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Returning to School after Half Term

I just thought I would share with you my thoughts for this week. I hope that everyone was able to have a half term break with their loved ones. On Monday we had an INSET day and all teachers took part in First Aid training. This week we have had parents evening where we have been able to share the success that the children have achieved over the last 8 weeks as well as looking at new targets for the rest of the term. Unfortunately, I do have to ask that we keep extremely vigilant as we have had more COVID cases within school and COVID is still extremely high in Cheshire East. To keep us all safe can I remind everyone that this saying below is still crucial.



Thought of the Week

You should always look after your loved ones and ensure you take care of yourself.





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Prayer of the Week

In these times more than ever its important that we keep our faith and stay happy.



Praise Book Children this week

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class: Felix Tighe

Mrs Hayward's class: Chloe Barnett

Mrs Richardson and Miss Ratcliffe's class: Louie Elliott

Mr Davies' class: Bella Condrey

Miss Morris' class: Charlie Stretch

Mr Blenkiron's class: Chloe Hallatt

Mrs Bird's class: Emma Kay



5Rs this week

Readiness to Learn: Harriet Hollins; Amelie Smith; Emily Bourne-Withey; Oliver Meadows; Freya Murfin

Reflectiveness: Esmae Durgan-Smith

Resilience: James Carlin

School

All the children have enjoyed the different work that they have been learning throughout the week and the classrooms have been buzzing with activity. Here is an overview of what has been happening in every class.

Amethyst class: This week in Amethyst Class we have read the stories "Room on a Broom," and "Winnie the Witch." We have made our own spells, put the ingredients in the cauldron and sounded out cvc words, like cat, dog, log, rat and pot. In maths, we investigated capacity and carefully counted objects to add to our magic potions.

We also enjoyed 'Ruby Broom' cosmic yoga on Thursday, practising dog pose, broomstick pose and house pose.

Sapphire class: This week in art the children have been sketching pictures of Audlem St James church.

In history the children have been experiencing life in a Victorian classroom. They spent an afternoon pretending to be Victorian school children. In geography the children have been learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. In English the children have written their own versions of the story Rosie's walk. In maths the children have been introduced to part, part, whole.

Pearl class: This week we completed Week 4 of the Mastering Number programme, developing our knowledge of odd and even numbers. We also used our knowledge of place value in games with base ten and tens counters. In English, we continued to read Troll Swap and we role-played different character's thoughts and feelings to write letters and diary entries. In Science, we researched different inventors of new materials, including John Dunlop, Charles Macintosh and Josh McAdam. We experimented with different instruments in Music to represent different sounds in 'London's Burning'. We thought about tempo, texture, dynamics and timbre to compose and score our performances. In Geography, we learned about the physical and human features of the landscape. We labelled and sorted these features into sets.

Amber class: Amber Class have started the new half term with a bang! We have been looking at a new unit in our Maths work and have also started to read a new book in our Guided Reading (Ice Palace by Robert Swindells) and we are using Angela McAllister's 'Winter's Child' to inspire and support our English writing this half term. Our swimming



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sessions started back on Tuesday and we have been looking at chronology in History and been discussing our relationships with our friends in P4C & RSE sessions. Let's not forget our Recorder session and an excellent Gymnastics session - it's been a very busy week!

Emerald class: This week Emerald Class have had chance to finish off and edit their animal adventure stories in English. In Maths, we have started our new topic of addition. The children have discussed friendships in PSHE and reflected on their suspension bridge models in D.T. In History, the class wrote letters in role as Lord Shaftesbury to a Victorian Prime minister to campaign for children's rights.

Ruby class: This week in maths, the children have been focusing on inverse operations; understanding the relationship between addition & subtraction and how we can use this knowledge to check the answers to calculations. Our times table of the week has been the 9 times table, and we have been investigating patterns, tips and tricks within its multiples.

In English, we have been continuing to read *Hansel & Gretel*; looking at typical traditional tale characters and how the characters in our book fit in with these. We have also begun to create short folk type stories based on Carol Ann Duffy's 'The Lost Happy Endings', and practise correctly punctuating direct speech.

In R.E., we have been looking at how Christianity is a global and diverse religion; viewing snippets of services in Anglican, Orthodox, Baptist and Evangelical churches across the world.

In Science, we have been experimenting with levers to make it easier to lift objects, with a particular focus on the mathematics involved - i.e. if you are twice as far away from the fulcrum as the object is, you will only have to apply half the force to lift it.

In Art, we have been looking at complementary colours and some famous paintings that make use of these, and in D&T we have begun to complete market research into cam toys.

Diamond class: In Year 6, we have been taking inspiration from the WW2 artist, Henry Moore, to make our clay sculptures. We have also been investigating shadows using torches and taking measurements to turn them into best-fit line graphs. In PE, the children have started their new unit on gymnastics and have been making shapes with their bodies.

Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.



ABC

We had a wonderful first term with lots of learning, fun and getting to know one another. Halloween holiday club was a hit with lots of fun being had. We are looking forward to the festive term to come and are already in preparation for Christmas.

As we grow, we would love to offer a young person an opportunity to be an apprentice at our nursery. If you know of anyone please ask them to get in touch on 01270 748081. Thank you.

Individual School Photographs - Monday, 8th November 2021 - all children to wear uniform

Academy Photos will be in school on Monday morning to take photographs of every individual child. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Mr Perry has decided not to go for family groups this time so no siblings will be photographed together. Academy Photos do, however, offer a service where they can group siblings' photographs together and details of this will be sent home with the proofs. **Please be aware of the date and send children in uniform.** Children in Reception who normally wear PE kit on Mondays will need to come in uniform and will be able to do simple PE activities without changing. Y5 and Y6, who are undertaking Forest School on Monday, should come in uniform but bring suitable clothing to change into.

Cold Weather

There has been a real chill in the air over recent days and we have had to remind a number of children about the importance of wearing coats and jumpers to keep them warm outside. Please ensure your child/ren have jumpers and coats with them each day so they can enjoy outdoor break times whilst remaining warm.



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Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16



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Remembrance Day

Poppies and other related merchandise will be on sale next week and details of prices etc. will be sent home shortly.

Reminder for Reception places for September 2022

The application process for children who are due to start school for the first time and those who are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2021, started this week. Please apply online at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk or alternatively you can request an application form by contacting the Local Authority on 0300 123 5012.

Closing dates:- 15 January 2021 for Primary admissions

If you have friends who are interested in places at our school, could you please make sure they have our telephone number, to register their interest with us.

Activities at Nantwich Library

We've been sent details of the following activities at Nantwich Library:

Chess club for ages 8 upwards is held every Tuesday at 5.30 - 6.30pm. Free. Booking required.

Lego club for ages 4 years and up. Second Tuesday of the month. Free. No need to book.

Kids' Craft for ages 4 - 11 years. Last Tuesday of the month. £1 per child. Booking required

Saturday Storytime and Craft for ages up to 11. Last Saturday in month. Donation. No need to book.

To book, or for more information, the library can be contacted by phone 01270 375360 or email

nantwich.library@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

Finally

It is important that our newsletter and all other forms of communication we send out to parents and carers, give you a clear and detailed picture of our work in school, so that you are kept up to date with events in school and our community. If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions about the content of newsletters please get in touch with me.

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