

Friday 23rd April 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We hope you all had a restful break and are refreshed for the return to education. We are hopeful for a more consistent time as the journey out of lockdown gathers pace. Children and staff have returned this week with excitement, energy and enthusiasm for learning and have settled quickly back into routine.

Enrichment happens across the curriculum and provides opportunities to develop independent learning skills as well as celebrating specific curriculum focus areas. Next week classes across the school will be celebrating Families' Week to celebrate relationships, understand different family contexts and to continue discussing the theme of belonging all linked through the themes of love, respect and tolerance. Later this term we will also be holding our Science Day, rescheduled from the Spring Term and in June our Keeping Healthy Week with a focus on physical and mental health.

Pupil voice is a key feature of our school and, as you have seen from previous newsletters, we think it is very important that children are given a platform to know how to raise, discuss and act upon important issues both in the school community and beyond. A particular success has been joining up our pupil teams for meetings across our three school sites and three Hackney post codes including our school councils, peer mediators, digital leaders and eco teams. Despite the current restrictions, these opportunities are still prioritised through remote meetings via video link. Do have a look at our pupil voice pages and social media to see what has been talked about.

During this term children are being assessed to inform end of year expected standards including priority teaching in grammar, spelling / punctuation, reading, writing and maths. We will use these checks to inform and to help close gaps in learning which may have been impacted by the partial closures in the last twelve months. We will of course let you know how children are progressing later in the year and do everything we can to make sure that children feel confident, happy and ready to move to their new year groups in September. Individual achievements will be reported back to you in July at our final parents evening of the academic year which is on **Thursday 8th July 2021**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Aimee Walker
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie
Executive Headteacher

YEAR 6 PHOTOSYNTHESIS

Year 6 took part in a gardening session about photosynthesis, creating a photo sensitive sun print using plastic, a black marker pen and leaves. The pupils produced effective outcomes and were able to explain the natural cycle of photosynthesis in small groups at the end of the session.



NURSERY CONSTRUCTION

Our Nursery pupils have been undertaking a variety of construction opportunities. They have been using a range of materials to construct, with a purpose in mind, and in some cases have also incorporated maths measurement and writing to further explore their final construction outcome.



YEAR 2 GEOMETRY

This week, Rowan Class have been exploring and classifying 2D shapes based on the number of sides they have. They have been using language such as; an irregular hexagon, which means a six-sided shape that is not symmetrical and a quadrilateral, which is any four-sided shape like a square.



PE DAYS CAN BE FOUND IN THE YEAR GROUP CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER - PLEASE MAKE SURE CHILDREN HAVE THE CORRECT PE KIT IN ORDER THAT THEY CAN COMFORTABLY PARTICIPATE IN ALL ACTIVITIES



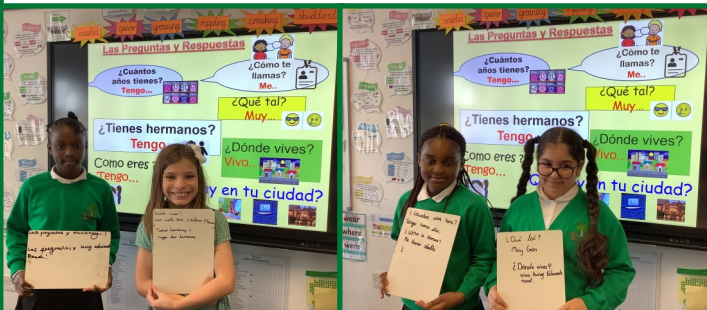
YEAR 5 UKULELE

Year 5 have started learning the ukulele. They have learned three chords and will be putting these chords together to play a song next week. Although finding the right finger positions was tricky, the children showed great perseverance and are looking forward to continuing their ukulele learning this half term.



YEAR 4 SPANISH

During Spanish sessions, Year 4 have been expanding their communication skills. The use of talk partners has helped children orally rehearse and record questions and answers about themselves, their town and also their families using a range of key vocabulary. Well done Year 4!



COFFEE MORNINGS

We have planned a new series of coffee morning workshops on various themes for the Summer Term. These will continue to run via recorded video link and uploaded on Fridays. We have listened to feedback to ensure our planned programme covers a range of areas of interest!

Date	Focus
Friday 7 th May	Literacy: Strategies to help your child learn and apply their spellings including handwriting
Friday 21 st May	ICT: How to support your child with home learning using Google Classroom
Friday 11 th June	Reading: How to support your child to develop their comprehension skills
Friday 25 th June	Keeping Healthy: Find out how to provide a well-balanced diet at home and for packed lunches
Friday 9 th July	Maths: Strategies to support your child with their timestables
Friday 23 rd July	Summer Holiday activities: Things to do at home and in the local area to prepare your child for the new school year

KEY DATES

Summer Term 2021

Children's Start Date:
Monday 19th April 2021

Families' Week:
Starts Monday 26th April 2021

Bank Holiday:
Monday 3rd May 2021

Half Term Holiday:
Monday 31 May 2021 –
Friday 4 June 2021

Children Start Date:
Monday 7th June 2021

Staff Training Day:
Friday 25th June 2021

**Keeping Healthy Week
(including sports day):**
Starts Monday 28th June 2021

Parents Evening:
Thursday 8th July 2021

End of Term Finish Date:
Thursday 22nd July at 2pm

Staff Training Day:
Friday 23rd July 2021

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ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday and on time makes a real difference to progress in learning. Whole school attendance for last week was **94.9%**

Well done to Acorn FT the overall weekly winners with **100%**

