

Dates for the diary

October

Monday 19th

Year 2 Owl visit

Thursday 22nd

Individual photos

Monday 26th - Friday 30th

Half term

November

Monday 2nd

INSET Day

Wednesday 4th

Flu Immunisation

Thursday 5th

Flu Immunisation

Thursday 11th

Remembrance event

Friday 13th

Children in Need



This last week seems to have passed very quickly, it is now only two weeks until the October half-term holiday. We would usually be holding our Open Evening for parents/carers to come into school to discuss with the class teachers how their child is settling into their new class. This year unfortunately we will not be able to invite you into school but instead we will be holding Parent Consultation sessions. These will be made by telephone and will be held after half-term. We will send out more information and a booking form on ParentMail nearer the time.

Reminder: If you are unable to log into your ParentMail account please contact the school office who will do their best to help.

Thank you to all those who completed our recent Home Learning Access survey, we are reviewing the results against our Home Learning provision.

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

This week we have been learning about tractors. We have discussed what they do and where we would normally find them. The children have built their own tractors using a variety of toys and materials. We have enjoyed learning how to mix the colour green and have had the chance to paint a tractor.

In Maths we have been learning how to represent numbers in many ways, we have been doing this by using our fingers, tally charts, numerals and using Numicon.

REMINDER: Thank you to those that have already signed up to Tapestry, if you haven't already done this please look at your emails (normally found in the junk/spam box) and click the link. Don't forget that parents can also upload videos or photos on Tapestry.

Year R - Reception

In Reception we have been learning to count to five. We have arranged patterns of objects into 5, in as many different ways as we can to express 5 as an amount. The children have also looked at creating repeating patterns.

In Literacy the children have focused on the book 'Wishing for a Dragon' for their topic. They have been learning the initial sounds of the characters and places visited and how to make a list; considering where they would like to go and why. To support the theme of the story, each class have made a whole class collage of a hot air balloon, using patch-working skills to glue small squares of material onto individual cards for each child. The children have also learnt to weave strips of paper to make a basket.

Reception Intake 2021

If you or a family member/friend have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 they will be due to start school in September 2021. Applications can be made online or by a paper form and are coordinated by Southend Borough Council www.southend.gov.uk/admissions. See their website for full details. The application deadline is Friday 15th January. Our school website has all our information available and links to apply.

We will have a virtual tour on our website soon.

Outdoor learning

Monday 12th

Kingfisher

Tuesday 13th

Swan

Wednesday 14th

Peacock

Thursday 15th

Owl

Friday 16th

Woodpecker

Important Information for our current Year 2 Parents/Carers

It is now time to apply for your child's place in Year 3 for September 2020. Although Hamstel Junior School is just next door, you must still apply through Southend Council's Admissions service. The link to the online application is [here](#). Or a paper application can be downloaded from [here](#).

Home Learning

If your child is unable to attend school due to self-isolating and they are well enough to try some work from home, then you can find home learning work and links on our school website under the 'Self-Isolation Resources' tab. Follow the links to your child's Year Group information.

**School Drop off is between
8:30 – 9 am**

**School Pick up is between
3:00 – 3:30pm**

Please keep to these times to restrict movement through the school with late arrivals.

All absences should be reported to the school office by 9am.

Weekly Attendance

Whole School attendance
96.6%



In Read Write Inc we have learnt the new sounds c/k/u/b/f and have been learning to speak like 'Fred' to segment and blend words such as cat, kit, mud, bin and fun.

We have celebrated multi-cultural week with each class focusing on a different country: South Africa, Italy, Greece, Australia and Japan. We discussed where the countries were located on the world map. We looked at where they were in relation to our country, how long it would take to get there and how to say hello and goodbye in another language or style. The children learnt about the different climates and compared them to our own. We discussed the differences and similarities in cultural pastimes. We also talked about the country's flag and how it is different or similar to our own in colours and patterns. The children learnt about the wildlife and physical features of the country and learnt new vocabulary and animal names. The children also looked at their chosen country's art and recreated their own masterpieces as their 'busy bee' focus jobs. The children learnt a traditional song from their country and copied the actions.

REMINDER: Our class photographs will be appearing in the Echo next week, on Tuesday 13th, don't miss your chance to see the Reception New Starter supplement.

Don't forget to check your child's Tapestry account for observations. Outdoor learning is next week.

Year 1

In Year 1 the children have had a great time back outside in the wildlife area. The children enjoyed a seasonal walk and observed the changes. The children also looked at some dinosaur poo! The children used the poo to decide if the poo belonged to a carnivore or herbivore. The children have been sharing the story 'Dinosaur Roar!' and had an exciting letter arrive from T Rex! The children wrote some letters back using some different questions. In Maths the children have been exploring the ordering and positioning of numbers e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

Year 2

In Year 2 this week the children have been learning the class poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat'. We story mapped it and learnt some actions to help us remember it. Then we changed some of the animal characters and some of the objects and wrote our own versions. In Maths we have started thinking about addition and the different methods we can use to help us solve equations e.g. counting on, number lines, using a hundred square and an introduction to the column method.

Dinner menu

Monday

R - Beef lasagne with garlic bread
G - Roasted squash & basil risotto
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
Carrots & mixed beans
Chocolate & beetroot sponge

Tuesday

R - Chicken tikka masala with rice
G - Chargrilled vegetable quesadilla with rice
P - Pasta with a choice of toppings
Lentil Dhal & broccoli
Courgette & orange cake

Wednesday

R - Gammon with orange & herb glaze served with roasted potatoes & gravy
G - Spiced Moroccan chickpea curry with lemon couscous
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Green cabbage & carrots
Ice cream with fruit

Thursday

R - Beef burger in a bun
G - Crispy chickpea burger in a bun
P - Pasta with a choice of toppings
Sweetcorn & coleslaw
Apple & oat crumble

Friday

R - Fish fingers with homemade tomato ketchup & chips
G - Mexican sweetcorn, carrot & courgette fritter with chargrilled tortilla & chips
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
Baked beans & garden peas
Chocolate & carrot brownie

Freshly baked bread is available each day.

The Spring/Summer menu will continue up to the Easter break