



# GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



## Autumn Term: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Dear Parents,**

I hope that you have had a wonderful week – I cannot believe we are already in October, and it will soon be our annual Halloween dress up; a very exciting part of the school year!

Another brilliant week at Twickenham Primary Academy with our Year 1 pupils enjoying their Mini Beast workshops, and our Year 2 pupils taking part in the Great Fire of London experience. The pupils were thoroughly engaged throughout, and gained a much deeper knowledge and understanding of their topic; I'm sure they will be very excited to talk about these workshops at home, and what they learnt.

Next week, Year 1 are off to Whipsnade Zoo to extend their learning even further which I am sure they will very much enjoy.

### **Parents Evening:**

Parents evening is taking place the first week back after half term. Next Monday, you will receive your booking form. Please hand these into Mr Charles, and he will confirm by email your fifteen minute slot.

Booking will commence as follows. From:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October: Reception parents and older siblings

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>: Year 1 parents and older siblings

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>: Year 2 parents and older siblings

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Year 3 parents

Your allotted time will then also be displayed in the foyer for you to view.

### **LAB:**

The letters for the Local Academy Board have gone out. If you would like to nominate yourself to become a member, please hand form 1 and form 2 back to Mr Charles in the school office by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Voting will take place from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Lost Property:**

The lost property box is filling up. Please do check the box if your child has lost any part of their school uniform. Please ensure every item is clearly labelled especially if you have purchased an Item of clothing from the PTA uniform sale, and it has the previous child's name in it; this often results in some confusion.

### House Points:

| House      | Points Collected |
|------------|------------------|
| Parks      | 655              |
| Gandhi     | 753              |
| Pankhurst  | 619              |
| Shackleton | 630              |

### Attendance:

Just a reminder, in line with DFE guidance, that the school does not authorise any holiday. Thank you. All holiday is coded as an unauthorised absence on the school's register.

| Year Group   | Target (96%) |
|--------------|--------------|
| Reception    | 98%          |
| Year 1       | 99%          |
| Year 2       | 97.3%        |
| Year 3       | 98.7%        |
| Whole School | 98.2%        |

### Key Dates

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October    | From 08:30 am – Y1, 2 and 3 parent drop off |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October   | Year 1 to Whipsnade Zoo                     |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October | PTA movie night – Year 1 and 2              |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October  | World Food Day                              |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October   | House Day (House T shirts to be worn)       |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October   | PTA Bake Sale from 3:30pm                   |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October   | End of term 1 – usual time                  |

### Year 1 and 2 Football:

Mr Wojciech had requested that the children in Year 1 and 2 do not wear football socks as they are currently finding it difficult to change out of these at the end of the session.

### Twitter:

Please follow us on [@GemsTwickenham](https://twitter.com/GemsTwickenham) for all the latest news and updates.

### Jewellery:

Please can I ask that you do not send your children in wearing jewellery unless it is studded earrings. Necklaces in particular can be very dangerous whilst we are teaching Physical Education.

**Principal's Question:** For a house point on Monday, Please write the answer to 'What seasonal changes take place in Autumn?'

- Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr John Smith

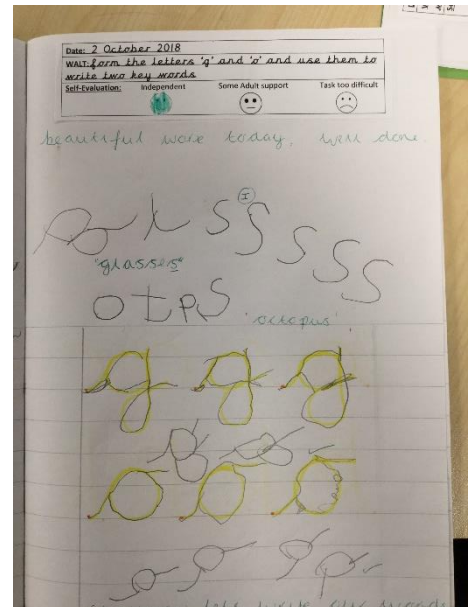
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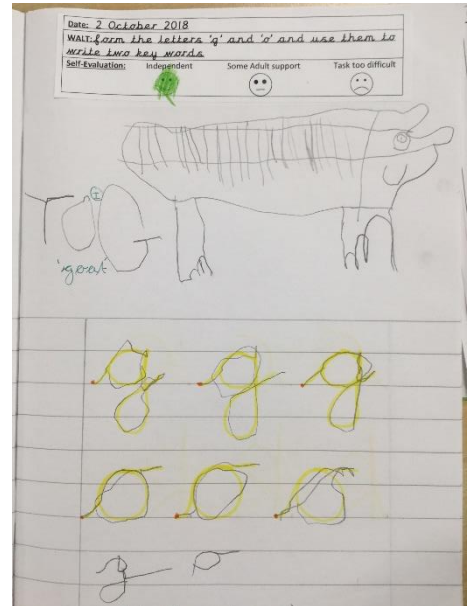
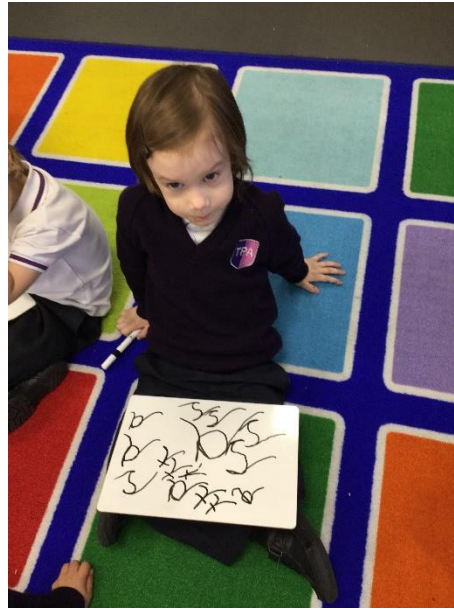
Dear Parents,

The children really enjoyed talking about their houses and homes which we will continue to focus on next week. We also learnt about harvest time and I was really impressed by the children's knowledge of where their food comes from.

In Maths this week our focus was 'one more' and 'one less'. We started to count forwards and backwards to 20 finding one less/ more of each number with the support of number lines and physical resources such as beads.

Children are more confident during the daily English lessons and are starting to show greater awareness of the different letters and sound. Throughout the week we have been working hard on forming letters correctly and building up their knowledge of blending as well as continuing with the formation of individual letters in cursive font!





### Next Week:

**LITERACY** - We will introduce letter sounds *e, u, r* and the digraph *ck*. The tricky words we will look at are *the, l, to*.

**MATHS** – We will focus on the concepts of length and size; ordering and sorting items accordingly and learning about different ways of measuring length. We will also re-cap recognising and writing numbers 1-20.

**TOPIC** – We continue with Houses and Homes; learning about materials used to build a houses around the world and animal homes.

### Reminders:

- We would love for parents to come in to read with children on Thursday mornings! This will now be 1:1 reading with children.
- The letters we have covered so far in Literacy are; *satpinmdckgock* so these are a great focus for any home learning you do with your child.

Have a lovely weekend!

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