

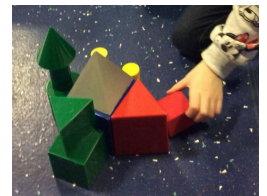


Dear Carers and Parents,

Welcome to our third newsletter of the half term. The weather is warming up and spring is in the air. It has also been a busy time in school:

Nursery

This week we have read 'Captain Invincible and the Space Shapes' and explored 3D shapes. We have made lots of models using a variety of shapes. We have also enjoyed printing with these whilst talking about the shape of the faces.



Reception

This week we have been retelling one of our favourite traditional tales 'The Three Little Pigs'. Lots of exciting challenges have been set up in the class to encourage them to do this independently.

The children have used 'The Waterloo Teaching Sequence' to support their vocabulary and help them remember the story. Ask your child to see if they will perform this at home.



Year 1

This half term Year 1's Science unit is plants. We have explored the different parts of the plant and what they do. We are now looking into what plants need to grow and to help us do this we are going to complete our own experiments. We have planted seeds and put them in different conditions, to see which ones grow the best. We will keep checking on the seeds over the next few weeks and hopefully, at the end of the experiment, we will be able to identify what plants need in order to grow.

Year 2

At the start of the half term the children had a visit from the Skipping School, where they learnt how to hold a skipping rope correctly, learnt how to double bounce and then run in and out with the large skipping rope. Over the next few months the children will continue to learn the different skipping skills in preparation for the skipping festival in June.



Year 3

Year 3 walked down to Pudsey Parish church on Friday morning. The children loved attending the Easter workshop where they learnt all about the Easter story. The children got to act out parts of the story and made a wreath of palm leaves. As always, the children's behaviour was excellent and we had a lovely morning!

Year 4

Year 4 had a visit from musician and teacher Sam Praechter on Wednesday who taught everyone about the Science of Sound. The children were enthralled. We saw how so many everyday objects could become musical instruments; learnt how sound travelled by waves using slinky and dominoes, and saw how sounds differed depending on the pitch and volume. Whoever knew you could use an empty wooden case to create an amplifier!



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Year 5 Space Camp

It has been a busy fortnight in year 5 as a result of our Space Camps taking place for each class the past two Thursdays. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and developed their problem solving and team building skills completing missions inspired by Tim Peake's time on the ISS. The children then settled down for the night, enjoying hot chocolate and a film before sleeping in tents in the school hall. The staff managed to get a couple of hours of sleep at least! Check out the school's Instagram and X feeds to see more photos from the two nights (as well as the year 5 class page on our website!)

Year 6

In Year 6 this week we have been learning about Ancient Greek artefacts. We have been focussing on pottery, which is very useful as it helps us to learn about the everyday life of Ancient Greeks. Pottery was often decorated with everyday scenes, which allowed us to find out about Greek clothes, hairstyles and furniture. Pottery was also decorated with Greek myths, as storytelling was very important, allowing them to give meaning to the world around them. Our project this half term is to study different pottery, then design and make our own vase using clay.

Social Media Accounts

Remember to subscribe to the Pudsey Waterloo Twitter feed and Instagram account to get more regular updates on everything happening in school.

<https://twitter.com/PudseyWaterloo>

<https://www.instagram.com/pudseywaterloo/>

World Book Day

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the reading breakfast to celebrate our love for reading. All the children had a great day from book swaps in year groups, reception reading with year 6 and dressing up as their favourite characters or reading for a bedtime story.

Thank you to all of those who sent in pictures of reading in unusual places. The winners drawn from a spinning wheel are: Florence Parker in nursery, Cian Sykes in year 2 and Matilda Tetley in year 4.

Wobble and Toddle

Pop in for a cuppa and a chat whilst the children can have a little play and do some craft activities. Please see the dates below. There is no need to book - just turn up on the day. Anyone is welcome along with their little one from newborn up to school age.

- £2 entry includes tea, toast and activities for the tots.

The next Wobble and Toddle is on Monday 25th March.

Holiday Club

We still have spaces at Holiday Club over Easter. Please book your sessions via the school money app. If you wish to book and pay via vouchers email extraclub@waterloo.owlcotesmat.org. For more information please email on the above address.

Friends of Waterloo

Decorated Egg Competition

We will be holding a decorated egg competition during the last week of term, all entries must be brought to school by Monday 26th March. Entry to the competition is £1 (paid via school money) and there are prizes to be won so get creative! The eggs will remain on display in school during parents evening so please feel free to come and have a look.

Key School Dates

3FD Class Assembly	Wednesday 20th March at 9:05am
Parents Evening	Tuesday 26th March 3:30pm - 5pm
2NB Class Assembly	Wednesday 27th March at 9:05am
Parents Evening	Wednesday 27th March 3:30pm - 7pm
4RH Class Assembly	Wednesday 24th April at 9:05am
Break up for Easter	Thursday 28th of March
KS2 SATs Week	Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May

Learners of the week

The following children have received a good worker award. Well done to....

	Friday 8th March	Friday 15th March
Nursery	Mia Birdsall	Grace Ellis Harry Eden
Reception	RJO - Hailie-Jane Walker RBM - Nola Marchant	RJO - Jacob Mckewoun RBM - Rawan Moustafa
Year 1	1JM - Nellie Benton 1JB - Joshua Middleton	1JM - Ellie Wilson 1JB - Matilda McGougan
Year 2	2NB - 2DW - Oliver Simpson	2NB - Naksh Sharma 2DW - Izzy Ainley
Year 3	3FD- Scarlett Chappell 3PW- Lexi Wilson	3FD - Esme Young
Year 4	4RH - Elliot Knowles 4KL - Liam Simpson	4RH - Emily Human 4KL - Lexi Eastwood
Year 5	5IM - Nyla Curtis 5BT - Beren Hildyard	5IM - Jenna Shepherd 5BT - Evan Holmes
Year 6	6NW - Aman Kaur 6SW - George Hart	6NW - Max Brown 6SW - Dominic Packer

Parking Spaces

Some of our children and parents need to use the disabled parking bays at pick up and drop off times and have been given permission to use the staff car park. If you have not made this arrangement with school, please do not come into the staff car park, so we can make it as safe as possible for those that need to use it.

Important Reminder to all parents;

Please **DO NOT** send any products containing nuts into school, either in your child's lunch box or as a breaktime snack. This includes any **chocolate flavoured foods which contain nuts**. We have a number of children in school who have severe allergies. Thank you for your help with this.

School Attendance

Our whole school attendance this week is: 94.89%

Holiday Requests in Term Time

All holiday requests must be submitted to Mr White prior to going away on an '**Exceptional Circumstances Request Form**' which can be collected from the school office or printed from Leeds City Council's website. Leave of absence will not be granted in term time unless there are reasons considered to be exceptional by the Headteacher. Across Owlcotes Trust we interpret exceptional to mean "very unusual, significant, unavoidable and short". By 'unavoidable' we mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time. Unauthorised absences of 5 days and above have to be reported to Leeds City Council and fines may be issued. Please see the link below for more details:<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/>

Absences

If your child is absent then you need to call school before 9am, if possible, and inform us of the reason for their absence so we can code the absence on our registers. Any un-reported absences are recorded as unauthorised so please make sure you keep us informed.

If your child has a medical appointment, please notify the office beforehand. If possible, bring in a letter or text so we can code the absence correctly.

If you need your child to take time off during term time then you need to fill out an Exceptional Leave form which you can collect and return to the office before you take them out of school. This will be submitted to the Head Teacher.

School Dinners

If you would like your child to swap between school meals and packed lunches then please remember you need to give us two weeks' notice in writing to the office before you change, so our kitchen can amend their orders. Please note all children must stick to their choice all week as the kitchen needs to order meals in advance.

School Uniform

All school PE kits can be purchased through the company 'Sports Bulk'. Their contact details are: phone 01274 724455 or www.sportsbulk.co.uk or alternatively school uniform from Whittakers Schoolwear shop based on Farsley Town Street.