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I can honestly say that this week has truly flown by. The children are very well settled into school and we are at the point of feeling settled and normal.

This week, the staff have continued to work hard with their Teams training and have started to make children aware of how to use it in a responsible way. Many of the children have taken to it quickly, and have seen how some of the functions may be used 'socially'... we will be stressing with children this week that Teams really is just for use as a 'school' app, and not for social gatherings or communication! I was lucky enough to be able to help Mrs Peart teach her first ever Zoom lesson – it was lovely to see her class take so quickly to using the technology (and, of course, it was a great lesson!)

An app that we have been trialling as staff that would be useful for parents and children is 'Microsoft Lens'. This is a free app that makes your mobile phone or tablet act as a scanner – converting scanned images to pdfs, Word documents or JPEGs. It enables any handwritten or drawn work to be handed in quickly and easily.

My highlight of this week has to be getting to meet a number of you over the 'Meet the Head' Zooms. Whilst there is no doubt that it felt a little odd, I really appreciated getting to see some of you properly and answering some questions. I know there will be many events over the coming months and years, and this one was just the start. I loved hearing some new ideas for the school – and just knowing that we share some of the same priorities was great to hear.

Year 6 have this week began to undertake some of their 'roles and responsibilities'. I was thrilled to announce the new House Captains. You can meet our new House Captains in the photographs below.

Their presentations were all of an excellent quality, and I look forward to seeing how they lead their Houses over the course of the year.

Thank you to all parents for your continued support with our drop-off and collection arrangements. For those of you who don't know, if you wish for an older sibling at Pocklington School to collect from the Prep School, you just need to email their form tutor to make them aware of the arrangements.

I would like to wish you all a restful weekend.

Ms Ward



WHAT HAVE WE DONE IN PRE-PREP THIS WEEK?

Reception

Reception are thoroughly embracing our Julia Donaldson topic. Next week our story of the week is the very popular Gruffalo story. We will be baking Gruffalo Crumble, making animal footprints in our outdoor area, creating a giant Gruffalo out of sticks at Forest School, making mini Gruffalo's out of fake fur, role playing in the Gruffalo Forest as well as all our wonderful specialist teaching in French and Music. Daily phonics and maths sessions have started and the children are loving the structure that this brings to their mornings. Thank you for all your support at home with phonics and reading tasks. Just a gentle reminder to please tick the planners each day to indicate home time arrangements and any early drop offs (8-8.15am) are to be taken to the Pre-prep ASC room. Thank you so much and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Afford & Mrs Davis

SOTW is Maxwell for super work in phonics and with his reading

Year 1

Our next story in Year 1 is Jack and the Beanstalk. We will read this as a class and discuss the feelings of the characters, predict what will happen next and decided what we ourselves would do if we were in Jack's situation (as well as the other characters) Our English activity will involve planning what we would do if a giant came to play and writing this as a postcard/ invitation.

In Maths we will be working on Addition and Subtraction, continuing to work on Number Bond knowledge to 10 and an independent table activity will be comparing sizes of different characters from the story.

My SOTW is Robyn for consistently being brilliant and trying her best every single day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Steel

Year 2

Next week we are looking at the Story of the Three Little Pigs and changing it to make it more exciting! We will learn about story structure through the use of a story mountain as well as reading different versions of the story thinking about the tools the author uses. We will look for nouns, verbs and adjectives that are relevant to the story as we create a word bank for us to write our own stories. We will go outside to build shelters for the three little pigs too and test their strength!

In Maths we continue to look at fact families, using switches and inverse operations. The children will create 3D shapes using the vocabulary of vertices, edges and faces. Try and find some around the house!

Please make sure you have accessed Microsoft Teams and send a smiley face once you get on. The desktop version is the best one to use not the mobile one. My Maths Activities are set up online too. You can repeat them as often as you like and access the games too.

SOTW is Nyla for being helpful and organised.
SOTW is Emilia for always giving her best effort in everything that she does.

European Day of Languages *(For all year groups)*

This weekend celebrates European Day of Languages. (Saturday 26th September)

Check out edl.ecml.at for more information

This year I am giving each class a different country to focus on. Teachers and pupils will be encouraged to greet each other in their new language for the week ahead. I will be doing a bit more about their country in their language lesson. I would like to encourage all pupils to do a little extra research on their class country or learn some more of the language. They can share it with their form teacher or directly with me. I look forward to hearing lots of different languages throughout the school next week. **Grazie, Mrs Cooke.**

LEARNING IN PHOTOS



Enjoying cross country club after school on Tuesday



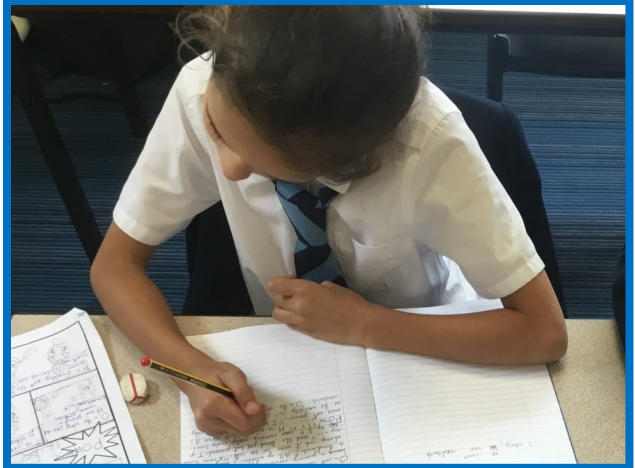
Writing instructions to build a Lego structure using bossy verbs and prepositions in Y2



Taking part in the Year 5 and 6 Duathlon on Saturday



Y3 learning some interesting facts about Spain in their Spanish lesson!



The fox is certainly a hero in Year 4's new stories!



Y5 acting out the revolution of planets round the sun in Science this morning



Refining their debating skills in Y6, arguing for and against Victorian Workhouses

WHAT HAVE WE DONE IN PREP THIS WEEK?

Year 3

Year 3 have had another super, action-packed week. They have written some wonderful 'Journey' stories based on Aaron Becker's book and have been exploring The World for human and physical features.

The new arrangements of coming into school on Wednesdays and Fridays in their PE kits are working really well and save a lot of changing time! They don't need to bring their uniform or Games bags into school on those days. We will leave indoor shoes in their boxes in the classroom, as they may go to the sports hall due to the weather.

In Maths next week we will continue to practice bridging numbers when adding 1, 10 and 100. The three times table will continue to be a focus, along with writing and drawing fact families to show the relationship between multiplication and division.

In English we will start to read 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane' by Kate DiCamillo. The children will complete comprehension work to check their level of understanding of the story and will start to build a character profile of Edward.

In topic the children will use the information from home to plot the places they have been in the world, or England, and start to create a timeline. We will also begin to discuss which places they would like to go to in the world and discuss the different forms of transport they might use to travel to their chosen destination, in order to begin to build up an itinerary. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Snelling & Mrs Rogers

Year 4

Year 4 have had another super week and loved the sun shining for our games lessons! We have furthered our place value knowledge and started to look at comparing numbers with 5 digits and decimals. This week has been eventful after meeting the horrid Mr Fox we wrote letters to him and on Monday we received a reply, he was very sorry! Maybe we might hunt for him again next week?

In spelling this week we have been looking at the 'ow' sound and the children have spellings to learn for next week based on this sound.

Next week we will be looking at:

In Maths: Continuing with rounding numbers. We will also be looking at jigsaw numbers and applying our knowledge of number bonds to 100, 1000, 10,000 and 1 to money.

In English/Topic: We are going to fly back in time to the Iron age and look at non-fiction texts and work on our comprehension skills.

In Science: We are continuing our investigation of different animals, classifying them and looking at different habitats.

We would now like to ask if the children could please come in their games kit with full tracksuit over the top on a Monday and Thursday (please may they also bring their gum shields in with them). There is no need for them to have their uniform in school on a Monday and Thursday, they will stay in their kit on both of these days all day. This is to maximise our learning time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a fab weekend, Miss S and Mrs K

*****Porridge DVD Update*** This is currently being edited, and we expect it to be available for parents in two weeks' time.**

Year 5

Year 5 continue to delve deeper into the novel 'Floodland' where they have enjoyed discussing the characters and learning more about how the novel unfolds. Next week they will continue to investigate the new characters and discover more about their personalities and characteristics. They will also look at the features of diary writing in preparation for a longer written task. The first spelling test will be on Monday as they settle in to the routine of 'overlearning' their personalised lists. In science this week, the children will be discovering more about the phases of the moon. In maths, the focus continues to be on place value where the pupils will consolidate what they have learned so far, working with larger numbers as well as decimals. On Tuesday, we look forward to welcoming Kallum Nicholson from Eco-Shed. Kallum will teach the children about ways to be more sustainable and will run an activity session in which the children will learn more about how they can protect our planet. On that note, could parents please make sure they have handed in their child's permission slip to form tutors as soon as possible.

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Year 6

Year 6 pupils are thoroughly enjoying our Victorians topic and are fascinated to read the next Chapters of Street Child, our class book. Next week pupils will be using evidence from the text and their own thoughts and experiences to decide whether Jim, the main character, should remain in the Workhouse or take his chances and escape. They will be writing a balanced argument in essay form to practise skills they will need at Senior School. We will also be exploring the huge rises in population in cities during the Victorian era and investigate the consequences of those changes. Please may we ask that you encourage your child to read as often as possible at home either by themselves or with an adult.