



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



Autumn Term: Friday 4th 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 9th October: Reception parents and older siblings

Wednesday 10th: Year 1 parents and older siblings

Thursday 11th: Year 2 parents and older siblings

Friday 12th 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 9th October. Voting will take place from Wednesday 10th 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. Lily in Year 2 had lost her cardigan if anybody has it – it is named.

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 th October	From 08:30 am – Y1, 2 and 3 parent drop off
Tuesday 9 th October	Year 1 to Whipsnade Zoo
Thursday 11 th October	PTA movie night – Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 16 th October	World Food Day
Friday 19 th October	House Day (House T shirts to be worn)
Friday 19 th October	PTA Bake Sale from 3:30pm
Friday 19 th 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

Principal

Class: Hepworth Week 2

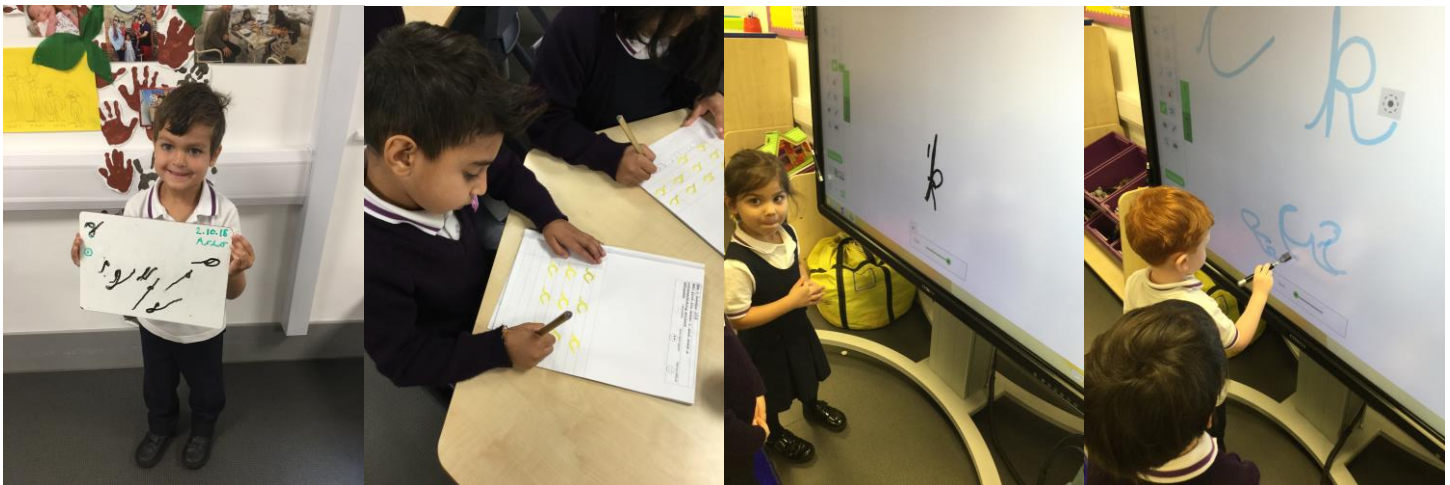
Dear parents,

Our Topic focus on Houses and Homes gave children the chance to learn more about their immediate environment and gain knowledge of the different types of houses and homes. The children talked about their own houses and what they are able to see when looking out of their windows.

In Maths this week our focus was 'One more' and 'One less'. We started to count forward and backwards which they really enjoyed. The next few days the children played a variety of games to build their understanding of this concept.



Children are more confident during the daily Literacy lessons and are starting to show greater awareness of the different letter and sound concepts. 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 individual letters.



WEEK 5:

LITERACY - We will introduce letter sounds e, u, r and the digraph ck. The key words we will look at are the, rock, luck, red.

MATHS – We will focus on the concepts of length and size; ordering and sorting items accordingly and learning about different ways of measuring length.

TOPIC – We continue with Houses and Homes; learning about materials used to build a house, looking at multicultural 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.

Kind regards,

Miss Leah



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