



Newsletter

Friday 6th May 2016

This Week at Yorke Mead

LEADING the PLAY!

This week our Year 5 children have completed their training to become Play Leaders. This is a marvellous first step for some children into developing the skills of working with others and leadership qualities. The courses is organised by Three Rivers Sports Partnership and every hour of play leading completed by the children can be counted towards their Children's University hours.

Well done to Year 5 and thank you to the Rickmansworth Sports Partnership!



RIVER CHESS

Year 4 could not have picked a better day to visit the River Chess than today! In perfect weather they were able to carry out their science investigations measuring the depth and flow of the river amongst other things. Photos to follow next week!

CYCLE TRAINING

Year 4 this week started the journey of cycle training to ensure they are proficient to safely ride their bicycles on the road. We are pleased that every child has passed this first stage - well done to all of Year 4 who took part!

Dates for your diary

This week

w/b 9th May

KS2 SATs week and breakfast club

Up and coming events

11th May

Y4 Pine to Waitrose

17th May

Y4 to Clay Lane

18th May

Y6 Height/weight

Y4 Maple to Waitrose

19th May

Y6 Kwik cricket

w/b 23rd May

Baby & Toddler Week

25th May

Grandparents' Day

26th May

Magistrate to Y6

Gymnastics Assembly 10:30am

27th May

Y5 to Rickmansworth Sch Science morning

Break for Half Term

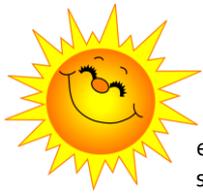
Try talking to your child about...

feeling proud

This week take a few moments to encourage your children to feel proud of themselves not just for any success they have but also for the effort they put into things. This will be especially important for Year 6 children who are faced with tests set by the government this week. They should feel proud of the effort they have put into their learning for the past 7 years.

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!



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- *Looking after our resources*
Focus –'Aaaarrgghh Spider' book, pets and vets, spider pictures
Sound of the week 'h'

Reception- Willow & Lime

Learning Behaviour – *Challenging ourselves*
Focus – *Introducing 'The Biscuit Bear', sentence substitutions, doubling and halving*
Phonics – *phase 3 sounds*

Year 1 – Elder & Silver Birch

Learning Behaviour: *Getting started on time*
English – *Writing sequel to Traction Man*
Phonics – *aw / au*
Maths – *Time*
Topic – *Choosing best material for a super hero suit*
P4C – *Real life heroes*

Year 2 – Horse Chestnut

Learning Behaviour: *Listening to each other*
English – *Story writing*
Phonics – *suffixes – ly, ness, ful, ment, ing*
Maths – *Multiplication and division*
Topic – *Artsist study – Georgia O'Keefe*

Year 3 – Sycamore & Laurel

Learning Behaviour: *Taking risks in our learning*
English – *Non chronological reports*
Phonics – *prefix 'dis'*
Maths – *Estimating and applying*
Topic – *How volcanoes are formed/seed dispersal*
P4C – *PSHE focus*

Year 4 – Pine & Maple

Learning Behaviour: *Taking risks in learning*
English – *Characterisation*
Phonics – *adding -ly*
Maths – *data handling*
Topic – *Waterfalls and water colours*

Year 5 - Rowan

Learning Behaviour: *Making sensible decisions*
English – *writing playscripts*
Phonics – *suffix - able*
Maths – *Roman Numerals*
Topic – *Battle of Morathen*
P4C – *should children be allowed to vote*

Year 6 - Oak

Learning Behaviour: *Positivity & trying our best*
English –
Phonics – *Assessment across all areas SATs*
Maths –
Topic – *Tudor embroidery and large scale maps*
P4C – *Being true to ourselves*

Walking to School

With the better weather now is the perfect time to leave the car at home and enjoy the warmer weather on foot by walking to school. The benefit of walking goes far beyond just the physical health benefits – it is now proven that walking and enjoying the blue sky, the trees and fresh air also benefits emotional well-being too. Go on – give it a go!

Tissues

We are **now very desperate** for tissues and really 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. Tissues, if we have to buy them, can cost the school over £300/ year. In recent years we have not needed to buy so many, and this money has been able to be spent on far more interesting things. Please donate a box if you can.

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