



Summer  
July 2019



## **NEWS FROM THE HEADTEACHER**

We have come to the end of another school year and it is a time to say thank you and celebrate all the great work achieved by children and staff. So much has been going on this term, from residential visits to Fairthorne and Petersfield to visits from famous athletes and the Astrodome and the fun-packed sports day we had for the older children at Taunton's College.

We had some amazing productions from the children: YRs Sunflower, Y2's play about the Titanic and of course Y6's grand production of The Boy who Wanted More, which showed off the incredible talents of our children.

I would like to wish all the staff, children and their families a wonderful summer, and look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready to start a new school year in September

### **Staff Comings and Goings**

We will be saying goodbye to Mr Gear, who has been teaching Y4 this year. He will be taking up a new post at Whitely Primary School and we would like to say thank you to him for his hard work and wish him all the best in the future. Mrs Vaughan will be taking some time out of teaching and we will look forward to seeing her again in a year's time. We are delighted to be welcoming back Miss Watkins as Assistant Headteacher after her time away on maternity leave and at the same time, we wish Mrs Davis all the best as she begins her maternity leave.

**Michael Lobo**

## **Dates for your calendar**

- **Tuesday 23rd July—School Closes for the Summer at 1:30pm**
- **Monday 2nd September—INSET DAY**
- **Tuesday 3rd September— First Day Back at School**
- **Thursday 5th September—Year R's Starting School**
- **Friday 25th October—Last Day of School before Half Term**
- **MONDAY 28th OCTOBER—FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER HALF TERM**
- **Monday 4th November—First Day Back at School**

## NEWS FROM YEAR R

It has been an exciting and very busy half term in Reception. We have completed our end of year assessments for all of the children and we look forward to sharing this with you when you receive your child's school report.

We enjoyed a fantastic and fun trip to Manor Farm a few weeks ago, visiting Abbie the Cow, taking the family of cheeky goats for a walk, being chased by the chickens, and meeting the pigs and their piglets. The children and adults all had a great time. The behaviour of all children was exemplary on their first ever school trip and we are very proud of them.



We are in the final stages of our preparations for our end of year performance, 'A Sunflower in my Supper.' We will be rehearsing it with our year 1 friends and then performing for the Reception parents and families on Thursday 18th July in the morning and again in the afternoon.

The children have had a full year learning through play. Play is an integral part of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and learning is integrated through playful activities. Many of the children are worried that moving into year 1 means an end to this type of learning. However, our year 1 colleagues will be working to support the children as they move into Key Stage 1 and the exciting curriculum that awaits them! We have enjoyed working with all of the Reception children and wish them well as we





## Year 1

This term we have done lots of writing and artwork on a storybook called 'The Storm Whale' which the children have loved! In Maths we have been working on numbers up to 100 and our topic has been 'The Seaside'. We were lucky to have students work with us from St. George's school and all the way from Switzerland! The children were buzzing after a very hot but exciting KS1 Sports morning and they are also really excited about forming new Y2 classes next year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this year for 1GM and 1WT.



## YEAR 2

### Saving the Titanic Passengers!

This term, we have been immersing ourselves in our local history. Part of that has been learning about the Titanic and how the great ship struck disaster on its maiden voyage. The children used their new skills learnt from the Titanic museum to design and make a lifeboat. The competition to save the most people was fierce! Children learnt about volume, buoyancy, materials and their uses and realised how important fine motor skills are when cutting and sticking!



### Visit Seacity Museum

This term Y2 had a fantastic day at the Seacity Museum. We learned a lot of interesting information about what happened on that fateful night 107 years ago. We really enjoyed listening to our guides who gave us a fascinating insight to those who were on board the Titanic. We had the opportunity to look at a variety of artefacts and to dress up as people from that era. We had such an amazing time and our teachers were really proud of our behaviour while at the museum.





## YEAR 3—ROMAN PALACE TRIP—Written by Nevins Pinheiro

Last week, year 3 went on a school trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace. All of us went there because we are going to study the Romans.

On the bus journey, it seemed very long so I spoke to Mr MOTS about sports. Finally, after a lengthy journey, we left the bus and entered the palace.

At the beginning, we saw tonnes of displays in the museum. Remarkably, there was a skeleton which we surveyed carefully. Interestingly, we also saw artifacts and other valuable things that they found

when they discovered the palace. After that, a lady told us about some bits of pottery and the roof. One section of the roof had a paw print on it!

Next, we looked at some mosaics the Romans had in their floors. The Romans usually had colourful mosaics. Since the mosaics are very ancient, they are <sup>obviously</sup> broken. The pattern is very colourful and very beautiful. Sometimes, it is like an optical illusion.

If you are looking for a great family day out, I would highly recommend Fishbourne Roman Palace.







## YEAR 4—SUSTAINABILITY CENTRE TRIP



## YEAR 5—Fabulous Five!!!

In Year 5 we have enjoyed an exciting summer term, studying everything from Japan and its volcanoes to the orbit of the Earth around the sun! Everyone had the opportunity to view our solar system and the stars beyond when Southampton University visited with their 'Astrodome'. Another exciting day was spent at St George's Catholic College providing children with a taste of secondary school life. Over the term we have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom and learning about survival and friendship. Finally, children had 'the best sports day ever' at Taunton's College, and luckily, the sun made an appearance. We wish all the children the very best as they move into Year 6 and hope they all have a won-



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## **Summer Time and Staying Safe!**

Summer time, and particularly the summer holidays, can be full of hazards and risks to manage. Here's a roundup of some resources to help.

### **NSPCC**

[NSPCC & O2 | Keeping kids safe online](#)

[NSPCC Keeping safe away from home \(NSPCC](#)

### **Water Safety**

[RNLI](#)

[RoSPA](#)

[CanalRiverTrust](#)

### **Beach Safety**

[Shore Thing \(RNLI\)](#)

### **Sun Safety**

[Teenage Cancer Trust](#)

[Cancer Research](#)



### **Railway Safety**

[Network Rail – Primary school resources](#)

[Network Rail – Secondary school resources](#)

Please pay particular attention to the NSPCC link as children are likely to spend more time online. Any O2 shop will make phones and devices safe for your children for free and it doesn't matter which network you are with.

**I wish you a safe and happy holidays. Mrs Mullin**