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Crashing straight back into the thick of it with TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS!!!!

Mr Bill – Welcome back to what promises to be another busy and exciting half term. Unfortunately the epic wet weather last week means we are still awaiting completion of the enhancements to our outdoor areas. The next stage requires a mini digger and the ground is just too wet to accommodate this at the moment. Once these areas are complete we are looking forward to planting vegetable beds, establishing our new & improved forest school and making the front of the school look lovely.

Parents' Evening – It is finally here next week! Monday 2nd 3.30pm-5pm, Tuesday 3rd 3.30pm-5pm & Wednesday 4th March 5pm-7pm. These are 10 minute slots Please be timely, if you require any more time please request a further meeting with your respective teacher at another mutually convenient time.

Extra-Curricular Clubs – You may need to read this twice to be sure, Eco Club and Musical Theatre are cancelled this week because of Parents' Evening. Dodgeball was never timetabled for Monday 2nd March and will return next week as per your original club letter, Yoga starts back on Friday 13th March as per your original club letter, Wellbeing and Karate are running as normal. Like we said, read it again!

Lost Property – Have you lost some property? Why not come and have a look through our ever growing pile in the front reception area to see if we can reunite you. We also have cake tins you may be missing.

Times Table Rockstars – What a turn out! The children looked amazing in their rockstar outfits, we hope it has been a great start to support our new times table initiative. If you have any questions or require any further information then please do contact your respective teachers who will do their very best to help you.

World Book Day – This is on Thursday 5th March, as in next Thursday! Children and staff can dress in pyjamas, onesies, dressing gowns and slippers (but please remember appropriate footwear for playtimes) you may also bring a soft toy and a favourite book (named) we are doing 'Book Friends' where the older children read a story to a younger child. We will gather in the hall with all the mats, cushions and beanbags. If anyone has any bean bags we can borrow please do bring them in on the day.

The Big Book Swap, George Perry – Also next Thursday 5th March. How it works... Children can bring to school a book they have enjoyed but are happy to swap. All books will be collected on the morning of World Book Day and displayed in the school hall. Any child donating a book will be given a ticket that can be redeemed later that day. Every child with a ticket will be invited to the hall by class to exchange their ticket for a donated book of their choice. Happy Reading!

Reception, Mr Powney - This week reception enjoyed dressing up as rockstars for the launch of Times Table Rockstars! We had a fun day filled with lots of different maths activities and got to see how it worked. In our Topic work we looked at what Lent is, and why it is important to Christians. We also found out why we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and had a go at making some!

Class 1, Miss Knight - We have had a very exciting week in Year 1. We have started our new topic 'This is our home'. We have started reading Paddington bear and looking at maps of the UK. We also had a fantastic day on Tuesday for the Times Table Rockstars day! We played lots of maths games and recapped topics that we have learnt throughout the year so far.



Class 2, Mrs Tedds - Class 2 have started this week with so much enthusiasm towards our new topic 'The Place we call Home'. We have begun by thinking about what we already know about our surrounding area in Geography and what physical and human features make up Leigh Sinton and Malvern. In Literacy, we are using the English author Beatrix Potter and her stories to inspire our writing. Of course, a lot of the children already know her well loved characters but have never read her books. This will also influence our art this half term as she illustrated all of her own pictures in her books. We have started by looking at sketching and how we use pencil for shading. We are all now set up with times tables rockstars which is proving very popular, please let me know if you are having any difficulty logging in at home.



Class 3, Miss Radford - Class 3 thoroughly enjoyed the launch of our new times table initiative 'Times Table Rock Stars'. We had lots of fun playing a range of practical activities as well as practising our number skills. This included a special version of 'who wants to be a mathionaire' and 'Countdown'. We also made our own fortune tellers to help us with our times tables and solved various mysteries by applying our mathematical skills. The costumes were great too!



Class 4, Miss Albutt Class 4 have started the half term by testing out their persuasive skills. The children have been investigating a variety of language techniques and vocabulary choices which can be used effectively to persuade their audience. The children have also been practicing their drama and ICT skills in order to promote products by creating their own TV adverts.

Class 5, Mrs Sage - This week in Year 5, we have been learning to observe that some materials change state when they're heated or cooled. Through doing this, we have had to measure the temperature accurately in degrees Celsius, using a thermometer; use a written explanation to report on findings from an experiment and ask relevant questions in order to make a prediction. This was to conclude our learning about properties of materials including solids, liquids and gases and reversible and irreversible changes.



Class 6, Miss Hutchinson - This week we had an exciting day on Tuesday for the launch of Times Table Rockstars. Class 6 started their day working in teams to answer quiz questions on 'who wants to be a mathionaire' and countdown! The y6's worked hard together in teams, putting their maths skills to the test. One of our favourite activities was designing and building our own maths robots, which needed to have the function of shooting pellets. We had lots of fun testing how far each robot could shoot- adapting our pellet size and design. We then analysed our data further identifying the: mean, mode, median, and range to assess how

effective each robot was. We also had a brilliant time using Times Table Rockstars for the first time and are now excited to challenge ourselves and each other!



The Friend Zone

North cake sale – You guys raised an amazing £176.80 – Well done to all the bakers, bringers, buyers & eaters!! Huge thank you to the Royal Oak for letting our Year 6 children sell cake there, great community spirit!!

Celebrate reading at our Book Fair! – The Book Fair continues, with over 200 hundred **new** children's books to choose from, with prices starting from only £2.99. Come and join us today and Monday after school in the hall from 3:15pm. Don't forget to bring your £1 World Book Day token for money off! Cash payments only please. **Every book you buy can help to get free books for our school library.**

Our very best reasons to feel proud!

Alfie J & Deri T – Progress in reading.

Harvey H- Excellent work in maths.

Oliver & Scarlett- Fantastic descriptive writing.

Timmy H & Freya RH - Excellent effort in phonics.

Henry W, Charlie S & Poppy D - For great effort and enthusiasm to learn.

Elliana C - For excellent improvements to her literacy.

Harry H - For always trying his best across all lessons.

Tom C and Rory G- Excellent teamwork skills.

Archie C- Excellent investigation skills in science.

Molly G - For embedding all of her learning in writing in her own myth.

Rory H - For excellent effort in writing his own myth.

Oliver C - For good use of scientific language and engaging well in the experiment.

Megan C - For showing enthusiasm, independence and fantastic presentation in science.

Riley H - Excellent attitude towards his work.

Lauren C - Working hard in maths.

School dates for your diary

Easter – School closes Friday 3rd April & reopens Monday 20th April 2020.

Summer Half Term – School closes Friday 22nd May & reopens Monday 1st June 2020. (Inc. Whitsun Bank Holiday – Mon 25th May)

End of Summer Term – Friday 17th July 2020

May Day Bank Holiday – Friday 8th May 2020 (Anniversary of VE Day)

TED Days

Thursday 7th May 2020 –Police Commissioner Elections – school used for polling,

Monday 20th July 2020

Class Trip Dates

All information for these trips should have come home in a separate correspondence, if you require any further assistance please visit the school office where we will always do our very best to help you. All payments via Payments 4 Schools.

Class 5 – Wyre Forest - Wednesday 4th March

Class 2 – Multiskills Day @ Dyson Perrins – Friday 6th March

Class 4 – Condover Hall (Residential) - Monday 16th March

Class 6 – Harry Potter Studio – Wednesday 1st April