

Dear parents, a very hot week at Chorlton C.E Primary this week but lots happening!

This week, Nursery have been keeping cool during the heatwave with lots of water and ice play. They enjoyed rescuing pretend bugs from frozen ice blocks, finding fish in the water area river and creating imaginative dinosaur stories in the small world swamp!

This week, Reception's learning has moved away from bus travel to space travel! The children have been introduced to the story of Astro Girl and have been making predictions about the story. In maths, the children have been practising automatic recall of the ways of making five and have been making doubling butterflies with the cubes.

The highlight of the Year 1 week was of course the fantastic trip to Lytham St Anne's! The children were absolutely amazing, we were extremely proud of their positive behaviour and enthusiasm. They loved the Beach School activities, the picnic and having free time to play. Check out the photos on Seesaw! As well as the trip, they have been busy finishing their adventure stories, learning about the value of different coins in maths, and discussing the characteristics of summer (including the hot weather!) in Science.

In English, Year 2 began exploring their exciting new text about the famous landmarks of London. The children enjoyed sharing what they already knew and are looking forward to learning more about the city's famous sights over the coming weeks. In History, they continued learning about the inspiring life of Mary Seacole, discovering more about her remarkable personality, determination and the difference she made by helping others. In Maths, they have been developing our measuring skills by comparing and measuring different lengths and heights using centimetres and metres. The children have worked hard throughout the week and should be very proud of their positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning in such hot weather. We hope everyone has a lovely weekend with the cooler weather!

This week Year 3 have revisited their time knowledge of quarter past, half past and quarter to and have begun telling the time to the closest 5 minute increment. In English, they have started out a new book 'The First Drawing' and used comparative phrases to point out differences in the characters. In Science, they have continued learning about rocks and the different types of weathering, using our knowledge to design a plaque for the school.

Year 4 coped brilliantly with the warm weather this week, showing resilience and a fantastic attitude throughout. In DT, the children built their own unique torches, even creating a working DIY switch. In Maths, they have been developing their division skills, including calculating remainders with increasing confidence. Meanwhile, in History, we explored how accurately Vikings are represented, discussing which portrayals are fact and which are fiction.

Year 5 have started reading The Odyssey in English; there have been opportunities to write persuasively as the Lotus-eaters, and also as Odysseus himself (sitting outside in the shade of the trees!). They also looked at hand span and how it relates to age, finding the Year 5 average hand span is 17.7cm. In Maths, they have been looking at units of measure, using their knowledge of fractions and decimals to support this. Well done for getting through a tough week in the heat!

Year 6 have continued to work hard on their enterprise preparations and were fantastic delivering their "Dragon's Den" style pitches and presentations to Mr Trohear on Friday afternoon. The class are in the thick of Shrek rehearsals now, the dance moves and comedy moments are really coming together. Well done to the whole class for powering through with the heat, you guys were role models to the younger children all week.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Summer Fayre tomorrow, hopefully the weather will be cooler.

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Have a great weekend, stay cool!

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