

Miss Cartwright's weekly message

Dear Parents and Carers,

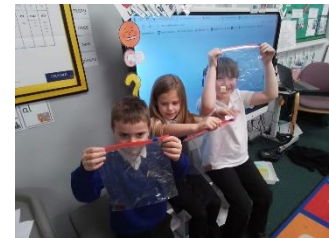
This week the whole school have been taking part in activities for British Science Week. Each class had a different activity linked to time. Activities ranged from how long chocolate takes to melt to how long different objects take to fall. Classes also took part in bridge building using recyclable objects.

This week I am very proud to announce that for the second week running, the Pupil Parliament (Maddie, Henry, Ivy, Sapphire and Luke) have helped with the writing parts of this newsletter. They liaised with classes to find out their favourite moments from this week, and we added it to the newsletter together. We really hope to expand this further in the future.

On Monday reception class visited Cannon Hall Farm and saw animals such as cows, sheep, reptiles and piglets. They learned many facts that they took back to school to support their learning. The children had a chance to speak to farmer Dave and Rob and ask them lots of questions. Well done Reception you represented the academy with pride and enthusiasm.



Year 1 have been continuing their Science unit by exploring plants by identifying parts of the plant. Their Geography unit of Seasons and Weather is coming to an end but in the next term, they will apply their learning to their new geography unit of the UK and Tanzania. They will compare the locations and weather. Year 1 also have had a great time investigating how long chocolate takes to melt under different conditions.



Year 2 visited Pontefract Castle this week. They took part in activities such as quill writing, making medicines and visiting the dungeons. In their history unit the children have been learning about castle and local history. At the castle, Mistress Hope told them many facts about the castle and warned to watch out for rats!

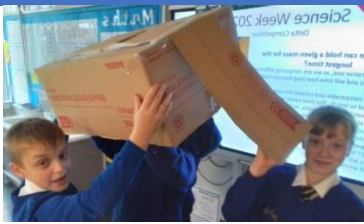
Year 3 have continued with their fractions unit in maths. Fractions are so tricky, especially as the children get into Key Stage 2 so well done for such hard work and dedication Year 3. As part of British Science Week, the children created spinners and tested how slow or fast they would fall to the ground.



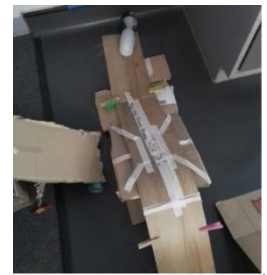
Year 4 have also been taking on the challenge of fractions in maths by adding and subtracting fractions. In writing they have come to the end of their unit. Their task has been to hold, and write, a discussion on who has had the greatest impact on Edward Tulane, the main character in their reading book 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. In Geography, the children have been comparing ancient Greece with modern day Britain.



Year 5 have been learning all about pulleys in DT. They have learned about fixed, movable and compound pulleys. Thank you to Oliver for sharing all her know about pulleys. In writing the children have experimented with changing the mood of a piece of writing. They have explored how a story can come from the point of view of the villain to create this atmosphere.



Year 6 have had a challenging week with their final mock SATs. I have been so proud of how they have all done this week. Their determination and resilience has been outstanding. On Thursday they completed a bridge building activity for British Science Week and it was a very creative session! Well done year 6 for thinking outside of the box.



Thank you for all your donations for Red Nose Day. The children have had a great day learning about what red Nose Day stands for and why we celebrate it in school.

A reminder that our House Games Easter Potatoes are due in on Monday for judging early next week. We have had some amazing potatoes come back in. We look forward to seeing all your entries. Please bring in any pre-loved book donations as soon as you can. **We will hold the exhibition, book sale and have a cake sale on Wednesday 20th March after school in the school hall.**

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Miss S Cartwright

<u>PUPIL OF THE WEEK</u>	
CATERPILLARS	Willow T &
BUTTERFLIES	Freddie G
PANDAS	Harper W
TIGERS	Sapphire S
GAZELLES	Everyone
ELEPHANTS	Henry A
PENGUINS	Ronnell G
SNOW LEOPARDS	Ben K

<u>Attendance</u>	
CATERPILLARS	92%
BUTTERFLIES	89.3%
PANDAS	92%
TIGERS	94.1%
GAZELLES	98.3%
ELEPHANTS	94.4%
PENGUINS	96.1%
SNOW LEOPARDS	94.4%



HOUSE POINTS			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
211	242	194	212

<u>Key dates for your diary</u>	
<p>SCHOOL EVENTS SPRING TERM:</p> <p>08.03.24 House games potatoes go home to children WC 18.03.24 : Easter potato decoration judging</p> <p>PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT SPRING TERM:</p> <p>20.03.24 House Games Easter Potato Exhibition and Voting SEND Surgery- every Monday starting wc 18.03.24</p>	<p><u>Twitter</u> Please follow us on our twitter feed:</p> <p>@Vale_Primary</p>

