



Weekly Bulletin

Term 3 Week 4: Friday 11th May 2018

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I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Bank Holiday weekend, with such glorious weather. Keeping with the weather theme, we have seen our pupils shining in school this week too. There have been great attitudes on display.

We held an intense and thorough two day Interview process this week in school for our new Deputy Head teacher. We were delighted with the quality of the candidates who were invited, and I am delighted to announce that we have successfully identified our preferred candidate, and subject to a few procedural matters being concluded, we will have our new Deputy Head teacher in place ready to start in September 2018. I will give more details as soon as I am able. I am very confident we have made an excellent appointment that will help us to continue our progress.

The candidates and the panel were all very impressed with the children of our school throughout the process, whether in lessons, in assembly, around school in general. I was very proud to hear this!

Next week our Year 6 children have their National Curriculum tests (KS2). I am very happy with their response to the build-up process, working hard and aiming for their best. The children are ready and have had super attitude these past few weeks! Good luck! All we can ask is they do their very best. I obviously am very proud of them and Mrs Longfield too!

Meanwhile our Year 2 (KS1) pupils have had a slightly different week, doing some 'special agent' investigations and puzzles as part of a gentle preparation for their National Curriculum tests the following week (beginning 21st May). Miss Stafford and Mrs Stones have been so pleased and impressed by the attitudes and enthusiasm of the Year 2 pupils, particularly when collaborating together.

Next week:

Year 6 / KS2 National Curriculum tests (Monday to Thursday) - SATS breakfast club available from 8.00am onwards

Monday 14th : Kings Church Selby leading our assembly

Wednesday 16th: Cultural Diversity day with Yazi

Thursday 17th – Year 5 Venus trip to Parliament

Friday 18th – Pluto learning assembly

Friday 18th – Royal wedding dress down day – Red White and Blue themed (and Royal wedding themed school meal)

Thanks for your continued interest and support of our school.

Best wishes

Jon Watson

Headteacher

		<p>This week in Pluto class we have been spending a lot of time in our Outdoor area. One part of it that has been very popular was the mud kitchen. Here the children use their imaginations to plan and work together to create wonderful recipes. Another popular area has been our writing den, where you were only allowed inside if you were coming to write! The children have made some wonderful books called My little book about..... they are fabulous!</p>
		<p>This week we have been talking about Gary the Growthmindasaurus! He and his friend Fred wanted to learn how to use a unicycle for a Circus. Fred was not keen on this idea and wanted to juggle instead, although they decided to have a go. Fred found this difficult and gave up, Gary didn't, he kept going! Gary had a growth mindset! Neptune are aiming for this too!</p>
		<p>This week the Year 2 children in both Saturn and Neptune class have come together to do some Secret Agent Training. Miss Stafford has been giving these children special secret agent tasks to support their training. These tasks have involved looking for maths questions around the school and finding the answers to them. We have been working collaboratively to answer the questions.</p>
		<p>This week Jupiter Class have explored and investigated the water cycle. They saw it working in a bowl and we are now observing changes to our experiment over time. By using two cups of water in a clear plastic bag we hope to see the suns energy evaporate the water, the water vapour condense of the cool plastic and it then precipitate when the drops get heavier. That is, of course, if the bags manage to stay taped to the window!</p>
		<p>In order to give the children a 'real life' experience about this term's science topic: Animals and their habitats, we visited Mrs Hammond's small holding where they learned first hand about the life cycle and habitat of various mammals and birds. They also identified vertebrates on the walk down and classified them further into different species of mammals, fish and birds. Unfortunately, we did not see any amphibians or reptiles on our walk. Venus Class thoroughly enjoyed their visit: petting and feeding the animals. Thank you Mrs Hammond!</p>
		<p>Mercury class have started a new unit in French this week - Les Portraits. They will be looking at French artists and designers and even designing their own piece of fashion... watch this space! They have looked at caricatures and they have chosen a famous person to sketch—happy sketching Mercury class.</p>