



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Happy new term!

This week has gone by so quickly – it has been wonderful to see the children getting really involved in their learning and beginning new units of work. Our Y6 librarians have also begun reading with our younger children and School Council have had their first meeting of the term.

Thank you to the parents who responded to our school survey. We will be responding to the comments and queries in the coming term. Do remember, if you have a concern to come and see me on the gate or send an email.

This term, our PSHE topic is all about 'Healthy Me'. Children will be thinking about how they can keep healthy both in their body and in their mind. In order to keep our children safe at school we have regular fire drills (which I am sure your children will have told you about). We will also be practicing a drill for if we need to stay safe inside our building, for example if there were a chemical leak locally or another external danger.


Further to this, we will also continue to work with the children about their online safety. You will have seen in the news the new publication from the government about mobile phones in schools. At TPA, we do not allow any phones at all (from either children or grown-ups) in our classrooms or playground. If you feel your child needs a phone to walk safely home alone, then this is kept safely locked in the office until the end of the day. At home, if your child has any screen time, do remember to check the history of the device used and consider limiting time spent online.

Finally, Monday marks the end of our sponsored read. One child has raised over £300 pounds in sponsorship already, so I cannot wait to reveal our school total. We also have a Book Fair next Wednesday after school, so do come and buy some books!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Erin.

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Spring Term: 23rd February
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

 Dates for NEXT WEEK	
28.02.24	School Nurse R & 6 Height & Weight
28.02.24	BOOK SALE AFTER SCHOOL - ATRIUM
28.02.24	EYFS & KS1 Parent Drop Off 08.30 – 08.50
29.02.24	KS2 Parent Drop Off 8.30 – 08.50

Remember that there should be no parking by parents on Colne, Albion, Edwin or Knowle Road as part of the school travel policy.



Office News

Parent / Teacher Meetings – Spring 2

As you will have seen in our Key Dates, we have our spring term Parent / Teacher Meetings taking place on:

Tuesday 12th March – **IN PERSON** in the School Hall – from 2.30pm until 5.30pm

Thursday 14th March – **ONLINE ONLY** – from 2.30pm until 5.30pm

Booking will open by the end of next week via Parent Mail

There is no early finish for the children and dismissal will be as normal.

Clubs that will **NOT** be running are:

Tuesday 12th March – Boundless Dance – all year groups

Thursday 14th March – Lego Rec / Netball 1-3 / Debate 3-6

All other clubs will be running as normal

Book Events

Book Fair

Next week is our school book fair. This is on Wednesday 28th from 3:30pm. This will take place in our school atrium and will be accessible via the reception classrooms. Please note that this is **card payment only**.

World Book Day

We have World Book Day coming up on **Thursday 7th March**. This is an exciting time for our school to celebrate reading. The theme this year is '**Read Your Way!**'. Your child can therefore **dress as their favourite character or come to school in something comfy (even pyjamas!)**. Please can your child **bring their favourite book** to share with their class.

Funds Raised for Spanish Week

Thank you to all the parents who contributed towards our dance workshop food tasting and the resources for the collages which are currently on display in our Gallery window facing The Green. We raised an amazing £962!

TPA TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS

01

Absence & Lateness Reporting

Contact the school on **0203 0196 196** no later than **8am** and press **option 1** to leave a voicemail. All absences **MUST** be reported **DAILY**.

02

Pick up Arrangements

You must notify the office by phone or email the office at: **office@twickenhamprimaryacademy.org** by 2.30pm for alternative pick up arrangements.

03

48hr Rule - Stomach Bugs

If your child has a bout of vomiting or diarrhoea they must remain at home for 48hrs from the last bout of sickness.

04

Medication

Never send your child to school with medication and not report it to the office. Only prescribed medicine is permitted and a form must be completed in the school office. Cough sweets and other non-prescribed medicine are prohibited.

05

Registers Close at 09.00!

Our drop-off time is between 8.30 - 9.00am. Arrivals from 09.01 onwards are marked on the register as a late mark (L). Late arrivals are disruptive to the class so please ensure you arrive before 9am.

06

Lunch Booking

All children who receive a hot lunch **MUST** book on ParentMail. Booking closes the day before. We recommend booking for the entire term.

Attendance this week...

Class	Attendance %
Reception Turner	93.04
Reception Hepworth	93.39
Year 1 Potter	95.98
Year 1 Dahl	95.0
Year 2 Darwin	95.04
Year 2 Hawking	96.53
Year 3 Elgar	95.62
Year 3 Glennie	94.57
Year 4 Austen	95.46
Year 4 Dickens	96.16
Year 5 Moore	95.72
Year 5 Nightingale	94.77
Year 6 Farah	95.64
Year 6 Brown	94.95

Well done to:
Hawking
for the best attendance
this week!

Please remember that we do not authorise any holiday taken during term time. The school attendance target is **97%** of pupils attending every day. Attendance and punctuality are key factors in children's success in learning. If a child's attendance falls below 95% that is the equivalent of two weeks learning lost per year.



Lost Property

Please kindly note the lost property located by the main entrance will be inspected weekly due to perishable items that must be disposed due to hygiene. Please ensure you check regularly for lost items.

Please name all items

Class News

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I hope that you all have had a wonderful and relaxing half term.

This week, we have began our new topic 'Into the Garden' where we will be travelling down the bottom of the garden to learn all about plants, seeds, where our food comes from and the wonderful creatures that live in our gardens.

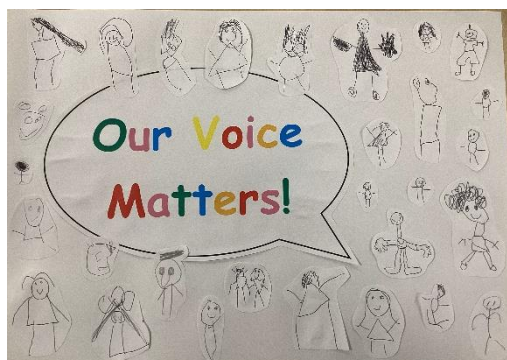
In Literacy, we have been exploring 'The Enormous Turnip'. Our young learners have been describing turnips, using thought bubbles to speak in role as the Farmer as he tries to pull the Turnip out of the ground.

In Maths, we have been continuing to explore the composition of the numbers 7 and 8 using part-part whole models and the dice. Our young learners learnt the magic trick of a dice - that all the numbers on the front and back always add up to 7!

In our afternoon learning, we have been learning all about Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated. In circle time, we have been learning all about why exercise is important and thinking about our favourite sports.

It is Mental Health Week and this year's theme is 'my voice matters' - we have been talking about why it is so important to listen by playing the whisper game and understanding that everyone's voice matters.

One of our Rainbow Challenges next week will be able to read the tricky words – go, no, to, into, a. Please practise reading these words over the weekend. Remember you need to be able to read each word quickly and confidently, without sounding out.



Y1

This week, we started a new story in English called Halibut Jackson. We were intrigued by Halibut Jackson's clothes that he wears to camouflage. We discussed how he feels and why he might want to camouflage. We wrote fantastic sentences using because.

We have been learning about animals in science and this week, we learned about mammals. We looked at the differences between fish and mammals and sorted animals into fish or mammals.

In History, we used our learning from the Victorian toy workshop to help us to compare Victorian toys with modern toys.

	<p>In maths, we have used tens frames and practiced our number bonds to numbers 11 to 19. We made fantastic number bonds on the tens frames and we completed part whole models to show the number bonds too.</p>
<p>Y2</p>	<p>We hope you all had a wonderful half term break! It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week. We started our new topic of animals including humans in science. The children filled out their knowledge organisers for this topic, considering what they already know and what they would like to find out. In this week's lesson, learnt about what animals need to survive. We looked at using a range of scientific vocabulary in our work, including carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.</p> <p>In geography, we looked at a world map displaying where the rainforests are located. We noted how lots of the rainforests are situated near the equator. We learnt about the climate in rainforests, and the types of animals and plants found in them.</p> <p>In English this week we introduced the children to contractions and the use of apostrophes. The children did a fantastic job incorporating the use of contractions into sentences in their writing. We are so impressed with the progress they are making with their cursive handwriting!</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend!</p> <p>The Year 2 team</p>
<p>Y3</p>	<p>Dear Parents of year 3,</p> <p>We hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been a delightful start to the new term. We extend a warm welcome to our new Year 3 teachers, Miss Beth and Miss Samya, Elgar class have been very helpful settling them in making them feel right at home. In English, the students have started to plan for their survival guide on the Stone Age. They explored imperative verbs and how to make a fire. In maths the children have now completed length and perimeter and have now moved on to fractions. In Science, the students have been investigating what humans need to survive. On Friday the children truly enjoyed their Stone age workshop photos to follow.</p> <p>Have an amazing weekend,</p> <p>From the year 3 team</p>

Y4

Dear Year 4 Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic half term break and are ready for an exciting half term ahead. Here's a glimpse of what we've been up to during the first week back.

This week, the children continued with their work on perimeter in maths.

They learned how to find the perimeter of a rectilinear shape and even tackled finding the missing sides.

We've introduced our new book, "The Firework Maker's Daughter," to the class. To dive deeper into the story, we've been using engaging techniques like role on the wall, hot seating, and show don't tell. These activities have helped bring the characters to life.

We have started our unit on electricity in Science! The children have been introduced to the electrical symbols and are excited to conduct their own investigations and create their own circuits. In geography, we've embarked on a new journey exploring rivers. We've revisited the water cycle and are looking forward to our investigation all about the River Thames!

This half term, our focus in DT is on creating moving monsters through mechanisms. We kicked off the unit by examining a range of mechanisms and seeing how they are used in everyday life.

Reminder: Homework folders have been sent home this week, please encourage the children to complete as many marvellous pieces as possible. Remember to complete spelling, reading and times-tables on TTrackstars weekly.

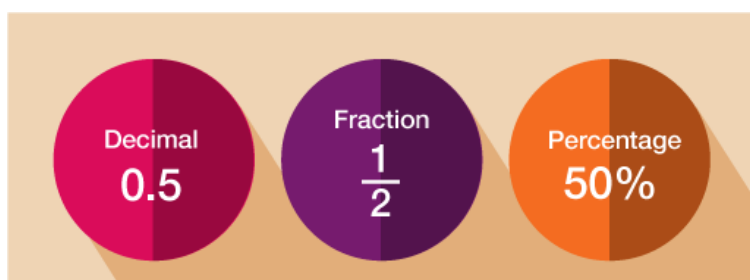
Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 4 team

Y5

English - Over the next few weeks the children will be writing fantastic non-chronological reports all about Tudor history, which they will be drafting, editing and then publishing as books! This week, the children identified the features of a non-chronological report, used excellent note-taking skills when researching information for their reports, and wrote an engaging introduction to hook the reader in!

Maths - We have started our new unit, looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. This week the children learnt how to find equivalent fractions and decimals for tenths, hundredths and more.



Science - We are continuing to learn about materials and their properties. The children have planned an investigation into reversible and irreversible changes, which they will carry out next week.

History - We began our new topic, all about the Tudor history in our local area. We will be doing a detailed case study all about the history of Hampton Court Palace. The children began by creating a class timeline of British History, comparing this to the history of Hampton Court, before creating their own timelines.

Art - Our new art project is creating Tudor style self-portraits! We started by looking at the artwork of Hans Holbein and practising sketching different facial features.



RE - This half term we are focusing on the Christian Easter story, finding out how important it is to Christians that God intended for Jesus to die on the cross. We started of this week by discussing the concept of 'destiny' and considering which things we can and can't control in our own lives.

PSHE - We are going to be focusing on how to keep healthy this half term, and began by discussing the dangers of smoking.

Music - We listened to our new song, The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air!

Y6

We have had a busy start to this half term! In Maths, we have continued learning about decimals - adding, subtracting and multiplying decimals. In English, we have begun our next writing task, writing a balanced argument. We are continuing the theme of deforestation / cutting down trees, and the arguments on both sides of this debate. In Geography, we are continuing our work on biomes. In Science, we have begun a new topic, *Animals including Humans*, and have made a diagram of the circulatory systems. We have also covered Chinese New Year, with Haley, Charlotte and Hazel discussing the why and how it is celebrated among their friends and families. We started learning about a new song this week in Music, *You've Got a Friend* by Carol King. And we are ending with PE and Golden Time!

Reminders for the week:

New homework sheets have gone home with everyone; please advise if you do not have one and we can send another copy. SATS homework for Maths will be a CGP book, which will go home today. We will mark the work next Friday, so please bring the book back in on Thursday to ensure we have all of the work ready to mark and discuss for Friday. SATS homework for English is a SPaG mat sheet that will go home today. If you need copies of the homework sheet, please advise and we can send it home.

Please keep encouraging your child to take ownership of their diary and to bring it in daily. Please remember to make a note when they have read (independently or with you). Also, Ms Tina holds an English SATS prep session every Thursday morning from 8-8:45am. This is a drop-in session and free of charge, however you must be here for a prompt start at 8am. And please share any concerns or notes with us in the diary.

Have a great weekend!

Roseana, Richelle, Katie, Tina and Zaneta