our learning environment*  
**Focus –** *Sentence writing, reading & writing phase 3 sounds, more and less*  
**Phonics –** *phase 3 sounds*

#### Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

**Learning Behaviour:** *Sharing equipment*  
**English –** *Adjectives to describe superheroes*  
**Phonics –** *ur, ir, er*  
**Maths –***Measures cm/m*  
**Topic –** *Real life heroes*  
**P4C –** *Things that are special to me*

#### Year 2 – Horse Chestnut

**Learning Behaviour:** *W*  
**English –** *Editing our work*  
**Phonics –***suffixes – ed, -ing, -er, -est*  
**Maths –***Time*  
**Topic –** *Map skills hot and cold climates*  
**P4C –** *Do we need to know the future?*

#### Year 3 – Sycamore & Laurel

**Learning Behaviour:** *Starting work promptly*  
**English –** *Creative writing based on KrindleKrax*  
**Phonics –** *prefix 'un'*  
**Maths –***Data handling*  
**Topic –** *Mountains and water transportation*  
**P4C –** *PSHE focus*

#### Year 4 – Pine & Maple

**Learning Behaviour:** *Taking risks in learning*  
**English –** *Introducing new text*  
**Phonics –** *adding -ly*  
**Maths –***area/perimeter, measures*  
**Topic –** *The River Chess*  
**P4C –** *Stimulus water picture*

#### Year 5 - Rowan

**Learning Behaviour:** *Making sensible decisions*  
**English –** *exploring characteristics*  
**Phonics –** *suffix - able*  
**Maths –***Using 6 digits numbers*  
**Topic –** *Ancient Greek Olympics*  
**P4C –** *should children be allowed to vote*

#### Year 6 - Oak

**Learning Behaviour:** *Making links in our learning*  
**English –** *Grammar focus*  
**Phonics –** *Y6 vocabulary*  
**Maths –***Revision of key facts*  
**Topic –** *UK fact file*  
**P4C –** *Macbeth stimulus – what makes a murderer?*

## School Clubs

You will be informed today about school clubs. If your child is not attending a club any week please encourage them to tell the teacher – this encourages politeness and responsibility. Obviously if the reason is illness this isn't possible!

## Tissues

We are desperate for tissues again and would appreciate any you can provide. Normally we are just fighting hay fever at this time of year but our ever changing climate means colds are also still lingering. Cheap and cheerful works for us and every box is appreciated.

## Thank you

Today we have received a very generous donation of office stationery from a parent who discovered the company they work for were throwing away things due to a change of letterhead. This will save the school a tidy sum of money – thank you. Our office staff are always scribbling notes so this will all be very useful. Thank you to the parent for thinking of us!

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