



Ellington Primary School News Bulletin

17th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the first of our new fortnightly news bulletins, which will hopefully give you lots of information and keep you up to date of the events in school. I am so excited to be the new Headteacher at Ellington Primary School and have so many plans for the future. It has been a very busy first two weeks back and it has been lovely getting to know the children.

My focus this year is on wellbeing, reconnecting the school and the community and supporting each and every child and parent/carer after the disruption of the last eighteen months. I still have the highest of expectations for all children and as a school we will be relentless in our support and positivity.

A letter was sent home on Monday regarding the PTA. It will be fantastic to increase the number of people involved with the PTA to support the school going forward. If you were unable to make the meeting on Wednesday morning, there is another meeting next Monday, September 20th, at 6pm. This will just be an informal chat and a chance to get together for any interested parents or carers. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided and all are welcome.

I have been made aware that parking can be difficult before and after school. We will be having a big focus on walking, cycling and scooting to school during the year. If you can do any of these options, rather than driving, that would be greatly appreciated. This would not only help to keep the children safer with less traffic, but also help increase fitness and is an easy way for daily exercise. We are taking part in the International Walk to School Month which begins in October. More details will follow over the coming weeks.

Next week, we will be holding school council elections, nominating prefects, buddies and young sports leaders. All children from Years 1 to 6 are welcome to apply for the roles. I am a huge advocate of pupil voice and want to work closely with the school council going forward. In the next news bulletin, we will announce the names of the children who have filled these roles.



Best Wishes,

Mr Hodgson

Headteacher

Breakfast Club/After School Club

From Monday 20th September, Breakfast club and after school club will restart. Breakfast club begins at 8am and costs £4 per child per, day. After School Club runs from 3pm until 4pm, cost £4, or 3pm until 4.30pm, cost £6, per child, per day.

At breakfast club, all children will have a breakfast and can choose from a range of cereals, toast, fruit, yoghurts and a drink.

We also have available a range of activities such as construction, drawing, dancing and reading for the children to participate in. This is a social time where the children chat, play and learn together. Children are then accompanied to their classrooms by the members of staff at 8.50 to begin their school day.

For after school club, children will be collected from their classrooms by the members of staff at 3.00pm. There are a range of activities available for the children to participate in for example English activities, maths games, circle games, board games, physical activity, drama, help with homework and other curriculum related activities. There will also be the opportunity for 1:1 reading sessions. There will be a snack and drink provided.

If you wish to book a place for your child, please contact the school office. Bookings should always be made in advance; however, we will accept some children on the day in exceptional circumstances. Ideally payment will be made via Live Kitchen.

Extra-curricular clubs

Extra-curricular clubs begin on Monday and I am very grateful to so many members of staff for giving up their time after school to run these clubs. Over the course of the year, we hope to vary the clubs on offer and also have some specialist coaches in school to deliver high quality sports coaching. All club places have been confirmed this week and all money raised from clubs will go directly into buying resources for the children. The small charges applied to clubs will help fund a wide range of new equipment that can be used by all children. The Cookery and Craft clubs were oversubscribed so we have split the clubs so all children who wanted to join the club, will have the chance over the coming half terms.



Class News!

Nursery

We have had an excellent and busy start to the new year in Nursery. It was lovely to see the smiley face of our nursery children from last year, who have been excellent examples to our new nursery children. All of the children have settled in superbly, have been so kind to each other and have made lots of new friends. The children have enjoyed exploring our classroom and outside area. We have been very busy riding the balance bikes around the track, making lunch in the home corner, having a car wash outside and building houses in the construction area. We have also started our 'Superhero, Super Me!' topic. We read the story Superkid by Claire Freedman and Sarah McIntyre and discussed which power we would like have if we were superheroes. The children have also painted some fantastic self-portraits, looking closely at the features of their face. Here are some pictures of what we have been up to so far.



Reception

The children have had an excellent two weeks in Reception and we are so proud of how well they are all settling into school. We have had a fantastic time exploring our classroom environment as well as spending time getting to know our friends and learning about the rules and routines of Reception. Here are some pictures of the different areas in our classroom:





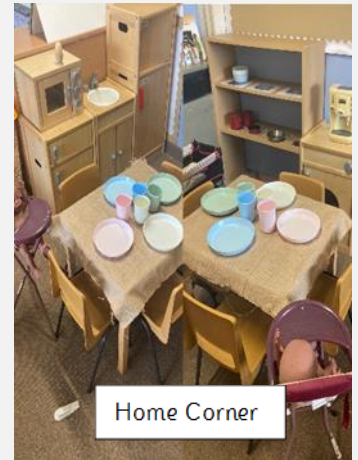
Writing Area



Reading Area



Creative Area



Home Corner

This half-term our topic is 'Superhero, Super Me!' which we will be linking to our learning across the curriculum. This week, we have been celebrating the similarities and differences between children in our class and we have talked about how we are all unique. We looked carefully at ourselves in the mirror and discussed our features before painting self-portraits for our class display.



Year 1

Year one have really been amazing over the last two weeks. We are learning our class rules and routines. We have been finding out about our wonderful world and were very surprised to find a little creature in our classroom. We tried to work out what it was. We carefully took it to the wildlife garden to see if that was the best habitat for it to live in but it was sad and wanted to return to our class. We are finding out about animals including humans for our science topic and we tried to work out what group of creatures it belonged to. It has disappeared overnight!! In our English lessons we are making lost and wanted posters to describe it to others so we can find it and look after it carefully.





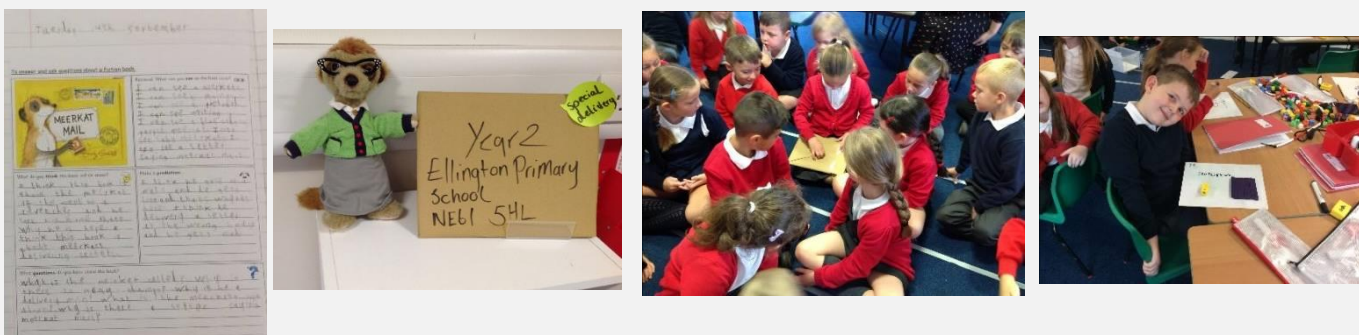
In our Maths lessons we have been finding out about sorting objects. We found lots of different ways to sort things out. We looked at colour, size, type, shape and number to help us sort lots of classroom resources. This week and next week we are finding out about counting in tens.



Our History topic is all about a famous fossil hunter called Mary Anning. We were amazed at the fantastic curiosities that she found in the rocks. We are going to go on our own fossil hunt soon.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic first two weeks back at school after Summer. It has been lovely to see so many happy faces ready to learn! In English, we had a special visitor deliver us our new class book, 'Meerkat Mail.' We were very excited to open the delivery and meet our new friend Sunny who left us a postcard! We have been using our reading detective skills to make predictions and ask questions about the book.



In maths, Year 2 have been reading, writing and counting numbers in both numerals and words. We have also worked hard to identify and represent numbers using different manipulatives.

We have also been working hard and having fun in our afternoon lessons. We have enjoyed reading the book 'Ruby's Worry'. We discussed our feelings and what to do when we feel worried. The children came up with some excellent ideas and they all created a Worry Monster with steps to follow if they are ever feeling worried.



Year 3

The children have settled brilliantly into Year 3. They have adapted well to their new routine and curriculum.

We are currently enjoying the book 'The Tunnel' written by Anthony Browne. We are focusing on adventure stories and have taken part in Drama activities pretending to be the characters from the story.

In Maths, we have been focusing on Place Value. We have been consolidating numbers to 100 and then we have use different manipulatives to help make numbers to 1000.


We have also began looking at this terms topic; World War One. We have started creating a timeline of events during the World War. They enjoyed creating these on their tables to help visualise what timelines look like. The children have been very excited to begin learning a new language and have already impressed me by greeting people in different ways in French.



Year 4

All of the Year 4 children have settled back into school life beautifully. They've been super busy this week and worked tirelessly. In maths, we've been consolidating our knowledge of column addition and subtraction; English has seen us looking at a fabulous book called Viking Boy by Tony Bradman which links with our topic on the Vikings. We've been looking at atlases to locate countries around the world and to see which continent they are in. We were all extremely excited when the electricity circuit boxes arrived in class; lights were flashing and buzzers buzzed. One circuit could only be described as being as long as a train! A fantastic start to Year 4.

L/O: To be able to analyse the front cover of a book
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I think the intended audience is for about 12+.

The colours tell me that there's blood and death.

Some adjectives to describe what the main character may be like are: scary, convinced, clever, horrid, outraged and fearless.

The illustration tells me that there's horrible hideous death and gore.

The font tells me that it's from the olden days.

I think the book is going to be about sword fighting and horror.

Monday 13th September 2021

Inverse Operation

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Year 5

In Year 5, we got the year off to a lovely start doing some creative work linked to the book 'Can I Build Another Me?' by Shinsuke Yoshitaki. We created mini robots and thought about the information we would want to share with them so that they could learn to be just like us.



In literacy, we started reading the text 'Beowulf' as written by Michael Morpurgo, which links nicely with this term's history topic of Anglo-Saxons. We also started looking at Anglo-Saxon style patterns and designs in art and showed fantastic skill in our sketch books.

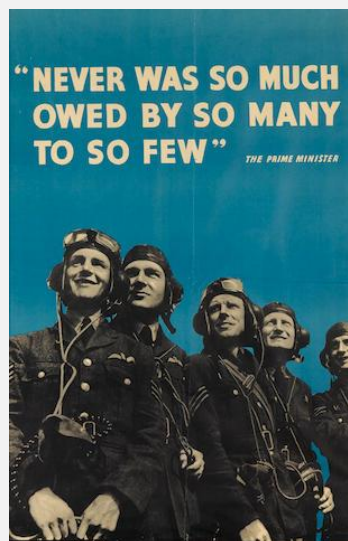
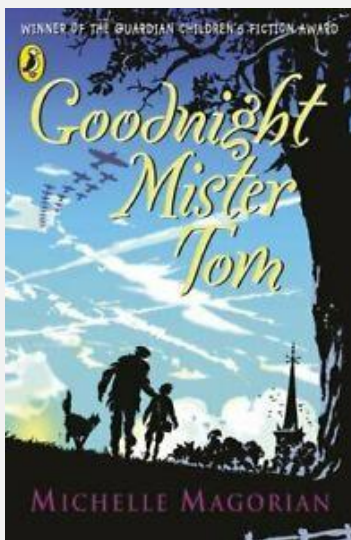


In maths, we have been going over our place value understanding to make sure we have a good foundation for the tricky calculations that we will do in year 5! We have been reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers up to 5 digits and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. Year 5 have also been impressing their teachers with their super speedy times tables knowledge as we practise each day!

Year 6

Year Six have settled in very well to their final year at Ellington. This term we will be learning about the Second World War and the Battle of Britain, and the children appear to be very interested. A number of the children have mentioned vague stories about their great-grandparents' involvement in the war, though often they are unable to supply any details. It would be very helpful if parents and grandparents were able to tell the children these stories, as it helps to bring the topic alive. In English for the next five weeks, we will be reading 'Goodnight Mr Tom' by Michelle Magorian, which links well to the topic.

In PE the children have been practising ball skills. In French we are studying school life. In RE we are studying the bible, focussing on the Old Testament. Our art and music this term will mostly be related to the war. We have also been learning about the geography of Europe. A couple of the children can already identify every European country on a blank map - I'm very impressed.



I am currently compiling a list of dates for upcoming events. In the next newsletter you will find a list of diary dates for Autumn term.

