

Miss Cartwright's Weekly Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another vibrant and exciting week has passed here at The Vape primary Academy.

In Early Years the children have had a fantastic surprise. Their caterpillars were delivered! This will support their min-beasts unit and help them get real life experiences in class. The children have shown such awe and wonder in their new caterpillars and the conversations it has started has been unbelievable.



Year 1 are really enjoying their reading book Traction Man. In this story the main characters loses his identity and has to work hard to find who he is again- a super hero! In Geography the Year 1 will be exploring the continents of the world, in particular Europe and Africa, where the UK and Tanzania can be found.



Year 2 have had a really important PSHE lesson this week. They have been learning about keeping safe and exploring physical contact. In this lesson they will learn what is appropriate physical contact is. They have used hot seating, role play and discussion to understand the impact physical touch can have on others and a reminder that kindness is so important.



In Year 3 the children have also been learning about safety, but this time online safety. They have been discussing what to do to keep safe online, how to respond if you don't feel safe online and to make sure that their actions make others feel safe online. The children continue to enjoy their reading book Charlotte's Web and have been particularly enthusiastic recently when they opened their mystery book. Every class in school from Year 1 to year 6 have a mystery book and they have to use the 3 clues I have given them to decipher which book it is.



Year 4 have been superstars this week. On Wednesday they had an Ancient Greek workshop. Working with Altru Drama, the children consolidated their learning from the Spring term to put on a performance about Ancient Greece. They learned about what life was like in Ancient Greece, the geography of Ancient Greece, exploring the states they had, their myths which links perfectly with their current writing unit, the sports they took part in, including the ancient Olympics and they also explored what lasting impact the ancient Greeks had on our modern day world. The children



performed their final piece to parents and carers. After just one day of practise, they did an incredible job. It takes real courage to do what they did and we are all so proud of them.

Year 5 are enjoying their writing unit of Beowulf and Grendel. They will be exploring the story before writing their own defeating the monster story. This is a tricky unit and the hard work they have shown so far has been fantastic. In DT they will be working towards becoming a designer at the end of the unit. They have learned who James Dyson is and how he became a successful designer. In Forest Schools the children have been den building and using different structures to get the most secure.

Year 6 have also been enjoying Forest Schools. They have been making soup using different natural resources- nettles, berries and leaves. In PSHE this week year 6 have been understanding loss and grief, paying particular attention to coping strategies and being able to manage and maintain their mental health. This is not just a vitally important life skill but this will also help them during their upcoming assessments.



Finally a huge well done to our Reading Ambassadors who held an assembly alongside Mr Bosanquet this week. They have launched our author of the month to the school- Enid Blyton. They already have some excellent ideas for our next author. They are also very keen to spend the £85 raised at our Easter event to buy more books they children will enjoy.

Safeguarding – Online Safety Reminder

As the children get older we understand that mobile phones are part of children's lives. In school we have termly online safety lessons as part of our Computing curriculum. For the older children these lessons include the appropriate use and possible dangers of mobile phones. We are aware that many of our older children have access to apps such as Snapchat and TikTok. However there have been some incidents of children being exposed to indecent language and this has been replicated over other social media apps. The age restrictions for both TikTok and Snapchat are 13+ to help protect children younger than this age. If your child is using TikTok or Snapchat, please do read the guidance from the NSPCC to support with this.

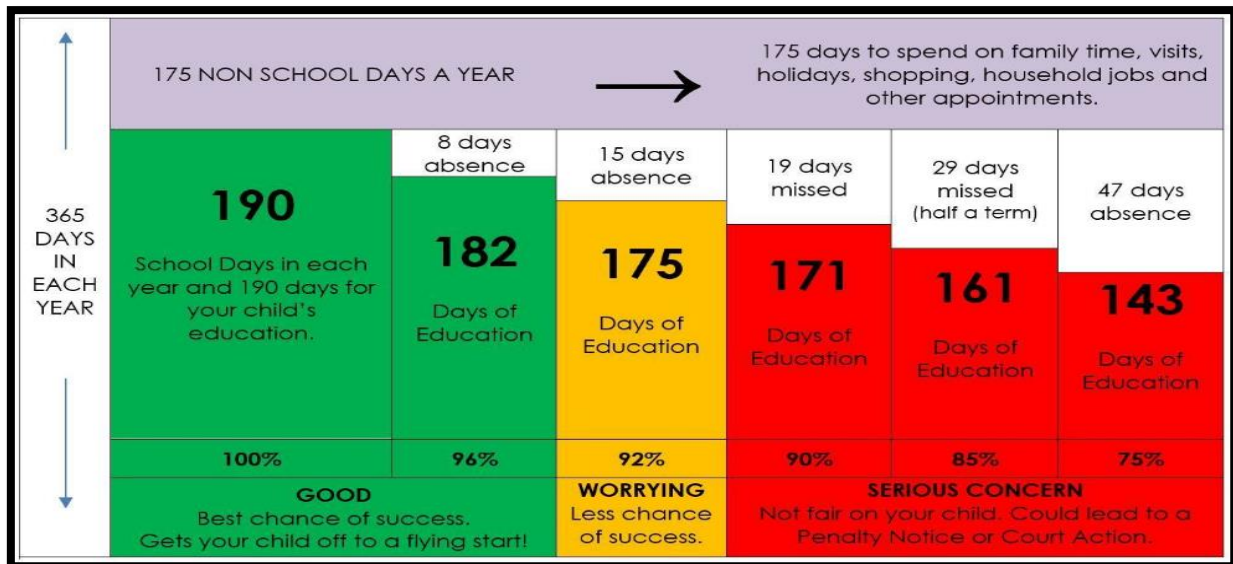


[Is TikTok safe? | NSPCC](#)

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If you would like any additional support with this please do be in touch.

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PUPIL OF THE WEEK	
CATERPILLARS	Oliver W / Harry G
BUTTERFLIES	Henry P
PANDAS	Brooke D
TIGERS	Diona J
GAZELLES	James W
ELEPHANTS	Amarnie S
PENGUINS	Oliver N
SNOW LEOPARDS	Emmeline H

Attendance	
CATERPILLARS	85.3%
BUTTERFLIES	90.7%

PANDAS	94.3%
TIGERS	92%
GAZELLES	97.9%
ELEPHANTS	96.8%
PENGUINS	92.7%
SNOW LEOPARDS	97.4%

HOUSE POINTS			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
270	315	253	275

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Key dates for your diary</u></p> <p>SCHOOL EVENTS SUMMER TERM: 13.05.24 Mental Health Awareness Week 21.05.24 World Day for Cultural Diversity 22.05.24 House Games Spelling Bee 22.05.24 Tempest Class Photographs Wc 24.06.24 Sports Days: specific details to be confirmed nearer the time.</p> <p>PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT SUMMER TERM: 01.05.24 Year 1 Phonics workshop 02.05.24 Triple P parent workshop SEND Surgery- every Monday</p>	<p><u>Twitter</u> Please follow us on our twitter feed: @Vale_Primary</p>
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