

# Boxgrove Primary School

## September Newsletter 2



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### This Term...

#### EYFS

This term, the children will be exploring what makes them unique. They will also be learning about their own families and people that are important to them. The children will develop their fine motor skills, using the tripod grip for writing and practising writing their names. In maths, the children will learn to create their own representations of quantities within 4. They will learn to count different objects using 1-1 correspondence.

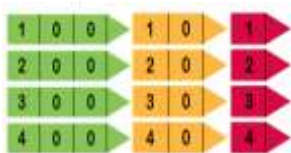
#### Year 1

In English we are focusing on Julia Donaldson books and learning caption writing, instruction writing and storytelling. We will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction. Ensuring we fully understand the numbers in different forms, both practically and using written methods. Our Science topic is animals including humans. We will be learning to ask simple scientific questions, perform simple tests and identifying different species.



#### Year 2

Year 2 will be starting the new academic year by writing a set of instructions based on our new class text called Traction Man. We will identify the features found within instruction and also work on using adverbs and time adverbials. The children will then write their own instructions based on the book. We will commence the half-term by learning about place value, looking at ones, tens and hundreds. Additionally, we will be learning about partitioning numbers into ones, tens and hundreds, as well as looking at number bonds.



#### Year 3



This term, Year 3 will be learning all about the Romans. They will learn about the growth of the Roman Empire, important Roman inventions and the Battle of Boudicca. Additionally, they will be designing their own shields and creating posters advertising the Roman games from the perspective of the Emperor.

#### Year 4

This half term, Year 4 are going to be studying the book 'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans to support our topic for the term: The Ancient Greeks. Year 4 will use this novel to write a range of different texts, including character descriptions, diary entries, persuasive advertisements and a first person narrative. Our focus this term will be on place value; the children will understand the value of each digit within a four-digit number, order and compare numbers up to 5000 and round numbers to the nearest 1000.



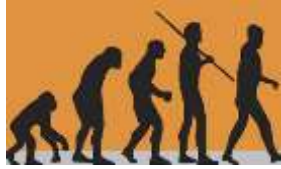
#### Year 5

This half term, Year 5 will be focusing on writing a narrative story. The children will study and unpick the text 'Skellig' by David Almond, using it to inspire their own narrative. This term, we will begin by securing our knowledge on place value and delve deeper into rounding large numbers. The children will also be exploring negative numbers, as well as Roman Numerals. Our focus for the beginning of this half term is locational knowledge around the world. The children will be using maps to locate the world's countries and cities, and discover the physical and human features of these places.



## Year 6

This half term, Year 6 will be studying two books: The Explorer and The Origin of Species. We will be writing a newspaper report focusing on using reported and direct speech. Linking to our Science topic of evolution, we will also be writing a non-chronological report about inheritance, evolution and natural selection. This term, Year 6 will consolidate their knowledge of place value, addition and subtraction. We will look at formal methods for multiplication and learn a new method (long division) for division. In Science this half term, Year 6 are going to be learning all about evolution and inheritance. We will explore how different animals are adapted to suit their environment and investigate how certain environmental variables can contribute to the extinction of certain species.



## DSP



There are already lots of exciting things planned for this school year including a trip to the theatre just before Christmas (more information to follow shortly), a visit to Mudchute Farm in the Spring Term and we are also exploring other educational visits throughout the year.

## Maths App: 1-Minute Maths

White Rose have released a fantastic maths app for children, completely free of charge!

You can [download this app for free](#) and on it are a range of different activities, to support your child in their rapid recall of key facts, including subitising, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

It is a brilliant opportunity to support your child in their learning of maths and keep them entertained in any spare minute that you have!



## Second hand Uniform Sale

We are proud of our standards of school uniform. This is the result of a high degree of cooperation between parents/carers, students and the school. We are firm believers in a school uniform that is properly and consistently worn. We believe that this helps young people to develop a real pride in themselves and their school and to look smart helps them to think smart too. Uniform helps students to feel part of our community, and makes the point that there is no discrimination.

We know that school uniform can be expensive for our families so, as a school, we would like to support our families by providing them with opportunities to purchase 'second hand' or 'nearly new' items of uniform. These will be sold at a heavily discounted price.

The government are committed to ensuring that school uniform costs are reasonable, and parents get the best value for money.

In order to make this possible we are requesting donations of second-hand uniform, if items have been outgrown or are no longer needed. These can include shirts, skirts, trousers, school jumpers, PE polo shirts, summer dresses and school shoes.

All donations can be made by dropping off the items in a suitable carrier bag, at the school office. With your support, we could support our families who are most in need and at the same time contribute towards saving our planet.



## Parent Workshops

At Boxgrove Primary School, we want to support the parents and families in helping support their children at home.



This term we are going to be running a number of parent workshops. These will provide you with a range of information and the opportunity to find different activities you can do with your child at home.

- Year 4 Timetables Check - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9.10 am
- Year 2 Blackland Farm - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 3.40pm
- Helping your child in the Early Years - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 9.10am

Previously, these workshops have been very well received and well attended, with parents stating, *'Everything was brilliant, the children helping was fantastic and there were great activities,'* and *'Staff and the older children helping were great and so helpful.'*

Please check ParentMail for the letter that was sent out to families which explains more about the content and purpose of the workshops.



## Junior Travel Ambassadors

The Junior Travel Ambassador (JTA) scheme encourages peer-to-peer engagement and will give children and the school all the resources and guidance needed to promote safer, active and independent travel within the school community. It's a fun and engaging way to spread important messages and build skills for life.



A JTA is responsible for promoting active travel, walking, cycling or scooting, and road safety. As teams within their school community they also promote independent travel to their peers as they prepare for the transition from primary to secondary school.

This year's JTAs are:



Lily-Rose



Ronnie



Alexandra



Tanush



Lucas

## After School Clubs

We are pleased to be running a variety of different clubs this year. All clubs will be up and running by the end of this week. Please see ParentMail for further details.

After school clubs really do support your child's learning and development. Sports clubs promote team work, social skills, and of course perfecting specific skills needed for that sport. Science Club, is educational and so much fun, it has now been running at Boxgrove for 4 years!

This term we also have a reading and recorder club running both are educational and bring the children pleasure.



## Celebration Assemblies

We are excited to announce the return of 'Celebration Assemblies' at its brand new time of 9am, every Friday morning!



If you are attending the weekly celebration assembly, please drop your child/ren off, in the playground as usual, then make your way round to the main office where office staff will direct you through the school.

In these assemblies, we will celebrate the learning that has taken place in one class. If your child's class is not listed in this half term's dates, then worry not, they will be scheduled for later in the school year. Please keep checking ParentMail and we look forward to seeing you there.

Date:	Event:
30 <sup>th</sup> September at 9am	4SP Class Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> October at 9am	2SR Class Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> October at 9am	5HF Class Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> October at 9am	1SO Class Assembly

## Book Fair



The Book Fair Garden will be arriving in school soon, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Come and join us!

**WHEN: Friday 23rd September to Wednesday 28th September 2022**

**WHERE: Small Hall**

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

If you can't make it to our Book Fair, try our discounted Gift Vouchers available at [bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents](http://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents). They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school!



Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 trip to Lesnes Abbey

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Sports for All Athlete Visit to school

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5 trip to the Planetarium

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 trip to the British Museum

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Year 6 trip to the Science Museum

October half term – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

INSET Day – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Children return Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**