

Dear parents, a very busy first week after half term at Chorlton C.E Primary!

This week, Nursery had great fun on a minibeast hunt! They used torches and magnifying glasses to spot different creatures, then ticked them off their checklists. They were so impressed by the care they showed and how they returned all the minibeasts to their homes safely afterwards.

The children in the Reception Class came back after the holiday full of news about what they had done and where they had been. There have been lots of exciting posts from parents/carers on Seesaw which the children have loved talking about. The highlight of the week was the class's first experience of Forest School. The children had a wonderful time exploring the environment and getting very muddy! They can't wait for next Wednesday!

What a busy week we have had back at school in Year 1! The children found a magic bed in the classroom and wrote about where we would travel to in a magic bed if we had one. They have read lots of books by John Burningham, including 'The Magic Bed! In maths, they have been getting more confident with addition and subtraction to 20. For their new DT topic, they are looking at, designing and making pictures with moving parts; their first challenge was to make a T-Rex with a moving jaw! They planted some sunflower seeds in Science and learnt some new songs about Creepy Crawlies ready for their trip to the Bridgewater Hall next week.

Year 2 have been busy being engineers this week: they have designed some fabulous bridges that allow boats to pass through and pet carriers to transport animals to the vets and have considered their own 'crazy designs' based on the text Rosie Revere Engineer. They have been recapping big and small feelings in PSHE, using problems that may occur in everyday situations - it was really interesting to them what was defined as an emergency. In RE, they have been thinking out what places are special to us and why- the children had some beautiful responses.

This week Year 3 have been very busy finishing our art unit, creating plaster sculptures of Quentin Blake characters. In Geography, they wrote a letter home from Brazil, using their unit learning of the natural and physical features, culture and climate. In English, they completed their big write which was a huge achievement as it involved lots of tricky rhyming verses!

What a fantastic first week back for Year 4! The children have enjoyed lots of learning and fun. In PE, they showed great sporting skills in tennis and netball. In History, they explored the Anglo-Saxons, learning about the push and pull factors that brought them to Britannia. In Maths, they investigated symmetry in triangles. A brilliant start to the half term!

Year 5 have started reading The Tempest by William Shakespeare - it has been great to see them get into the story despite some challenging language! They have written diary entries from the point of view of one of the people aboard the ship which sank at sea. In PE they had their first tennis lesson, looking at the grip used on the racquet and getting used to the required force to hit the ball over the net in a controlled manner. In computing they looked

at what technology is and its impact on the world today and in the future, considering which jobs may be affected. A reminder that it is Year 5 parents morning on Thursday 25th June.

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to their final half term! In English, they revisited some of their writing from September and made improvements. It was brilliant to see the children realising just how much progress they have made with their writing skills (vocabulary selection, language features and character development) over this year. The class did their first run through of their script for "Shrek & Co." They can already tell this performance will be epic! Finally, the class are very much looking forward to PGL next week and have spent time discussing how it will look and feel so that everyone feels ready to have the best time!

A reminder that our annual Sports Day is coming up this Friday, 12th June (weather permitting). We are following the same format as previous years, with the children walking down Oswald Road and then Nicholas Road to reach the venue and return. Parents are invited to come along and cheer everyone on! The Athletics Track cafe will be open for parent refreshments throughout the day. And finally, don't forget to start stretching those hamstrings—the parents' race will conclude proceedings! We hope to see you all there for a fantastic day of sports. A huge well done to our fantastic footballers who did Chorlton C.E. Primary proud with their brilliant performance at St Margaret's last Thursday evening! Looking ahead, our team will be back in action this Thursday, June 11th, at the South West Cricket Club. We wish the very best of luck to all the players involved—let's keep the great momentum going!

Have a great weekend!

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