

MR MOTION'S MEMO

Despite the cold weather, the children have been full of energy and enthusiasm for the first full week of term and settled back in to class routines brilliantly.

Kindness is our school value this week. In assembly, we looked at how one act of kindness can lead to another, like a ripple effect, and how small considerations and concerns for other people can make a big difference. The children had so many thoughtful ideas as we explored this theme through stories and activities throughout the week. We'll have a new value every two weeks and celebrate 'values champions' in a special end of term breakfast.

Year 6 netballers set off on their first away fixture of the new year this afternoon. And next week it's our cricket team in action - they'll be going to Lord's for a coaching session and tour of the grounds.

We are keen to share children's creative pursuits and academic achievements with parents. Please see Dates for Diaries, below, for more information on Come and See Books, Parents Meetings and production dates this term.

Have a great weekend!



RECEPTION

What a wonderful first full week back we have had in Reception. We have all settled back beautifully and are having so much fun with our friends.

In literacy, we have been reading a book called 'The Magic Paintbrush' in which a girl named Shen is able to paint anything and have it come to life. We have discussed things that we could paint that would be kind and helpful for others. If you have a magic paintbrush, what would you paint?

Our alien friend Zog was so excited about this half-term's topic, 'Once Upon a Time', that he decided to stay and learn about it with us. We can't blame him! We are having a blast learning about different fairy tales and traditional tales and thinking about the morals that they can teach us. We are also really enjoying the castle in our role play area!

We hope you have an amazing weekend!
From, Reception!

Next week's Show & Tell: Darwin House (Imogen, Max, Ayan, Cameron)



YEAR 1

For our first full week back, Year 1 are showing their fantastic focusing skills as we move away from less continuous provision and more lesson-based learning at school. We are very impressed with how they are adapting to this transition!

In Literacy, we began a new story called "Cave Baby". We enjoyed having a go at cave painting with charcoal, and also hunted for adjectives in the text. We know that adjectives are describing words, and have thought carefully about selecting different adjectives to describe different characters. Can you use adjectives to describe things you see on the way home from school?

In Maths, we have been learning about place value within 20 ("tens and ones"). We are fantastic mathematicians and can identify tens and ones in numbers 10-20.

We talked about what belonging means in PSHE and the groups we belong to. We feel very proud to belong at Faraday school! We discussed different groups we belong to, such as families, places, and religions. Where do you belong?

Have a well-deserved rest, Year 1!

Next Week's Show & Tell: Hawking House (Valentina, Samantha, Mridvika, Emily)



YEAR 2

We are thrilled to highlight the remarkable achievements of Year Two classes Einstein and Lovelace during this week's activities. Our budding scholars captivated us with their splendid Christmas holiday projects, demonstrating a keen understanding of Earth-related topics.

In the realm of mathematics, the students enthusiastically delved into the study of shapes, acquainting themselves with various names and properties. This hands-on exploration has not only enriched their mathematical prowess but also fostered a love for learning.

English lessons took an exciting turn with the introduction of our new literary journey, The Minpins. Continuing their artistic exploration, students engaged in drawing landscapes inspired by the narrative, enhancing both their artistic and comprehension skills.

We look forward to continued growth and exploration in the upcoming term. Have a lovely weekend.



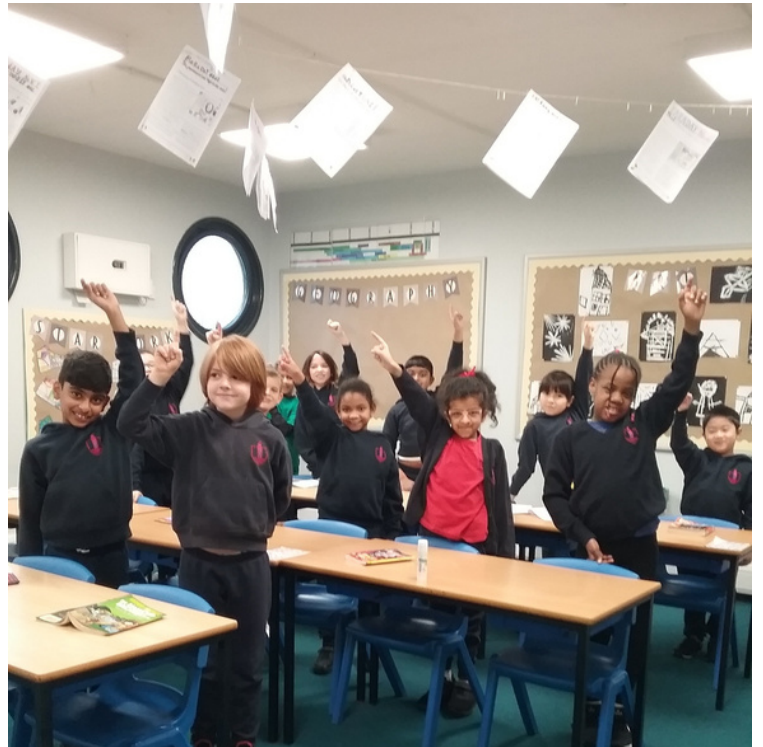
YEAR 3

And just like that we have completed our first full week back after the Christmas break! Expectations have been set and children are ready for a spring term loaded with experiments, creativity, investigations and critical thinking!

In Math we consolidated our learning on Addition & Subtraction of three digit numbers and immersed ourselves a little deeper into our Multiplication & Division facts, focusing on dividing by 3, 4, 8, writing the inverse multiplication sentence for each and even exploring the bus stop method and partitioning as a means to solving bigger equations.

In English, we made inferences about the past, about characters and used verbs and preposition to describe the city scene of Pompeii. The children were super proud to see their published newspaper reports from last on display in the classroom.

Lastly, one of our very own budding poets confidently stood in front of the whole school to recite a few of her poems which she had composed over the festive period. Well done Iliya! We are keep writing!



YEAR 4

We kicked off the week in Year 4 with a focus on Maths reflection, reinforcing formal division methods.

In English, our attention turned to a winter book and improving reading and comprehension strategies.

Excitement filled the air during DT as the children delved into creating their own tote bags, exploring fabrics and sketching designs.

PSHE discussions centered on diversity, tolerance and kindness.

It was a dynamic week, and Year 4 remained highly engaged in their learning.

Also, it is wonderful to see that some children were eager to share their presentation for the JLT selection. Encouraging their enthusiasm and efforts in showcasing their skills is a positive step towards fostering teamwork and leadership.

Have a fabulous weekend.

P.S. Kindly ensure consistent completion of homework by the children. Also, ensure that the children come to school wearing the appropriate school uniform, maintaining a neat and clean appearance.



YEAR 5

Year 5 had a positive, full first week back at school.

In English, the children are thrilled to read 'The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries.' They have made useful inferences, written a diary entry as Lizzie, and discussed how the emotions change during a certain event in each chapter.

In Maths, the children continued tackling word problems. They worked in pairs to identify key words in a question and are becoming more independent in their reasoning skills.

In Geography, we are exploring the physical features of Asia. The children used atlases to identify which countries are in Asia as well as the different landscapes, seas and oceans.

In R.E. we explored Judaism, including Jewish holidays and traditions such as Hannukah. The children wrote a diary entry explaining what happens during Shabbat.

In D.T. we evaluated at the different type of bridges in the world. Children could use subject specific vocabulary, such as: advantages, disadvantages, strength, support, durability and cost.

In Computing, the children planned Chatterpix character animations. They worked in pairs on the iPads to create their own questions and answers.

Spelling Test 19/01 - Rhyme to Sufficient.

Have a great weekend.



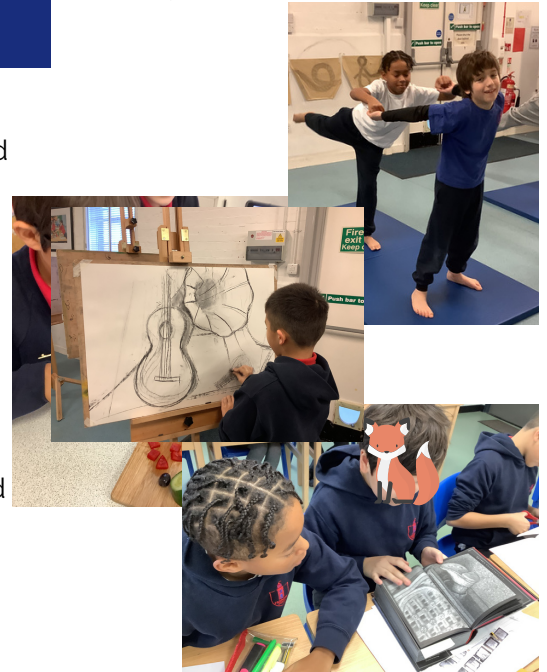
YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 looked at the first few chapters of The Invention of Hugo Cabret, crafted emotive diary entries and brought scenes to life through journalistic report writing.

The pages of literature turned to politics in our reading sessions, sparking insightful discussions on the delicate balance between authority and power.

In mathematics, children looked at measurements, comparing the nuances of imperial and metric units and converting between them. Meanwhile, the excitement in Design and Technology soared as our young architects eagerly set to work, envisioning a dynamic playground and even making a start on a company logo.

Wishing you all a happy weekend.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our stars of the week!

This week, we celebrate...

Stars of the Week

Caoimhe (Reception) Eriife (Y1) Etienne Einstein), Wolf (Lovelace), Drushaan (Y3), Banner (Y5), Cornell (Y6)

French Awards:

Ayan, Mridvika, Bhavya, Henry, Sophia, Henry, Isabelle, Jack

PE Awards:

Caoimhe, Roshan, Chi Chi



DATES FOR DIARIES

Website link to Parent Google Calendar: <https://www.faradayschool.co.uk/life-at-faraday/calendar/>

JANUARY	
Thursday 18th January	Lords Cricket Visit -(Selected KS2 children are invited to attend).
Tuesday 23rd January	Culture Day
Wednesday 24th January	Year 5 Netball Fixture vs Gatehouse School
Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th January	Come & See Books - Reception, Year 1 & 2
Monday 29th January	Year 4-6 LIFE Exhibition Visit (Morning)
Tuesday 30th January	Come & See Books - (R, Y 1 & 2); 8.15-8.40. We ask parents to arrive between 8.15-8.30
Wednesday 31st January	Come & See Books - (Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6) We ask parents to arrive between 8.15-8.30.
Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd February:	Year 5&6 Basketball Fixture
	Come & See Books - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
FEBRUARY	
Friday 2nd February	NSPCC Number Day
Monday 5th - Friday 11th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 7th February	Faraday Stroll: 8:30am
Thursday 8th February	Values Award Breakfast with Mr Motion (Selected children are invited to attend)
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th February	Year 4-6 Canary Wharf Ice Skating Session Year 2 - National Maritime Museum Visit
February Half Term - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February (Inclusive)	
Wednesday 28th February	Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football
Monday 26th February - Friday 1st March	Empathy Week
MARCH	
Monday 4th March	Reception class visit - Buckingham Palace
Wednesday 6th March	Year 5 & 6 Boys' Football
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
11 - 22nd March	Big Walk Big Wheel Competition
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day Year 2 Performance - Where the Wild Things Are - 2:30pm. Parents are invited to attend.
Week beginning Monday 18th March	Parent Teacher Meetings - booking information will be sent by email.
Tuesday 19th March	Barnado's Guest Speaker - Year 6 class
Wednesday 20th March	Faraday Stroll: 8:30am
Friday 22nd March	Year 3 & 4 Drama Showcase - 2:30pm. Parents are invited to attend.

New dates added regularly.
Please check Dates for Diaries weekly!