



## Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 5 February

### Whole School

**Arbor Portal:** We are delighted to report that more than 57% of parents have logged in to the new Arbor Portal! If you haven't already done so, please refer to the email sent on Wednesday and check your junk/spam folder if you cannot find it. This was sent to the "primary guardian" email address for each child. Please note some contacts on our system do not have email addresses.

**Staff Development Day:** This is a reminder that school will be closed to pupils on **Monday 19 February 2024**

**After School Clubs:** Please note that due to staff training, we do not have the capacity to run any clubs next Monday (toy making and benchball) but they will have an additional session next term. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**Chocolate lollipop sale:** To raise money for the RSPCA, who kindly funded Pygora class' residential, Pygora will be running a chocolate lollipop (and fresh marshmallow) sale after school on **Thursday 8 February**. The price will be £1 per lollipop, and we will be accepting cash only.

#### **Safer Internet Day:**

On **Tuesday 8 February**, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day with a special assembly and afternoon activities in classes. This will be a great opportunity for the children and their teachers to think about how we can stay as safe as possible online and who we should speak to, if we are having problems online as well.

**Little Wandle Reading Books:** We are very lucky to have a good selection of these wonderful books that are vital in helping your children learn to read. We cannot run our reading sessions efficiently if the reading books, *including the photocopied versions*, are returned promptly. **PLEASE** ensure reading books are placed back into children's bags as soon as they have finished reading them. Thank you for your support with this.

### Billy Class - Reception

In Phonics, we will be learning to read **longer words** and **compound words** (words that are made up of two root words e.g. laptop. The children will use the chunking method (chunking the word into smaller parts to read) to read words such as sunset, rocket, melon.

We will recap the **tricky words**: are, sure, pure, was, you, they

We have had lots of germs recently in Billy Class. Please can all children make sure that they wash their hands lots, cover their mouths when coughing and use a tissue when they need to.

We are really looking forward to seeing the boats that you are going to make next week. Thank you so much for all of the resources and junk modelling that has been sent in! 😊

### Angora Class - Year 1

**Phonics this week:** the u sound - ou (touch), o (won), o-e (done), the s sound - se (horse), ce (fence), the z sound - se (cheese, please), the ee sound - ey (donkey).

The u (ou, o, o-e) are rather tricky to get our heads around! These will need a bit of extra practise/focus, particularly as they don't come up as often as other spellings.

**Tricky words:** thought, through, friend, work.

Next week we will be reviewing what we have learnt this term.

**Reading books** - some of us are SO close to getting our bronze certificate! Keep up the hard work. Remember, you can also include other books you have read in your reading record. Thank you for the prompt return of reading books, this is helping us turn around the packs quickly for the next group!

**Shoes** - we are finding we are spending a lot of time doing up shoelaces. Where possible, please could children wear shoes they are able to do up themselves (as we know laces can still be a bit fiddly at this age!). Thank you for your help with this!

### Alpine Class - Year 2

We have had a lovely week in Alpine Class learning all about Kenyan cuisine and trying some popular foods from there.

**Home Learning:** Don't forget that Home Learning is due on **Monday** so please make sure that your child brings in their Homework book on Monday so that we can check it together and give them their well-earned House Points and Table Points. There will be a special Home Learning task next week to prepare you for our seaside learning next term.

**Reading Books:** Please remember to bring in your Guided Reading Books by **Tuesday** so that Mrs Smal has enough time to prepare these for their next groups.

### Kinder Class - Year 3

We have worked very hard this week in Kinder class and it has been a great week.

Sadly, we still have not seen some of children's reading records for a while. **Please** could you ensure that you read **at least twice a week** with your child and sign their reading records. Any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to ask.

This term we will be doing a times table test twice a week, once on a **Wednesday** and once on a **Friday**.

Maths and English homework has been set for this week.

We have already started to receive some fantastic History home learning projects. As a reminder the History home learning is due on **Monday 5 February**. We will continue to hand out lots of house-points for effort for completing homework - well done to everyone so far.

### Cashmere Class - Year 4

Please try to ensure that your child is reading a minimum of 4 days a week and that they bring in their signed reading records on **Friday**. If they have a shorter stage book, they will need to read their book twice before changing it to ensure they have a good understanding of the text and the language used within it.

Please help your children access Spelling Shed as they should be playing **5 games** on it a week or writing their spellings out and bringing them in on **Friday**. We really are seeing a big increase in spellings score amongst those children who are practising regularly each week.

Any support you can give your children with their times tables would be beneficial as we are now covering this topic in Maths.

### Pygora Class - Year 5

Please do make sure that your child is reading a minimum of 3 days a week (although most of them should be trying to read more than this or even daily), if you can, please also ask them questions about what they have read, as, while they may be able to read their book fluently, they also need to recall and infer information to develop their comprehension skills.

The children will be bringing home their spaghetti bolognese, which we are making as part of our food tech lessons, today. They have thoroughly enjoyed this and are now looking forward to making the chocolate lollipops for our sale next week!

Our swimming sessions will continue every **Tuesday** this term (then continue in term 4). Please do make sure to also send them in with a warm outer layer as it can be very chilly when they come out of the pool.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p. 26 - Solving calculation problems

English - p.30 - Present and Past Tense

5 games each of TTRS and Spelling Shed - they can use the iPads on Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes if they are having trouble accessing it at home.

## Pygmy Class - Year 6

We will be sending off our letters to our French pen pals next week, and the children would like to enclose a picture of themselves with the letter. If you do not wish for us to send a photo, please let a member of the Year 6 team know by **Wednesday**. Children may also bring in an extra photo (of their pets etc.) if they want to.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.24 Multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000

English - p.49 Dashes for extra information

5 games each of Spelling Shed and 20 minutes of TTRS.

Please encourage your child to work on Spelling Shed and TTRS, as this is a great support for their work in class - they can come in and use the iPads on Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes if they are having trouble accessing it at home. **Well done to Pygmy class who were 3<sup>rd</sup> in the whole world last week!**