



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Summer Newsletter 4 - May 14th 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by and it is wonderful to see how confident the children are and how, despite the disruption this year, how much they have progressed. I have a steady flow of children visiting my office to share great pieces of work and explain their learning and in particular I have been impressed by the standard of writing across the whole school when I visit classes. There is a general buzz generated by the theme work which has allowed the children's imaginations to get fired up!

Bumblebees launched their new theme this week and there was so much thought put into their suitcase journeys – thank you parents for supporting this.

The change of age range is progressing and a final decision from the DFE is due on 21st June. In the meantime we are working hard to have an early years' base ready to go for September.

On Wednesday next week, as well as being in non-school uniform for grounds day, we are asking the children to wear odd socks in memory of people who have sadly passed away during the pandemic (some of whom have been family members of the school community). We will also wear them to celebrate the work of the NHS and other care providers who worked so hard to keep us safe.

Grounds Day request

Traditionally, grounds day has involved the children planting around the school site and we are asking families to donate some plants to school. These could be bedding plants, herbs, vegetables or fruit. Please bring them in on **Monday 17th May** so we can plan the planting for Wednesday. If you would prefer to make a donation towards the buying of plants this is also possible. We are keen to plant as many insect attracting plants as possible. We are building garden areas for each class to take responsibility and they will be planning their version of The Chelsea Flower Show! Years 3 and 4 will also be completing a willow workshop to add some natural sculptures to our site.



Bag to School

Thank you for your contributions. We raised £108.30 with 361kg of materials!

A snapshot of our learning this week:

Ladybirds have found out all about the police service and made green screen pictures as well as making a fabulous police car complete with a trailer for the dogs.

Bumblebees have been exploring the names of continents and today they revealed their travel aspirations as they showed their suitcases packed full of clues.

Grasshoppers have begun to research motte and bailey castles, made a start on their dragon eyes art and planned a story for a dragon adventure.

Dragonflies have begun to do column multiplication (without regrouping) and completed a science investigation about the digestive system and completed some thoughtful write ups.

Scorpions learnt how to trade as an ancient Sumerian and learnt about supply and demand! They have also begun to make their ancient Mayan masks.



Oh the fun you can have with big boxes!

A snapshot of learning for next week:

Ladybirds will be finding out all ambulances and on Friday they have a visit from a member of the air ambulance crew.

Bumblebees will be learning about the territories in Australia and finding out about size and climate in relation to the UK.

Grasshoppers will be building their own motte and bailey castles.

Dragonflies will be finding out about the artist 'Alberto Giacometti' as they begin their work on wire sculptures.

Scorpions will be having a Mexican cooking afternoon (followed by a feast) as well as making willow sculptures on our grounds day.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 19th May – Grounds day 2 (non- school uniform) and odd socks day.

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June Half term

Monday 7th June Back to School

CMS teachers visit to meet with Y4

Tuesday 30th/Wednesday 31st June and Thursday 1st July Y4 activity days TBC

Friday 2nd July Transfer Day (more details to follow)

Friday 9th July (Provisional date) – Summer Fayre

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ra Musselwhite'.

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)