

## MR MOTION'S MEMO

We've been making the most of the glorious sunshine this week, with lots of learning taking place outside on the rooftops and in the playground. Conveniently, some of our topic learning has been all about the weather, with Reception and Year 1 thinking about different animal habitats and comparing climates.

Many of us venture further afield next week: year 3 are off on their textiles trip to Ridley Road market and Year 6 depart for their residential on the Isle of Wight on Monday. We are so looking forward to hearing more about their adventures when they return to school.

We'll have Bikeability workshops for Year 4 & 5 next week - bicycles and helmets needed in school please. These are the first of a string of sustainable travel activities, followed by Walk to School Week and Year 2 scooter safety workshops the week after.

Have a great weekend!



## RECEPTION

Summer has finally arrived and we have been taking advantage of that in Reception. We have been using our outside spaces as much as we can and even had our French lesson on one of our rooftop playgrounds!

We have been learning about polar regions this week. It has been lots of fun to learn about all of the different animals that live in the Arctic and the Antarctic. Did you know that a polar bears fur is actually see through, not white?

Our literacy book this week is 'The Night Pirates'. We have only read the beginning of the book, but we cannot wait to find out what happens when we continue next week. We learned about questions and had a go at writing our own questions that we would like to ask a pirate, using question marks at the end.

We hope you all have a wonderful long weekend!  
From Reception

**Next Week's Show & Tell: Anning House (Noa, Rafi, Ayansh)**



## YEAR 1

In Maths, we have started learning about halves. We can half shapes and quantities. We know that even quantities can be halved equally, but odd numbers are a bit trickier... the remaining whole has to be halved again!

In English, we began reading our new text 'The Yeti and the Bird'. The yeti is lonely, and we thought about important friendship rules we could share with the yeti. We also compared different locations - Barbados and the Himalayas - using the conjunction 'but'

In PSHE, we learned about the importance of asking permission in our relationships. We practiced asking permission with our friends and understand the importance of listening to 'No'.

In Art, we applied our knowledge of colour mixing and brushstroke techniques to recreate Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'. We are very impressed with the outcomes!

Enjoy the lovely weather, Year 1!

**Friday Spellings: Sheet 6**  
**Next Show & Tell: Anning House (Yeni, Mark, Xavier)**



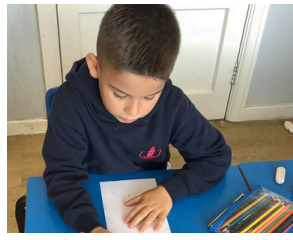


## YEAR 2

This wonderfully sunny week began with a delightful bank holiday Monday, allowing our students to enjoy a well-deserved break and return to school rejuvenated. In our exploration of history, we delved into the lives of Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks, inspiring our students with their courageous contributions to civil rights. In mathematics, our young mathematicians continued their journey through fractions and grouping, strengthening their mathematical foundations with each lesson. Creativity flourished as we researched and designed stained glass windows, unleashing our students' artistic talents and imaginations.

Lastly, we emphasized the importance of sleep and its impact on overall well-being, empowering our students to prioritize self-care for a healthier lifestyle.

Additionally, in RE, we explored the institution of marriage through the lens of Christian tradition. Recognising that for Christians, this rite of passage is significant to both God and the church. We enjoyed a lovely sunny weekend.



## YEAR 3

This week Year 3 have strived to focus their attention while learning new skills.

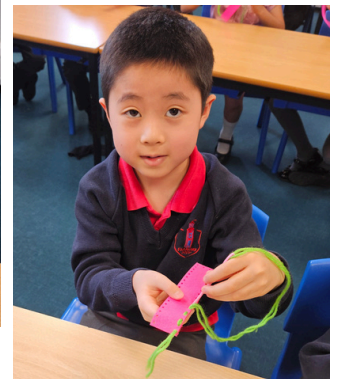
In English Year 3 were busy writing postcards to retell the events of their mysterious discovery as they put themselves in the shoes of the nameless main character of our book 'Flotsam'. They focused on using a range of time adverbials and put their descriptive writing skills to test as they brought the scenes to life!

In Math we compared, added and subtracted mass and capacity which concluded our learning on this topic. We also launched back into the wonderful world of fractions.

In DT Year 3 were excited and eager to lend their hand at some sewing. They practised skills like, threading a needle, tying a knot and also had a good go at perfecting their blanket stitch and running stitch. They were absolutely delighted with themselves.

In PHSE we discussed the differences between negative thoughts and feelings and how our thoughts directly influence how we feel. We shared some useful ways in which we can stop negative thoughts from bombarding our minds and were challenged to change some negative thoughts into positive ones.

Have a great weekend!



## YEAR 4

After the incredibly successful residential trip, the children transitioned smoothly back into school. Our week started with engaging English lessons inspired by the book "Weslandia," sparking the children's imaginations as they crafted their civilizations. Their creativity shone through brilliantly.

In Maths, we learnt about decimals, tackling the challenge of forming wholes with tenths and hundredths, as well as mastering the partitioning of decimals. While initially daunting, the children persevered through practice and emerged more confident. Homework assignments mirrored this topic, ensuring reinforcement of newly acquired skills.

Meanwhile, in Design and Technology, Year 4 embarked on constructing their cars, with a focus on the intricate chassis. Though some found this aspect tricky, we will have to wrap it up next week, ensuring every student grasps the concept. In Computing, the exploration of Tinkercad led to the creation of personalized 3D toys, showcasing the children's technological skills. And, as always, Year 4 enjoyed their specialized lessons, this week immersing themselves in French through an engaging online quiz.

Overall, it's been a truly fantastic week of learning and discovery.





## YEAR 5



The sunshine kept spirits high in Year 5. In English, we solidified reading comprehension skills by understanding the meanings of tricky words in the context of a sentence. In addition, children researched the class system on board the Titanic and prepared a report using various literary features.

In maths, the children emerged with confidence and tackled various word problem questions in groups; some children even reached the more advanced questions!

In science, we compared reproduction cycles in mammals and plants and designed informative posters to compare living organisms. In computing, year 5 finally finished filming their projects. They used the EyeJack app to add elements of VR to add images or overlays of text. In R.E. we covered stories of the New Testament and how Jesus spread his message to his followers through parables, thinking about the valuable life lessons that Christians may apply in their lives.

The children are looking forward to Bikeability workshops next week.

### Spelling test - 17/05: Column 3

I hope you have a good time enjoying the weather over the weekend.

## YEAR 6

The sunny weather allowed us some outdoor sporting fun this week but, in class, the work goes on...

In RE, Year 6 learned about the significance of langar and the impact it has on the community. Year 6 used their knowledge to prepare a presentation to educate their peers on langar and some went on to write a persuasive letter to the local council advocating for more community centres to support this charitable event.

In D.T., we focused on design over technology, creating designs for denim jackets. We drew inspiration from the latest fashion trends and the possibilities offered by use of colourful patterns. Meanwhile, in mathematics, we looked at statistics and practiced analysing data and creating pie charts.

We explored the impacts of global warming in geography, focusing on topics such as droughts and rising sea levels. This crossed over neatly with science, where we considered plant variations with particular emphasis on adaptation to desert habitats.

Happy weekend everyone.



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Noa (R), Frederick (Y1), Lexi (Lovelace), Sophia (Einstein), River (Y3), all of Y4, Benjamin (Y5) Alex (Y6).

### French Awards

Imogen, Frederick, Lexi, Noyonika, Theia, Arthur

### PE Awards

Sara, Oscar, Cornell



## Scholastic Summer Book Fair

Faraday's Summer Scholastic Book Fair closed this week after three very busy days of sales.

The Fair has raised an amazing £427 in scholastic rewards, which will be used for books for the school library.

Thank you to all parents who purchased vouchers, visited in person and helped run the fair during the event. The Book Fair returns in November.



Next week pupils in Year 4 and 5 will be taking part in Bikeability workshops.

Please remember to bring your child's bicycle and cycle helmet to school to take part.



### MAY

**Year 4 & 5 Bikeability Workshops**  
Week beginning Monday 13th May

**Walk to School Week**  
Monday 20th - Friday 24th May

**Year 2 Scooter Workshop** - Thursday 23rd May

## HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

# MAY HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

Don't miss it!

🕒 9AM - 3PM  
📅 27th May - 31st May  
📍 Raines Foundation Upper School  
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@VickyParkRangers  
@EastEndLionsFC

**Taner - 07588515014**  
Tom - 07818509455

Use the link below to sign up for Mrs Baycanli's half term football camp.  
<https://www.vickyparkrangersfc.com/holiday-camps/>



### JUNE

**Bling Your Bike!**  
Summer Theme

Friday 28th June



### JULY

**Faraday Stroll**  
Friday 3rd July

## DATES FOR DIARIES

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

MAY	
Week beginning Monday 13th May	Year 6 Residential Year 4 & 5 Bikeability Workshops Year 4 & 5 pupils are asked to bring their bicycle and helmet into school to take part.
Wednesday 15th May	Year 3 - Ridley Road Market Visit
Week beginning Monday 20th May	Walk to School Week
Monday 20th May	Reception Class - London Zoo Visit
Thursday 23rd May	Yr 4, 5 & 6 Institut Franas Visit Year 2 Scooter Workshop - Year 2 Pupils are asked to bring their scooter and helmet into school to take part. Year 2 & 3 - Tower Hamlets Pre-Academy 5-a-side football tournament (Selected Year 2 & 3 pupils are invited to attend)
Friday 24th May	School closes for half term at the usual time. Clubs and after school care are open as normal.
Half Term: Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May (inclusive)	
JUNE	
Tuesday 4th - Friday 7th June	Year 5 Residential
Wednesday 12th June	Year 5 Cricket Fixture against Gatehouse at Mile End (Selected children will be invited to attend.)
Thursday 13th June	(FoF) Reception & Year 1 Disco: 4:15 - 5:30pm.
Wednesday 19th June	Year 6 Cricket Fixture against Gatehouse at Mile End (Selected children will be invited to attend.)
Thursday 20th June	(FoF) Year 2 - 6 Disco: 4:45pm - 6pm finish.
Wednesday 26th June	Class Portraits (morning) Year 6 children reading at Wood Wharf Nursery (afternoon)
Sunday 30th June	Summer Fair