

Mears Ashby School News

Friday, 22nd May 2020

Values Education



Our value is: Thoughtfulness : Romans 12.2: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



Dear Parents,

It appears that summer has arrived with a glorious week of weather to aid our outside learning at school this week. I hope you have also enjoyed the weather at home. I understand that for those of you working from home, with your child(ren) at home too, it must have felt like a very long term. You are still doing a fantastic job, whatever you are achieving. Enthusiasm for home learning may have waned in your house - don't worry—you are not alone! Have a good rest over the half term break and relish in the fact that there is no learning to fit in for a whole week!

If you are finding it difficult to get your child(ren) to engage in the set learning tasks, please prioritise reading and word work (phonics or Word of the Day) as reading is the absolute foundation of all other learning.

Please enjoy a restful and safe Half Term.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Crofts

Elms

Elms have been lucky enough to have access to the DFE Letter and sounds lessons each day. We have all been working very hard with recall, recognition and blending. Keep up the great work Elms. Miss Green

Sycamores

Sycamores have continued to work extremely hard on their distance learning over the last few weeks. We have written stories, instructions diaries and poems! We have also enjoyed finding out about our families and getting out into the garden to search for wildlife! We are doing a great job of learning how to use Seesaw to show off all of our hard work from home. Mrs Stapleton

Oaks

Year 4 and 5 have really impressed me with the pieces of writing that they have been producing over the last few weeks, including letters to a family member, short stories and non-chronological reports about an animal of their choice. They have put a lot of effort into carefully planning their pieces of writing, especially the non-chronological reports which required additional research. In Maths, the children have really impressed as they have looked at decimals, which is a really tricky concept because there is so much to remember. They have preserved and listened carefully when I have given feedback on their work! Great job. Mrs Cole

Year 6 continue to work extremely hard and are producing some excellent work. We have written a narrative about prejudice and are now writing a 'Percy Jackson' adventure story. In Maths we have finished testing our skills and are now putting them to good use in everyday scenarios: solving murder mysteries and working out who deserves an inheritance. Some excellent research on animals and protecting the environment. Mrs Grove

Virtual School Games

Thank you to everyone who has got themselves involved in the Virtual School Games organised by Northamptonshire School Sports. As you are probably aware, at the time of writing we have had 2 top three places in the Wellingborough and East Northants area:

- The KS1 children placed 2nd in week 1 (Dodgeball)
- The KS2 children placed 3rd in week 2 (Gymnastics)

Congratulations and thanks to all taking part. We are making sure the children in school are logging their points each Wednesday afternoon too (it was a hot one for Athletics this week!).

Distance Learning in Term 6

Although there is a lot of uncertainty and understandable anxiety about the wider opening of schools next term, we can guarantee that the distance learning opportunities that we have been providing via Seesaw will continue throughout Term 6. The expectations regarding posting evidence of learning will remain the same:

- Evidence of core learning
- Evidence of three 'topic' tasks completed a week.

Whilst we have all been learning about the same topics this term, we have decided to return to year group topics next term to allow for variety and some interesting and engaging learning opportunities for everyone. Children who are in school will be following the same learning and tasks.

Elms class topic will be called: Rio de Vida

Sycamores class topic will be called: Bounce

Oaks class topic will be called: A Child's War.

Teachers will be introducing these new topics to in the first week of the new term.



Congratulations to all of the following children who have been Special Stars in their year group this term:

W/C 11.05.20: Angus, Phoebe, Blake, Jeremiah, Edward, Jackson, Willoughby and Larisa,

W/C 18.05.20: Samuel, Eleanor, Poppy, Freddie, Elijah, Megan and Lottie

May Birthdays
Willoughby