



MILTON COURT NEWS

We are Safe. We are Loved. We are Learning. We are Proud.

Our Habit for Term 4: 'Begin with the end in mind' **Monday 27th February 2017**

WORLD BOOK DAY THIS THURSDAY & THE BIG BEDTIME BOOK CLUB LAUNCH

DIARY DATES:

Thursday 2nd March

World Book day

Thursday 9th March

Year 5 and 6 Kent Life visit

Monday 13th March

Parent shared lessons week

Saturday 18th March

PTFA Boot Fair

Friday 24th March

Red Nose Day

EYFS and Ks1 Easter Tea Party and Ks2 Disco

Monday 27th March

NSPCC Parents online safety workshop

Parents evening

Tuesday 28th March

Year 3 and 4 Natural History Museum visit

Parents evening

PICK UP A SPRING BARGAIN! PTFA BOOT FAIR Saturday 18th March 8-1pm Hot food and drinks available.

Just done your Spring clean? Fancy selling a few unwanted items? £5 a pitch and £2 per table

Special books are arriving at Milton Court this week!

Take it home and tell us something about yourselves.

Make sure you are in school to be a part of it...

You've got to be in to win!

Stars of the week!

6	Conner-Kaine C- For resilience, working really hard in both SPAG, SATS test this week. Dominica B- For working really hard in her SATS practice test all week.
5	Keira B- Superb amounts of positivity, great attitude to friendships and lots of fab work. Keira S- Superb amounts of positivity, great attitude to friendships and lots of fab work.
4	Angelina L- Brilliant descriptive language when writing about an erupting Volcano. Alfie Gleeson- Fantastic control of the ball during PE.
3	Nicolai K-G- Excellent recount writing about Volcano's. Alfie S- Amazing effort in recount writing about Volcano trip.
2	Crystal S- Working very hard in all lessons this week. Chelsea M- Working very hard in all lessons this week.
1	Oliver G- For trying really hard in writing. Kalen H- For trying really hard in writing.
R	Angel J- Forming some fantastic sentences during phonics. Zak S- His positive attitude towards learning.



BE A HERO READ!

GUIDED READING AT MILTON COURT

Context

When or where was this text written?

Does this sound like a story from history or now?

NEW ATTENDANCE REWARDS!

We are really excited to announce we will be giving out the following extra attendance rewards this term;

- Weekly 98% or above 'Flash Play' and Sports activities.
- Monthly 100% Disco party.

Make sure you're 'in' to win!

Class winners this week;
Year 4—98% An excellent start to Term 4—Well done !

News from around the school...

This term our topic is 'Do cows drink milk?' and last week we looked at the traditional tale of 'The little red hen'. We discovered that her friends were very lazy and wouldn't help the little red hen make bread. We also planted some seeds and we are looking forward to seeing what happens to them in the coming weeks. This week we are looking at the book 'Farmyard Hullabaloo'. We are looking at all the different animals on the farm and finding out a little bit about them. We are also planning on making bread like the little red hen did last week. Finally, our mud for the mud kitchen has arrived so please ensure that your child is wearing practical clothes for Nursery. We do spend a lot of time outside learning and we do have a range of waterproof trousers and tops to cover up with. However, we can still get a bit messy so consider clothes and footwear carefully! If you have any queries or questions, don't forget that we are always available at the beginning and end of sessions to speak to.

Acorn Class have got the term off to a good start with the classic tale of Jack and the Beanstalk. We have been thinking all about things that grow, which has got us really excited about Spring being on its way! The children were interested in how we could grow our own beanstalks, so we have made a little science experiment by putting a bean seed, cotton wool and a little water inside sandwich bags and sticking them to the classroom window. We kept the planting theme going by planting a 'herb in a pot' per key group, so now we just have to wait and see who's is ready for sampling first! This week we are looking at the book 'Farmyard Hullabaloo'. We are looking at all the different animals on the farm and finding out a little bit about them. We are also planning on making bread like the little red hen did last week. Finally, our mud for the mud kitchen has arrived so please ensure that your child is wearing practical clothes for Nursery. We do spend a lot of time outside learning and we do have a range of waterproof trousers and tops to cover up with. However, we can still get a bit messy so consider clothes and footwear carefully! If you have any queries or questions, don't forget that we are always available at the beginning and end of sessions to speak to.

This week in Year 1 we have been finding out about our new topic 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. We brainstormed what this could be about, what we could be learning and what we would like to learn during this topic. We began this week meeting Billy our school dog! We thought about what animals could be pets and would animals would not make good pets, we researched pets and how to care for them, we then wrote instructions and made a poster to show what we have found out. In Maths we have been learning about time. The children were great at reading and writing o'clock times so swiftly moved on to learning half past, quarter past and quarter to. The children could discuss the times of the day, draw the times and order times. A great start to a new term!

Year 2 have had a fantastic first week back learning all about paws, claws and whiskers! In literacy, all pupils researched information about lions and seals. They then wrote their own fact files about the animals. In science, pupils enjoyed matching animals to their offspring. In Art, the class carefully drew animals focusing on a drawing lines and sketching! Year 2 are looking forward to writing their own fable this week and in Maths will be solving addition and subtraction problems.

This week in Year 3 we will be continuing with our new topic Tremors, thinking about where in the world earthquakes happen and when they occur. In maths we will continue to look at multiplication and improve our skills in division. We will be looking at the 3, 4 and 8 times tables to support our learning. In literacy we are going to use poetry to create a 'wordscape' with description based on volcanoes. Over the week we will investigate the book Victor the Volcano to develop our own poetry writing. World book day will be on Thursday and I am looking forward to finding out about your favourite books and the interesting costumes you will be wearing to school. PE continues to be on a Tuesday and Friday so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week.

The children have been really excited to start their new topic - Tremors. We started by learning about what a volcano is and what the different parts are. We then looked at how they are formed. During our literacy lessons we read the book "Escape From Pompeii". We used our descriptive skills to describe Mount Vesuvius as it erupted. We then felt carefully about how we might have felt during each stage of the eruption. We finished the week by putting all these skills together and writing our own version of Escape From Pompeii. In our maths lessons we have been reading and writing times on analogue clocks. We then looked at converting different units of time. Our final challenge was to work out how old we were in days, weeks or months.

Year 5 have had an outstanding week. They have created the most beautiful display of biographies. When you come in for our Express Event, be sure to check it out! They have sketched partners, and written a biography about them. They are fab. In Maths we have been dividing and interpreting data from charts and tables. The children have enjoyed this, but found it challenging at times. When you are out and about be sure to share bus time tables/ train timetables etc to really root the children learning into the real world. Ask questions to... How long does it take to get from Chalkwell road to Borden Lane? Etc. In Topic work the children have learnt all about Queen Victoria's life. They have also spent time researching Victorian crime and Punishment. Some of the things we learnt were quite a shock! This week we have completed our 100 acts of kindness. Year 5 are a VERY kind bunch! So we had an extra playtime! Look out for our ATTENDANCE HOME BOOK - coming out this week, to the children whose attendance is great! Share your fantastic weekends with us! This week we will be; Writing historical narratives - Literacy Dividing and learning about equivalent fractions - Numeracy Enjoying Victorian music, and learning about the Industrial revolution - Topic "Beginning with the End in mind" - Planning our futures - PSHE—Can't wait! Mrs Whitnell Mrs Holland

I hope you had a great week. We have got really stuck into our new topic of Revolution, about the Victorians. We have done so much research and written a biography of our favourite Victorian. This week, in literacy we shall be looking at different types of Victorian housing and looking at the contrast between wealthy and poor families, as well as those that maids or butlers etc. We shall then design our own character, who will feed into our a narrative story. In SPAG, our focus will be conjunctions and the active and passive voice. Our numeracy lessons will be continuing to look at percentages, where we shall look at owning our own imaginary shop, and selling different items with percentages knocked off. We shall then combine fractions, decimals and percentages, looking at their relations to one another. In arithmetic we will be re-capping squared and cubed numbers. Our topic lessons will be revolved around drawing and labelling a wealthy Victorian home. We shall also be looking at what the Industrial Revolution meant. As well as that, we will be focussing on some map skills, identifying different places in the UK that were affected by the revolution. Can I remind you that your children should always have a PE kit in during the school week. Have a great week. Mrs Hall. :)