



Alfriston School



Fair, friendly, fulfilling and fun!

Newsletter - 16th November 2020

Covid-19 Update

Thank you to everyone that is being respectful of the rules we have in place to protect everyone during the Covid pandemic.

If your child displays any symptoms of Covid - temperature, new persistent cough or loss or change to their sense of smell or taste - they must be kept at home and you must get them tested for Covid before they return to school.

Finally, we wanted to take a moment to say how proud we are of all our children for the amazing way they have coped with life back at the school since the summer. We would like to thank all parents, carers, Governors and the rest of our village community for their support in helping all our children to feel happy, safe and ready to learn.

Parking

Please be respectful to our neighbours when parking to drop off and collect your child/ren from school. Please ensure you do not park across driveways as residents should be able to come and go from their properties when they need to. Thank you for your support with this.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week we are marking Anti-Bullying Week 2020: United Against Bullying.

Today the children and staff were invited to come to school in odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. During the remainder of the week the children will be taking part in various activities and learning that we all have our part to play in coming together to make a difference and that we are all a piece in the puzzle - Together: United Against Bullying.



House Talent Show

Despite having to do things slightly differently due to Covid we had lots of entries for the House Talent Show.

Each entry was played to the children, they then voted for their favourite three acts from each of the two age categories. We had some wonderful acts from very talented children and the results were extremely close.

The top three from each category were:

Reception to Year 3

1st - Charlie Claxton

2nd - Isla Aeberhard

3rd - Alfie Evans

Year 4 to Year 6

1st - Jonah Wake

2nd - Theodore Young

3rd - Annie Coupland

Well done to all the acts, you were all fantastic - Alfriston School really does have talent!

NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe

NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online programme has been delivered to all classes. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website

www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

All children have the right to:

- ✓ speak out and be heard
- ✓ be safe
- ✓ get help when they need it.



Remembrance

On Wednesday, Armistice Day, the House Captains, Alice, Boston and Florence represented the school attending an Act of Remembrance and laying a wreath at the memorial in the church.



We have had reports of how beautifully behaved and very respectful the House Captains were!

Three more of our Year 6 pupils, Rozalynd, Ollie and Isobel recorded an assembly that was shown in school explaining why we mark Armistice Day.

This Fortnight's Class News

Pearl Class

In Pearl Class we have been celebrating Autumn and Fireworks Night! We have been thinking of exciting WOW words and labelling autumn leaves and firework patterns. We have also been very creative, painting autumn trees, making 'Leaf Man' collages and creating mixed media firework pictures! We have really enjoyed creating dances inspired by autumn leaves and fireworks too. On Friday we learnt about how Diwali is celebrated. We created our own clay diva pots and symmetrical Rangoli patterns. In maths we have enjoyed learning about numbers 4 and 5, with a particular focus on partitioning numbers into their parts. Another busy two weeks...!

Ruby Class

In Ruby Class, we have been exploring the Hindu celebration of Diwali. We learnt the story of Rama and Sita and created a story map using different pictures. We then wrote our own version of the story. In art, we created beautiful Mendi patterns using a fine line pen. We also decorated and wrote Diwali cards to each other. In maths, year two have been adding and subtracting multiples of ten and year one have been looking at part-whole models for numbers up to five. During online safety, we thought about how to use our devices safely and who we can ask for help. In geography, we looked at a day in the life of Asha, a young girl from an Indian village. We read all about her life and compared it with life in Alfriston. In history, we loved learning about Guy Fawkes and created 'wanted' posters to help find him! This week, we are looking forward to making paper lanterns and writing a set of instructions to go with them.

Sapphire Class

In Sapphire Class our new topic is 'Meet the Flintstones' which is a cross curricular topic studying life during the Ice Age & Stone Age right through to the Iron Age.

In English we are using our rich text of 'Maroo Of The Winter Caves' to lead into our writing – we are writing to entertain, writing to inform and writing to persuade.

In Maths our topic is Number: Place Value and we are comparing the values of 3 and 4 digit numbers. We are working out which is greater than and less than and writing statements using the appropriate mathematical signs and symbols. We are also using our learning to put these numbers in ascending and descending order.

In Science our topic is Rocks. This week we are learning about the 3 different types of naturally occurring rock and how to differentiate between them.

Emerald Class

Emerald Class started the term with an awesome Agrabah to Baghdad day which introduced their new topic – Early Islamic Empire – through the beloved story of Aladdin. Since then, they have been enjoying learning about the history of the Early Islamic Empire including the House of Wisdom as well as designing some Islamic geometric patterns. In English they have begun a voyage story influenced by Sinbad the Sailor as retold by Marcia Williams. In Maths, they have become multiplication masters and fantastic factor finders and the class are now moving on to explore short and long division methods.