

Tewkesbury C of E Primary and Pre School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

13th January 2023

A message from Mrs Farren and Mr Rylatt...

Having spent my first full term as Executive Headteacher at Tewkesbury C of E Primary School, I thought I would share some important things with you: I work (and have worked) with many schools across the county but there is something truly wonderful about Tewkesbury C of E. Working alongside Mr Rylatt is a privilege - he is committed and passionate about the school and leads with a clear vision; the staff team are incredibly hard working and a joy to work with; the governors are strong, supportive and ambitious. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first experience working at the school. When working with a school, I always ask myself, would I want my children to attend this school? The answer (for Tewkesbury C of E) is unreservedly, yes! Thank you for all of your feedback and support and for having such great children. I feel privileged to work at such a wonderful school.

R.E.A.L Curriculum



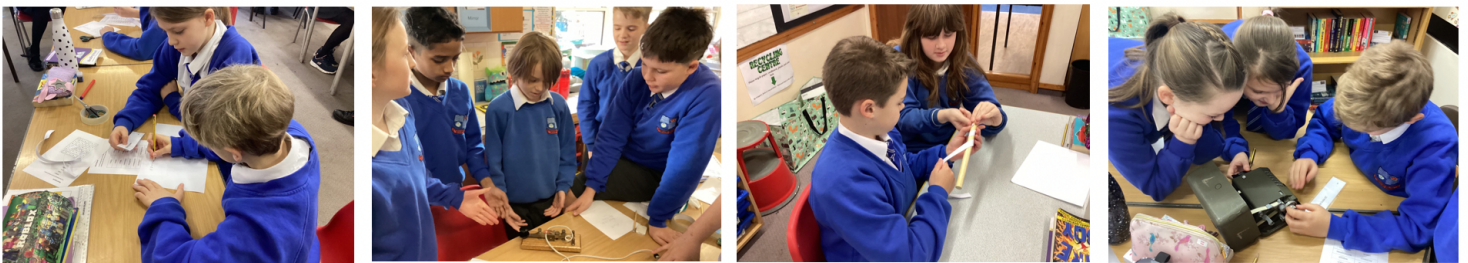
Topaz class have been busy building Iron Age Hillforts in their R.E.A.L curriculum lessons this week. They have had to plan and build their defences and Iron Age roundhouses, as well as build a place for food, water and farming. Now, the children are looking forward to completing their Hillforts ready to defend themselves against enemies from further afield!

R.E.A.L Curriculum continued...

How's this for teamwork! Pearl class visited Amethyst class to support them with their cookery session. They helped them to follow the recipe and measure the ingredients to make their 'excellent cakes'. Afterwards, there was even time for some storytelling and fancy dress! Both classes loved it and this is something that we are looking to do more of throughout the term.



Year 6 were visited by GCHQ this week, where they learnt all about how secret messages have been sent throughout history for their inventors topic. Throughout the session, they had a go at working out secret codes, writing their own codes and using some real cipher machines.



Congratulations Mrs Halsey

We would like to say a big congratulations to Mrs Halsey, who has shared the amazing news that in May, she is expecting a little baby boy! I'm sure you will all join us in sending Mrs Halsey your best wishes at this exciting time. We are now in the process of recruiting a new member of staff who will work with Ruby class for the summer term.

Look Who's Talking

The Gloucester Association of Primary Heads (GAPH) are keen to get children talking. For many children (nationally), the pandemic limited some experiences, including opportunities for speaking and communicating with different people. Speaking and listening skills are crucial for children's learning and for their confidence. 'Look who's talking' is a speaking competition which any child from year 2 upwards can enter:

- Children can choose any topic they are interested in (a favourite toy, a hobby, an experience...)
- They then need to speak for around 2 minutes on that subject (prompts are allowed)
- On the week commencing 23rd January, class heats will be held and Mr Rylatt and myself will pick a winner from each class; each winner will then talk in front of the whole school and a winner will be chosen from year 2, lower key stage 2 (years 3 and 4) and upper key stage 2 (year 5 and 6); the 3 finalists will then go on to compete against other schools across Tewkesbury.

Children in Reception and year 1 are also welcome to join in and we will celebrate their achievements in school.

Children will have some opportunities to practise in school but please do support them at home.

Clubs

This term's clubs list will be open at 5pm today, please use the Parent app to sign your child up. Clubs will begin next week.

Healthy Snacks for Key Stage two



Children need healthy snacks to help them to grow and stay healthy. If you give your child healthy snacks now, they are more likely to learn to make healthy food choices in the future. Healthy snacks can also have a positive impact on behaviour. We are noticing an increase in unhealthy snacks being brought into school and want to encourage pupils to bring healthy snacks (such as fruit, vegetable or granola bars) to school that are low in sugar, fat and salt.

School Uniform

As we start the new term, this seems like a perfect time to remind everyone about our school uniform policy. Please click on the link to see what the school expectations are, there is also a link in the page to the school uniform ordering page. <https://www.tewkesbury-primary.co.uk/information/school-uniform>. As the weather is still cold and often wet, please can the children bring in a coat to school every day.

This week's focus

Our new value this term is Respect and we have been looking at different ways we can show Respect. We have also read the children some stories about Respect, which they have really enjoyed.

Learn together, shine forever

This week your focus is:
To show one another Respect

Listen to each other Be honest with each other

Value each others thoughts and feelings

Speak kindly to each other Build people up

Philippians 2:15 "We shine like stars in the sky."

Number Day

 **Number Day** 2023

on
Friday 3rd February 2023

What activities will be taking place?

- Number related non-school uniform
- A delicious cake sale organised and ran by School Council
- A class maths problem with prizes to be won
- Various fun maths related activities

A small amount of money will only be needed to make a purchase from the bake sale.

Next week's diary

Day	The School Day	After School Activities			Lunch Menu
Week 3					
Monday	Story and Craft Club (Y1 & 2) 12:45 - 1:15 pm	Football Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3:15 - 4:15 pm	Table Tennis Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3:15 - 4:15 pm		Chicken Nuggets with Potato Wedges Vegetable Sausages with Potato Wedges
Tuesday		Choir Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3:15 - 4:00 pm			Broccoli & Cheese Pasta Bake Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings
Wednesday		Tag Rugby Club (Y4, 5 & 6) 3.15 - 4.15pm Starting 1st February 2023			Roast Chicken with Roasties & Gravy Roast Quorn Fillet with Roasties
Thursday	Puzzle Club (Reception) 12:45 - 1:15 pm	Lego Club (Y1 & 2) 3:15 - 4:00 pm	Drama Club (Y3, 4, 5 & 6) 3:15 - 4:15 pm		Beef Bolognese with Garlic Bread Quorn Bolognese with Garlic Bread
Friday					Starfish with Chips Vegetable Nuggets with Chips

Other Key dates

Thursday 26th January - Year 5 visit to the John Moore Museum

Friday 3rd February - Number Day (Number Related Non Uniform & Cake Sale)

Thursday 9th February - Cross Country Race 4 - Vineyards

Tuesday 14th February - Year 5 visiting Tewkesbury Comp for activities day

Friday 17th February - PTFA event 'Choose what you love to wear' day

Monday 20th February - Friday 24th February - Half term

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th February - Easter Holidays