



Alfriston School

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Newsletter - 22nd November 2019

Curriculum Corner

In each newsletter, we will be taking a peek into a curriculum area. This time, it's Computing:

Do you know.....

How to stay safe on the Internet? What the SMART rules are? What to do if you see something worrying online? If not, don't panic, our school has been learning all about these issues as part of our computing curriculum! Anti-Bullying and Friendship Week was a great opportunity for us all to remember how to look after ourselves online!

We are working hard to become a connected school. With our iPads and a new set of laptop computers, classes are able to use technology more easily and effectively than ever before! Every class now has an iPad that they can access at any time, so it can be used to support any learning activities across the whole curriculum – even Film Club! Watch this space as we become even more connected with a Twitter account going live after Christmas.

School Christmas Lunch



This week we emailed the menu for Christmas lunch which is being held on Thursday 19th December.

If your child already has school dinners every day you don't need to do anything but if your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to have Christmas Dinner, can you please inform the school office as soon as possible. If your child is in Pearl or Ruby Class the meal is free of charge, if your child is in Years 3 to 6 the meal is £2.05. Please send this in to the office in a named envelope.

If your child has lunch only on a Wednesday or only on a Wednesday and Friday, the usual 'Wednesday' roast will be the Christmas lunch served on the Thursday and they will need to bring a packed lunch on Wednesday.

Wonderful Whale Workshops

This week each class attended a 'Wonderful Whale' workshop held by ORCA. The children learnt about whales and dolphins, their biology, anatomy and behaviour.

School Fleeces

Please note that school fleeces are only for outdoor wear and are not to be worn indoors. Children should have either a red school jumper or cardigan for indoors.

Safeguarding

Keeping the children safe is always our number one priority.

To ensure we are aware of who is on the school premises please do not hold the gate open for other adults. By asking visitors to buzz to gain access to the school it enables the office staff to be aware of who is on the school site.

Thank you.

Football



Yesterday the school football team played away at Chyngton. Despite the Alfriston team only starting to play together this year we can really see some improvement. Unfortunately the final score was 10-2 to Chyngton.

Attendance

This week Mrs Young launched a competition for the children to design an attendance hero as part of our new attendance initiative. The winning designs will be used in our attendance leaflets and posters around school.

The competition closes on Wednesday 27th November and so if your child would like to enter please ensure they hand in their picture to the school office by this date.



Changes to Friday Celebration Assembly

As from the start of term in January, Friday's celebration assembly will be held in the afternoon at 2.45pm. We have made this change to take advantage of a full morning of teaching and learning which is generally a better time for the children's focus and concentration.

What's coming up next week

Wednesday 27th November
Thursday 28th November

Forest School - Emerald Class
Whizz Pop Science assembly - parents invited to attend (9am)

This Week's Class News

Pearl Class

In Pearl class this week they have been learning about Diwali and how and why it is celebrated. The children have enjoyed reading information books and watching clips on how people celebrate Diwali. The children were particularly keen on learning about Diwali sweets! The children have enjoyed learning about patterns in maths and created a class symmetrical Rangoli pattern using coloured rice. They also created symmetrical patterns using the Numicon, big and small shapes and colouring in. They have also started to practise their nativity dances and are already looking forward to performing them soon!

Ruby Class

In Ruby Class this week, the children have been further exploring the 'Great Fire of London'. During English, they imagined what it would have been like in London during the fire by using their senses to describe what they could see, hear, smell and feel. They are then going to use these ideas to write a fire shape poem. In art, the children created a flame coloured background to be used as the base of a 'Great Fire of London' collage. In science, they explored how the shape of some materials can be changed. They enjoyed squashing, twisting, bending and stretching lots of different things in the classroom. During RE, the children looked at 'Christingles' and learnt what each part represents. They are looking forward to making their own 'Christingles' later in the term. The children also began practising the Christmas play using the stage in the hall.

Sapphire

After we 'went to press' with the newsletter last week, Sapphire Class had a great visit to Forest School, despite the rain. They used different tools to make a variety of items and there were also some great shelters. In maths, they have continued to investigate methods for performing subtraction calculations and have also applied these in order to solve a variety of problems. They are looking at finding evidence in books to make predictions about what could happen as the story moves forwards. In Science, they have looked at the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates and identified examples of each. The children were also very excited to receive letters from their French penfriends.

Emerald Class

In Maths, Emerald Class have been exploring strategies for long division to solve calculations with 2-digit divisors and up to 4-digit dividends. The Rotary Club of Seaford have invited Year 5 and 6 children to enter their Young Writers Competition. The class have continued to plan, draft and edit their stories ready to send off! In French, the pen pal letters have returned from our partner school and replies are beginning to be constructed.

Dates for your Diary

Any new dates that have been added are in bold

2nd December	Christmas decoration day
4th December	Year 5/6 cross country trials at Seaford Head
4th December	Wreath Making organised by the FoAS (7pm)
6th December	Christmas tree decorating assembly
6th December	Christmas Fair organised by the FoAS
10th December	Pearl & Ruby Nativity performance (9.30am - 10.30am)
11th December	Pearl & Ruby Nativity performance (1.45pm - 2.45pm)
18th December	Class parties (PM)
19th December	Christmas lunch
19th December	Christmas film afternoon
20th December	Christmas Carol Service (14:00 to 15:00) - School Hall
20th December	Last day of term
23rd Dec – 3rd Jan	Christmas holiday
6th January 2020	Children return to school
14th January	Ruby Class trip to Drusillas
6th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 17:00 & 18:00 to 20:00)
11th February	Safer internet day
12th February	Parent consultations (15:45 to 18:00)

Friends of Alfriston



Christmas Cards

We made £104 from the Christmas card art project.

Bags2School

The Bags2School collection is being made on 3rd December. Details of what can be included are on the bag. Please do not bring bags to school before this date.

Wreath Making

This is being held on 4th December at 7pm. Tickets are £20 and available from the Friends.