

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome back to this academic year. Every term we will be sharing wonderful experiences and reflecting on class learning that has taken place in each community. Throughout September we have had many opportunities for your children to take on various roles and responsibilities. I would like to say a huge well done to all the children who put themselves forward for these roles and who took the time to write heart felt manifestos that highlighted why they can make a difference. Two of the roles that should be celebrated are our new Heads of Community.

Arctic Head Pupil – Abbie



Serengeti Head Pupil – Joseph



I would like to share snippets from their manifestos with you, as their inspirational words touched many of us and shows the dedication and passion that our pupils have for their school.

*“I am a **SUPER POSITIVE** example for Grove Park and Bourne Alliance.... Imagine Grove Park as a blank canvas. The pupils, teachers and all the other staff create a beautiful picture full of life.... Encouraging one and another to feel safe and included. We can turn being vulnerable into a positive... I want us all to aspire for **GREATNESS**, make strong friendships and to respect and understand each other...” Joseph-Serengeti*

*“I can help others show the four values; **Respect, Resilience, Responsible and Resourceful...** These important values help children to learn and express themselves in a safe but **HUGE** way! I personally think that everyone deserves a voice. One to be acknowledged by. This is an important part of life as you can change the world with just one sentence if you are heard...” Abbie- Arctic*

As well, as Head of Community roles we have Pupil council, Restorative leads, and Year 6 Buddies. All of these roles carry an enormous responsibility in helping our children to be happy and safe in school. Having children lead, with the guidance from staff, means all pupils feel heard and respected. It enables children to build empathy and strategies that will last them a lifetime.

We have also started to celebrate our weekly values, through a series of weekly assemblies. Each assembly, hosted by a member of the senior leadership team, shares with each

community a special value and unpicks how that can be seen, felt, or demonstrated in our day to day lives. All the children have embraced our new values, they are starting to hold them dear to their learning and everyday activities. Through our values, we are seeing children take pride in their work, classrooms, and environment.

Finally, thank you for attending the open-door session to see our Harvest Festival work. The children all love having family members in and showing off their work.

Moving forward to Term 2, we hope to hold Christmas events for our children, hosted by the HSA team, parents' workshops for specialist provision and SEND and our parents evening. We hope you find these sessions and visits valuable.

Have a wonderful half term break, we look forward to seeing you soon.



Mrs L Flain- Head of School

Notices

Please can we remind our school community that we are a nut aware school. This means we all need to be mindful of the items given in packed lunches. We aim to ensure all children are kept safe and therefore we ask you to be considerate of the items given each day.

Allergy Aware School



A reminder that children should be arriving between 8:30am to 8:45am and collection at the end of the day is 3:15pm. We see many children arriving late each day, which can make your children unsettled and anxious. Please ensure you arrive on time, so that we start our day positive.

TERM 2 STARTS

Monday 30th October 2023

Our first term in the Giraffe Class 2023

We have been reading, and acting out, the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'.

We even made a gingerbread man - which was very tasty!



We have learnt how to do puzzles

- all by ourselves!



We have been learning about autumn and doing many different activities.

We have been enjoying our outside area

- riding bikes, building and balancing!



Meerkat Class



Aliens Have Landed!



This term in Year 1, we were visited by aliens- they left footprints and slime behind! They wanted us to teach them all about planet Earth. We described the land and sea, different animals and ways to travel around our planet. We wrote and stuck labels on our bodies and a skeleton to teach them all about body parts and some of our bones! We designed our own transport for them to use too.



Autumn

We have been learning all about autumn and the changes it brings to where we live. We went on an autumn walk and looked at how the leaves are changing colour. We found conkers and their spiky cases and watched as the sycamore seeds spun like helicopters. We created some beautiful autumn and Harvest artwork too.



Term 1 in Lion Class

Hello! Welcome to year 2, it has been a fantastic start to the year and all of the children have settled back in excellently. It has been wonderful to carry on just where we left off. We have been very busy this term. Let's see what we have been up to...

In week 1, we started learning all about our first topic, the Tudors! This week we used tissue paper to make Tudor Roses! They all look amazing and are now up in the classroom!



In week 3, we drew King Henry's portrait in the style of Hans Holbein. The children really took their time and look how they turned out!



During week 4, we have been learning about Tudor diets and how to be healthy. So, we decided to make King Henry VIII a very healthy snack!



We have also celebrated harvest festival this term and we have created some harvest art, using oil pastels.



Please ensure your child has a suitable PE kit for outdoor PE in the colder months.



Elephant

We have started our Year 3 journey deep in the Stone Age era, where we have been learning how these hunter-gathers changed to the farmers we know today.



We created our own cave art and through drama, imagined what it would have been like for Stone Age hunters and their prey.



During our Science topic about rocks, we learnt that evidence about the past could be found using fossils. We had fun making our own salt dough fossils and even made our own rocks from starbursts.



Information

PE will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children must have PE kits for these days.



Zebra Class Autumn

Value

Champions

Sydney
Lucy
Mia
Isabelle
Ella



Term 1

This term in Zebra Class we have been looking at the Congo Rainforest and gorillas in our Discovery topic. This also links into our writing and science topics.

In maths we have been investigating place value and rounding to the nearest 10s, 100s and 1000s.

Our art has included harvest moons using pastels and Grey parrots to link with our Discovery topic.

It has been an amazing first term and the children should be very proud of how well they have settled into year 4.

Rhino Class

In term 1 our topic has been "Dark Fairy Tales".

We have followed the story of Hansel and Gretel for our reading sessions and *The Lost Happy Endings* for writing.



Rhino class have enthusiastically undertaken many



STEAM challenges this term :
creating a parachute, building a pulley system to help Rapuzel, constructing a house for the three little pigs, the tallest beanstalk challenge and more....



The children have loved art this term with many opportunities already to use different media. The children have used multi-media for Harvest art, water colours inspired by James Thomas Watt and charcoal sketches of forest scene similar to Lorenzo Mattotti (the illustrator of our reading text).



Rhino class have honed in their leadership skills in PE too. They have created, led and adapted their games to present an interesting game for their class to play.

Huge congratulations to our values champions this term: Samuel, Sofia, Aaliyah, Bella G & Darcy.

We look forward to term 2, where our topic is "Inspirational People!"

OSTRICH CLASS



We have talked about why rationing was introduced, how much food people were allocated, people were encouraged to grow their own food. We made our own rock buns - as you can see, they turned out beautifully!

We were lucky enough to have a Humanist come to visit the class as part of our RE learning - the children listened carefully and asked some insightful questions. They were interested to hear his religious views and also asked him questions about the war.

A huge well done to Madison, Scarlett, Teddy, Isabelle and Joseph for being our values certificate winners this term.

This term, Ostrich Class's topic has been 'World at War'; we have very much enjoyed learning about people's lives during this important period in history. We have looked at evacuation, rationing, The Blackout and the evacuation of Dunkirk. We have been reading 'When we were Warriors' by Emma Carroll and our writing has been based on 'Goodnight, Mister Tom'.by Michelle Magorian.

We visited The Old Forge, a wartime house in Sittingbourne, which really put our learning into context. The children heard about the role of the ARP warden, saw some real gas masks and even got to hold an incendiary bomb! We went on to compare homes in the 1940s to our homes today.



This term, we celebrated Harvest by creating collages in art. We sang the thought-provoking song 'A Harvest of Love' in our whole-school assembly with Reindeer Class.

We re-enacted the Christmas truce in World War 1. The children really showed us their dramatic side!



We are looking forward to continuing our World at War topic next term. We wish all the children a happy and safe half term.



Term 2 Events



Monday 30 th October	8.45am	Term 2 begins
Tuesday 31 st October	all day	Secondary School application deadline
Tuesday 31 st October	3.30- 6.00pm	Parent/Guardian Consultations
Thursday 2 nd November	3.30- 6.30pm	Parent/Guardian Consultations
Monday 13 th November	all day	Odd Socks Day
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th November	-	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 17 th November	all day	Non School Uniform - Children in Need
Thursday 23 rd November	all day	Mental Health Awareness Day - Yr 1-6
Friday 8 th December	all day	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 11 th December	all day	Flu immunisations
Friday 15 th December	3.15 pm	Last day of term - school ends
Tuesday 2 nd January	all day	Staff Development Day - school closed
Wednesday 3 rd January	8.30- 8.45am	Term 3 begins.

Have a
great half
term from
everyone at Grove
Park Primary School!



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