



AJA News – 15.09.23

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A message from Mr Dunn

Hi everyone,

I hope that you have had a great week. It has been a busy week with swimming, WOW starters to topics and clarinets all going on! You can read more about it all in this newsletter!

One thing from me that I'd like to mention, if your arrangements for picking up your children at the end of the day have changed, e.g. someone else is picking them up now or they are allowed to walk home alone from this year as they are in Y5 or Y6, please could you fill out a new End of Day Arrangements form. They can be found at the school office. Once filled in, please return it back to the office. Could I please ask that you go through the office with any changes and not via the class teacher.

Many thanks,
Have a great weekend!

A message from Mrs Bower

This week, I have been busy organising our new phonics groups for this term. I have also been listening to some of the Year 3 pupils reading their library book. In summer term, we purchased £1500 worth of new phonics books specifically aimed at the 7+ age range. Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Bradshaw are doing a fantastic job supporting some of our children who are receiving additional reading support through phonics.

Have a look at our new phonics intervention space below!



Important Dates

Tuesday 19th September
Rock Steady starts

Monday 25th September
Year 3 visit Alvaston Library

Friday 20th October
School photographs

Wednesday 11th October
Year 2 Welcome Evening

Wednesday 18th October
Parents' Evening

Friday 27th October
Last day of term

Monday 6th November
First day of term

Wednesday 8th November
Parent workshop
Zones of Regulation

Friday 17th November
INSET Day
School closed for pupils

Attendance

This week's attendance

96.7%

Highest class attendance

4LT – 99.66%

What's been happening this week?

Year 3



The week has flown by! Yet another super week and the Year 3's are really getting in their 'groove' now. This week, the children have been doing baseline assessments and some children have started online reading assessments so we can match reading books to their level - that reminds me - please read 4 times a week at home! The learning that has taken place this week has been excellent. The children have learnt to sort tasks into 'pushing and pulling' by using a Venn Diagram in science, we have researched Tower Bridge in DT, and we have completed some more zones of regulation lessons - ask your children about the different zones!

Next week, we are back on 'normal' lessons where we will be looking at the place value of numbers up to 1000, writing a recount of our favourite chapter of the Twits and learning about Albert Einstein in our reading lessons - a busy week!

Have a great weekend everyone! The Year 3 Team

Year 4



We started the week with our fabulous WOW day, where the children experienced ancient pot making and some traditional Olympic games. We have completed our character description for Medusa, with some fantastic writes from year 4! Swimming was a particular highlight for some of us, where AJA showed impeccable behaviour and engagement, deserving a huge thank you from staff. Next week, we will be subtracting in maths, experimenting with liquids in science, delving into Medusa's cave in Writing, and exploring the main events of the Ancient Greek era. Thank you for all your hard work this week, The Year 4 Team.

Year 5



Year 5 have continued the great start that they made last week. We have had a couple of assessments this week, and the children have tackled them with great determination and resilience! On Monday, you may have seen some Tudors exiting the building, wearing their ruffs. This was part of our history WOW afternoon, kicking off our topic on the Tudors. We made ruffs, learnt about Tudor houses and made houses for a Tudor street. We also used quills and ink to write our names using the Tudor alphabet - very tricky! In English, we have started work on our character descriptions of Grace O'Malley, the Pirate Queen. We have seen some fantastic ideas, and great use of vocabulary, and can't wait to read the finished articles next week. In Maths, we have been extending our knowledge of addition, using bigger and bigger numbers!

Year 6



This has been a wonderfully positive start to Y6, your children have been excellent role models, polite and respectful around school and are focusing well in lessons. This week we began with our WWII WOW Day - in reading we used a text from a man reminiscing about his life as a child in wartime Liverpool, in English we are working on a biography of Winston Churchill and finally in the afternoon we created Blitz inspired artwork. We have recently explored some of the reasons for the start of WWII. In maths, we continue to consolidate our place value knowledge including negative numbers. Keep encouraging the times table learning; when we begin fractions, decimals and percentages, it will be so useful! Next week will be our baseline assessment week. Have a wonderful weekend, a well-deserved rest and see you on Monday!