

Ditton Primary Newsletter



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Message from the Headteacher



Another bustling week at Ditton! We're already halfway through the first half term. Our football team had their inaugural matches this week, showcasing our school values brilliantly and serving as outstanding ambassadors for our school. We would like to remind parents that the designated disabled parking spaces in the car park are reserved for drivers displaying a blue parking badge. We are fortunate to have access to such a spacious car park, and it would be great if children could observe parents and caregivers being considerate to others. A heartfelt thank you to the Year 6 parents who attended the meeting on Wednesday. We hope all your questions and concerns were addressed. We will be sending out information to all Year 6 parents to ensure that no family misses any crucial updates.

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

4th - Yr 6 trip to Imperial War Museum
16th - Yr 5 trip to Tatton Park
17th - Halloween Film Night
18th - School Closes for Half term

NOVEMBER

4th - School reopens
8th - Interim reports to parents
8th - Interim reports to parents
13th /14th - Parent consultations
15th - Fire Service visit KS2
19th - Flu immunisations
28th - School Dental health visit (rec, Y2, Y5)



Reception



Reception have had another wonderful week. The wet weather didn't stop us enjoying forest school, where we had marshmallows over the fire and went on the hunt for sticks. All the time, remembering the rules of the forest, to keep us safe.

In English we retold the story of Dan and the Ball, drawing parts of the story to help us. In Maths we have been learning to spot quantities within larger numbers, such as noticing 2 and 3 within 5. We have compared animal bodies, looking at similarities and differences between them.

Notices:

- Please ensure that ALL clothing is named.
- Please check Tapestry for weekly updates and homework.

Year 1

This week in Year 1...

English: The children have been discussing nouns and adjectives this week linked to our story 'Old Bear'. The children will be using this knowledge to write a list poem next week.

Maths: This week we have been looking at 'one more' and 'one less' within 10. The children have been using this to complete number sequences.

Science: In science this week we are discussing our senses and the human body. The children will be able to name and label different parts of the body and link these to the senses.

RE: In RE this week, we have been discussing Baptism and why Christians choose to have their children baptised. The children have enjoyed looking at images and the symbols of baptism.

History: This week we have looked at the royal family and how the monarchy has changed over time. The children completed a timeline where they placed previous kings and queens.

Year 2

This week in Year 2...

English: The children have continued to enjoy learning about The Night Gardener, we looked at new vocabulary and used this in our sentences, remembering our capital letters, full stops and interesting language.

Maths: This week children have been extending their knowledge of place value. We have looked at partitioning numbers into tens and ones and creating calculations using related facts.

Science: Children have enjoyed learning about electricity and how things are sometimes powered by batteries as well as mains electricity. We discussed why batteries are helpful and if it would be useful if things like our television remote control were powered by mains electricity.

Computing: Children have been learning about keeping safe online, we talked about our digital footprint and why it is important we have an adult with us when we are using the internet.

Please continue to read with your child and log it onto Boom reader. Please ensure homework books are brought into school each week

We have had another fantastic week in Year 2. Hope you all have a lovely restful weekend and we look forward to another fun week next week.

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have continued to think about E-Safety. We have been talking about how to create strong passwords to keep our personal information secure. In English, we have enjoyed writing a character description off the Iron Man and in Maths we have been comparing numbers. In Spanish, we have been learning how to say how we feel when people greet us. In Science, we have been learning all about metamorphic rocks and how they are formed. Have a good weekend and thank you to everybody for returning their homework this week!



Year 4

Year 4 have worked their socks off this week. In Maths, we have used place value counters and 4-digit numbers to add and subtract 10s, 100s and 1000s. We really enjoyed playing the exchange game to help us with this. The action paragraphs we wrote this week were impressive. We used fronted adverbials and personification to describe the drama of a collision at sea. We used our KS1 Science knowledge to recall plant facts and moved on to learn all about the function of each part. In History, we located our four ancient civilisations on a map and discussed reasons behind these settlements. We are really looking forward to our trip to learn more about the Egyptians. We really enjoyed the story about Rama & Sita and were able to discuss symbolism of goodness and light. We came up with a wonderful list of examples of good overcoming evil within the real world.



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have finished writing their diary entries based on 'Henry Box Brown.' We have been blown away by the fantastic vocabulary and inclusion of year 5 writing expectations and standards! During our science unit, we have engaged in a range of science experiments, our most recent being "Does a sugar cube dissolve faster than a spoon of sugar?" The children were great at making predictions and explaining their reasoning!

In history, we have been looking at the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. The children have taken a particular interest in this unit and have shown great curiosity about the people of the past!

Year 6

Year 6 have produced some wonderful diary entries this week, writing from the perspective of Rose Blanche. In Maths they have been rounding numbers to the nearest ten, and hundred thousand and to a million, as well as solving problems involving negative numbers. In History, we have been learning about the First World War, while in Science we have been exploring voltage, and how changing it affects components in circuits. Well done to the boys who competed in the Widnes Football League on Thursday - a great start!



Certificate Winners!

Name	School Value	Reason
Archie	Pioneering	For great blending of CVC words in phonics!
Iris	Children First	Being kind and helpful to others.
Fraser	Pioneering	Experimenting well with new vocabulary in English
Blake	Pioneering	For fantastic 'one more than' and 'one less than' work in maths this week. You are a superstar, Blake!
Eye-Mai	Resilience	For working to produce good work, even when it is difficult
Archie T	Children First	For a fantastic effort this week in phonics. Keep it up!
Paige R	Children First	For always looking for ways to help others and sharing her lovely smile.
Oscar P	Pioneering	For always showing great effort and enthusiasm across the curriculum. You always try to be your best self!
Rosie M	Pioneering	For fantastic English work
Aliye	Children First	Always making the right choices and being a great helper to Miss Alderton and the rest of our class
Harry	Resilience	Trying really hard to come into school with a smile on his face

Attendance!

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Mrs L-Byrne/Mrs Till	99.12% FANTASTIC!! Well Done!	3 lates
Mr Longworth	99.12% FANTASTIC!! Well done!!	1 late
Miss Dixon	94.44% This is below the school target of 96%	2 lates
Mrs Drsicoll	90.12% This is below the school target of 96%	2 lates
Miss Alderton	97.92% FANTASTIC!! Well Done!	7 lates
Miss Powell	92.33 % This is below the school target of 96%	4 lates
Mrs Magan	97.22% FANTASTIC!! Well Done!	1 late
Mr Paul	94.25% This is below the school target of 96%	4 lates
Mr Lynch	93.97% This is below the school target of 96%	2 lates
Mrs Hubball	95.4% This is below the school target of 96% but a big improvement on last week!	4 lates
Mr Linaker	89.72% This is below the school target of 96%	3 lates
Miss Woodward	94.27% This is below the school target of 96%	5 lates
Mr White	96.88% FANTASTIC!!! Well Done!	3 lates
Mr Bourque	92.95% This is below the school target of 96%	9 lates

We've observed a significant rise in the number of children arriving late this week. While it might not appear to be a major issue if your child is only five minutes late, it actually causes them to miss the beginning of the daily routine. This can be unsettling and may disrupt the teaching and learning environment of the entire class. Furthermore, being just five minutes late each day results in a loss of 25 minutes of learning each week, which adds up to a staggering 16 hours over the course of the year!

The school's attendance target is set at 96%.

Several classes have been impacted by families choosing to take vacations during term time. Please note that, in accordance with government guidelines, the Local Authority is imposing fines of £160 per parent, for each child, if there are more than five days of unauthorised absence due to holidays.