

Wells-next-the-Sea Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter

14th September 2016

Summer Learning Challenge

To celebrate the Summer Reading Challenge well done to Amber, Amelia, Ruben, Marleigh, Ivy, Alfie, Gabriella, Jack, Chloe, Lilly and Emma for completing the Summer Reading Challenge. Keep up the superb passion for reading.



Homework - Learning logs

At Wells Primary and Nursery School we are really proud of our homework and the children thoroughly enjoy completing their Learning Logs. They are a unique personalised learning resource for children. In the learning Logs, the children record their responses to learning challenges set by their teachers. Each log is a unique record of the child's thinking and learning. Each class are given one or two learning log challenges or questions each week which are given out on a Friday. This is additional to spellings and reading that also need to be completed at home. We really appreciate parents support and encouragement with your child's learning log and we look forward to seeing what the children have done each week.

Why use learning logs?

"This model for using learning logs is unique in the fact that all the logs are individualised in the sense that each child is given the freedom to express their understanding in any way they like. Children are able to show that they reached their learning objective in lots of different ways. They may choose to do a piece of writing or draw a picture to show their understanding. They may choose to do some further research around a topic and include this in their log or they may even take a picture of their own and include this. Giving children this freedom allows them to think creatively and also promotes independent learning in an accelerated way. This level of freedom acts as a great motivator for children

and they begin to collaborate with their peers to share ideas and understanding. This style of learning log is flexible, exciting and personalised which will support children, teachers and parents alike." Quote from; learning logs online sharing good practice with personalised learning.

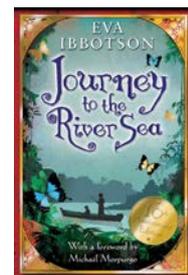


If you would like to know more about learning logs or get some ideas of what your child might do in their learning log then visit the website: <http://www.learninglogs.co.uk>

Year 6

We have had a really positive start to the new year in Year 6. The children have been particularly enjoying our 'Week of Inspirational Maths' – in fact some chose to stay in and carry on with their investigations rather than going out to break on Tuesday! They have been learning about how everyone is a mathematician and that it's good to struggle and, sometimes, make mistakes. Please encourage them to talk about this at home.

Our topic this term is 'Why has Brazil been in the news?' The children have come up with lots of interesting questions to research. We are reading 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson as our class novel as it is set in the Amazon rainforest.



Year 5

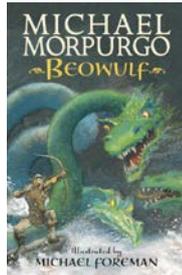
Year 5 have become Mathematical Youcubians from Stanford university. We have been learning what a broad and exciting subject Mathematics is. You can join for free at www.youcubed.org to discover more.

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For English we have explored when to use a semi-colon and started our book 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. Perhaps you can ask your son or daughter what happens in a mead-hall?



Our topic work has been to explore whether or not the Anglo-Saxons are really smashing. We have thought about how to start an historical investigation and where the Anglo-Saxons came from.

Year 4

Life in Year 4 has been extremely busy. We are trying to be more independent in class and we are working hard to gain our pen licence. Well done to Emma, Ivy and Millie for being the first in our class to achieve this. This term our topic is water. We will be discovering why water is so important to our bodies and how areas of water around the world are used.

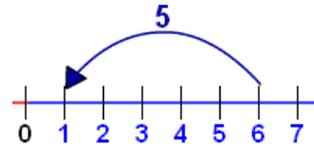


Year 3

The children have enjoyed their first week back at school. Year 3 have started their new topic, all about rocks and fossils. They have explored different types of rocks and have worked together to categorise them based on their appearance. The children have also been looking at place value in Maths and have been ordering and comparing different numbers up to 3 digits. In English this week, they have been looking at the story of The Tin Forest by Helen Ward.

Year 2

The children have settled in nicely to their new class. We have been looking at our local area and the children have started to draw sketch maps of the school and its surroundings. We have been writing about this as well, after lots of discussion about all the things you can do and see in Wells. In Maths we have been working on marking numbers up to 100 on number lines and practising counting up to 100 in jumps of five. We have been rehearsing a lovely song for the Harvest Festival celebration next Tuesday, 20th September and hope to see you there.



Year 1

We are settling in to our new class really well. We have been looking at our favourite Super Hero and what makes them special. The children wrote down who they would be if they were a Super Hero and what powers they would have. We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival performance in the church.



Nursery

This term our topic is How do we get about? We have been talking about the different ways we get to school. Most of the children in our class walk here. Here the Nursery School children are counting the number of passengers in the train.

