

# CVPS NEWS

May 2021



Well, what a half term! I cannot believe how much has been fit in to such a short space of time. From outdoor learning, to Keeping Safe week, to ducklings and butterflies, to the return of extra-curricular activities, the school has been buzzing with energy again. I think it is safe to say that both children and adults alike, are ready for a well-earned half term rest. Next half term will hopefully see some of our normal summer events returning, though these are likely to be in a slightly altered way than in previous years. We would like to thank you for your continued support, especially as times continue to be challenging for many. Wishing you a relaxing break and looking forward to welcoming the children back to school after half term.

Clare Rackham

## B Badge Awards

Congratulations to our May B Badge Award winners. These children have demonstrated one or more of our Chipstead Valley Values (resilience, communication, respect, enquiry, thoughtfulness, cooperation, morality and adaptability).

Class	04.05.21.		10.05.21.		17.05.21.		24.05.21.	
Rabbits	Milly	Oscar	Devanshi	Arabella	Noah	Jessica	Emilio	Rosie
Hedgehogs	Chloe	Vincente	Daniel	Mariam	Knox Dennis	Zoha	Jake	Jocelyn
Squirrels	Jenson	Chloe	Lily	Ryley	Sophie	Aleeza	Sam	Heidi
Treehouse	Hashim						Samuel	
1D	Tevan	Patricia-Annabel	Kenan	Samantha	Oliver	Darcie	Cole	Isla
1H	Oliver	Finley	Zenon	Quincey	Tanvi	Maryum	Jenson	Anya
1S	Chloe	Finley	Winnie	Kayen	Oliver	Willow	Jacob	Arianna
2F	Emily	Lottie	Oliver	Daniel	Lauren	Dessie	Aeryn	Katherine
2K	Carson	Heidi	Elsie	Ilakkiyan	Adam D	Adam T	Leyth	Maimie
2R	Archie S	Truly	Caitlyn	Joshua	Max	George	Oliver	Amelia
3B	Isla	Nikol	Eliza	Kye	Noah	Cinar	Isabella	Daijon
3C	Ophra	Caitlin	Shaye	Serena	Delila	Emily	Harry	Shahina
3G	Teegan	Finlay	Oliver	Victoria	Madison	Caleb	Ellie	Tommy
4W	Raya	Robyn	Yasmin	Bobby	Mia- Amelia	Evie	Ewan	Maya
4H	Miley	Eliza	Tyler	Alexis	Oviya	Neve	Isabella	Dharmik
4S	Lottie	Liam	Jack	Iris	Rory	Rosie- Mae	Emilio	TJ
5P	Sam	Chloe	Layla	Joanne	William	James	Andrew	Kaitlyn
5W	Recarla	Imogen	Affan	Charlie	Ivana	Anais	Lottie	Asa
5S	Mikka	Harrison	Abigail	Katelyn	Jake	Jude	Niamh	Emily
6J	Amber	Harrison	George	Yasmin	-	-	Tess	Amber
6S	Alex	Joshua	Molly	Gabby	Bailey	Alex	Louie	Erin
6M	Kain	Robyn	Annam	Londyn	Sophie	Nela	Darcy	Elsie

# Keeping Safe Week

During the week commencing 24th May, we hosted another 'Keeping Safe' week in partnership with the NSPCC. The week focused on three key topics: NSPCC PANTS, peer pressure and the role of the police. At CVPS, we were lucky enough to have our Schools Liaison Officer and Police Officers from Coulsdon Town come and join us!



The police officers hosted a virtual assembly where they spoke about the role of the police, their equipment and how they keep our local community safe.

Children in Year 5 and 6 took part in workshops with the officers, where they discussed stranger danger, peer pressure and stop and searches. In the afternoon, every class in the school went onto the field to visit the police car. The children loved seeing how the car works, listening to the sirens and watching the lights flash- it was a real highlight of the week!



## Clubs

It's been wonderful to see so many of our pupils participating in our after-school activities. Whether it's Lego, science, coding, art or sports, there is a club for a variety of interests. Thank you to our teachers for running these clubs, which are available to all pupils free of charge. Highlights this month include our Expressive Arts club for children in Reception and Treehouse class. The children have been learning songs and dances, which are broken down in to small steps. The children have been amazing and learned a routine to 'We Will Rock You' by Queen. In Year 4, children have thoroughly enjoyed running club! Here they have taken part in a number of different running activities, to enhance their running skills. Learning how to do a relay and use batons has been a highlight of theirs and they look forward to continuing to practice this after half term.





## Music

All the year groups have been singing on the outdoor stage and in the outdoor classroom this month, braving rain, wind and the cold; nonetheless, the children's enthusiasm for singing has shone through. Year 6 are now singing a collection of songs such as 'One and a Million', 'You Raise Me Up' and 'Happy'. Year 5 have been concentrating on Samba drumming this month (as most of Coulsdon have probably heard!). Year 4 are singing and learning all about the seven elements which make up music -

pitch, tempo, duration, dynamics, timbre, structure and texture. Year 3 have been singing some fun songs and showing me their coolest dance moves and KS1 have been fine-tuning their rhythm skills, clapping back patterns and reading and writing their own rhythms in amongst all the singing we've been doing together.

Each week Mr Vinten has been able to present an online 'Music Appreciation Assembly' to KS1 and KS2. During this time the children have been learning about how an orchestra works together, looking at film music and more recently listening and discussing the music and life of Bob Marley.



## Ducks!

At CVPS, we were fortunate enough to have some adorable ducklings, which was exciting for everyone. The children enjoyed learning all about the circle of life and even watching some of the ducklings hatch. During a virtual assembly, the children were given the opportunity to vote for their names. They came up with, 'Ducky McDuck Face, Daisy, Donald and Sir Quackerton.' All the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed watching and holding the ducks, throughout their time with us.

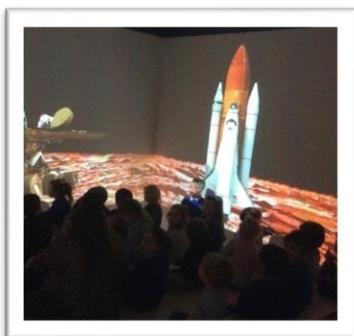


# EYFS Update

## Nursery

This month, Nursery started by looking at 'Being Healthy' - in both mind and body. We had the opportunity to share how we were feeling and we enjoyed a fruit and vegetable tasting activity. This led nicely into the topic 'People Who Help Us' with lots of imaginative play with a dentists, doctors and vets role-play area set up throughout the week. We also talked about the importance of oral health and had a go at a practical teeth cleaning activity, which was lots of fun.

Next we looked at 'Travel and Transport' and squeezed in another visit to the Digiverse to complete an earlier space mission. The children really loved this 3D sensory experience and talked about what they had observed during the Moon and Mars landing show.



We very much enjoyed a visit from the police for 'Keeping Safe' week and had a good look at a police car and the officer's equipment. This was very exciting, the children especially enjoyed listening to the siren and seeing the car's flashing lights! It inspired many of the children to say they wanted to become police officers when they grow up.



We have been observing the natural world with the caterpillar to butterfly life cycle project - watching the tiny caterpillars turn into beautiful butterflies was truly fascinating. Everyone also loved visiting the ducklings and it was fantastic to see the eggs hatch in their incubator. Then



the following week to visit the baby ducklings waddling around us in the hall was a very special moment.



Meanwhile, we have been working on large scale construction projects with a variety of shapes which have helped to develop team work and shared thinking skills. As you can see we have had a busy and productive month and the children are learning and growing so much each day.

After half term we will be looking at the topics 'Under the Sea' and then 'Pirates'. Have a wonderful half term.



## Reception

May has been an exciting month down in Reception. As part of our topic 'Amazing Changes', the children have been observing many changes to the animals, insects and plants that we have in school. We have planted beans and watched them grow tall. We have had the amazing experience of watching the ducklings hatch from their eggs and develop into fluffy creatures.

We have also observed our caterpillars develop their cocoons and eventually emerge as beautiful butterflies. We were sad to see the ducklings and butterflies go, but happy that they got to have fun in the outdoors now the weather has improved.



As part of our 'Keeping Safe Week', we were super excited to meet members of The Met police force, especially as they brought their car. We learned all about how they help people to stay safe.

We are all looking forward to a well-earned break over half term before we start to enjoy the outdoors more come rain or shine. We are hoping the children enjoy travelling to different countries and eras in our next topic 'Our Wonderful World'. Thank you for all of the support offered by our families and to our amazing children for all of their hard work.



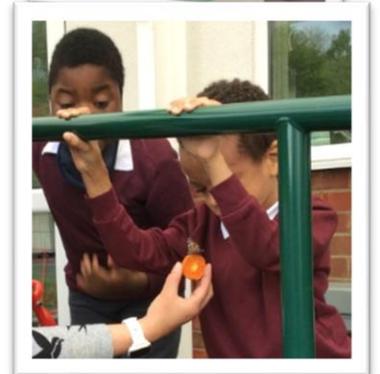
### Treehouse Lifecycles, mini beasts and a visit from the police!

This month in Treehouse, the children have been learning about butterflies, ducks and ladybirds!

We were very excited when the duck eggs arrived at school! We visited the ducklings when they first hatched and then got to see them on their last day in school – they had grown so much!

We have had caterpillars in our classroom. We were very lucky to watch one of them emerge from its cocoon and turn into a butterfly. We had four butterflies in total! We have been reading the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and had a great morning following the Cosmic Yoga video before we went outside to release the beautiful butterflies. We painted our own hungry caterpillars and learned that butterfly wings are the same on each side. We had a go at painting our own butterflies – they were so pretty!

We were very lucky to receive a visit from four police officers. We learned about the different equipment that police officers use and did some police role play in the classroom. We then became real detectives and took each other's fingerprints. We were surprised at how different they all were!



# Key Stage 1 Update

## Year 1

Wow, what a busy month May has been!

Throughout our topic of 'Growing together', we have been improving our planting skills. To understand the cycle of a plant we started with extracting seeds from fruits such as tomatoes and cucumbers and drying them out over a week in the warm growing room. We then worked with Mrs Rogers to plant trays filled with our dried tomato seeds. The children are responsible for watering the plants each day and are doing an excellent job of keeping the shoots hydrated!

We are also carrying out an experiment linked to the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. In the story Jack's mother throws the beans out of the window, we are investigating different scenarios of where the beans may have landed and whether they would have grown- had they not been magical!

We have been enjoying lots of creative and outdoor learning in our after-school clubs. The Arts and Crafts group are creating a beautiful new display with a rainbow created out of paints and different textiles. The finished product will include an inspirational quote and will be displayed in the school. The Outdoor Learning club have been dodging the rain to collect materials and start building our own bug hotel to attract more insects to our pond area. The children have also come up with some imaginative ideas for the name of the hotel, and we will choose a winner soon.

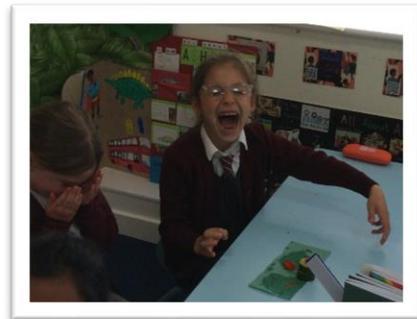
As part of our work on 'Jack and the Beanstalk', the children have enjoyed acting out parts of the book and creating actions to help them remember the story. The children enjoyed going outside to look for the different parts of the story that had been displayed around the field.

We were very fortunate to be the first year group to see the first of the ducklings – we visited only an hour after the first one had hatched! We visited again a week later to see four very lively ducklings, which were allowed to roam free in the hall with the children. Thankfully, none of the ducklings (or the children!) escaped from the hall.

## Year 2

The children have been working very hard this month and producing some fantastic work. Many of the children have been enjoying our internal clubs and also the visit we had from the ducks!

In English, we looked at the story of 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' by Anne Fine where we looked at the feeling of the different characters and we created our own pets to write our own story about them causing mischief. We then moved onto poetry where we looked at what an onomatopoeia is, looking at the poem 'Voices of Water' by



Tony Mitton. We went on a listening walk around the school to see what sounds we could notice before writing our own poems in the style of the poem 'The Sound Collector'.

In Maths, we started looking at position and direction where we learnt about giving clear instructions of forward, backwards, left and right. We did this practically outside to practice before having a go at questions in our books. We then went on to look at clockwise and anti-clockwise turns and used our knowledge of fractions to help with knowing how far we needed to turn. In the last week, we moved onto money where we re-capped the different coins and notes before practicing counting in pence and pounds. The children have really enjoyed using the resources in school to help them!

The children have really enjoyed the new topic of 'Land Ahoy' where we looked at the famous explorer Christopher Columbus. The children enjoyed using the chrome books to research facts about him and create a fact file based on his life. We looked at his different voyages he went on and located these on a map. As part of Wellbeing, we have been looking at how we can keep ourselves and others safe before looking at the impact that we have on the environment. As part of 'Keeping Safe Week,' we really enjoyed a range of activities, in particular the visit from the police!



## Key Stage 2 Update

### Year 3

As this half term draws to a close, the children have continued to work hard. By the end of this half term the children will have enjoyed a trip to Banstead Woods as part of their topic 'Where we live'. They have been very excited about it! Many children have joined clubs and their commitment is commendable.

In English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed our latest new book, 'Leon and the Place Between'. We have explored the idea of magic and have been transported to a world where all magical things have been taken. We experienced a trapeze act in the Digiverse and following on from that wrote a descriptive passage in the style of the book. Year 3, have also used the book as a stimulus to write a newspaper report and a story.



In maths, we completed fractions and have moved on to time. Year 3 have worked really hard to learn to tell the time to the nearest minute. We have also been outdoors to create clocks with natural resources. It would be really great if parents/carers could continue our work at home or when out and about.

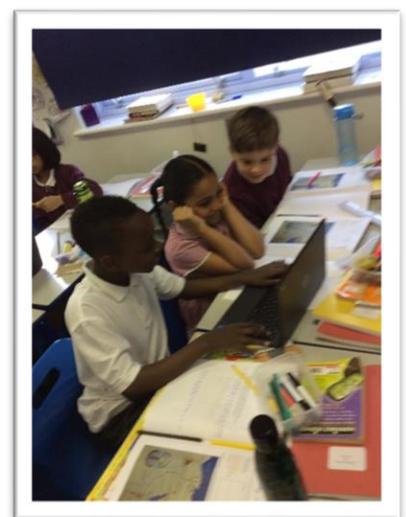
Over half term, the children in Year 3 have focused on our new topic, 'where we live'. We looked at creating time lines, looking back at how Coulsdon has changed from the time of Henry VIII to the present day. We have looked at local maps and created our own using chrome books. Did you know that there are a few famous people in our locality? The children wrote fact files of their favourite celebrity.

The children in Year 3 have continued to enjoy a variety of activities within the wider curriculum. In PE, all the children enthusiastically learnt and performed an African dance. In Spanish, Year 3 have learnt how to ask for different fruits and vegetables and enjoyed the story of 'The Hungry Giant'. This week has been all about keeping safe and we were lucky enough to be able to see a police car and talk to some police officers. Many of the children want to be police officers when they grow up!

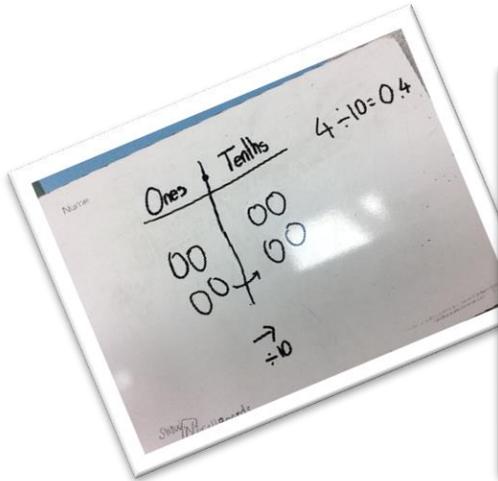


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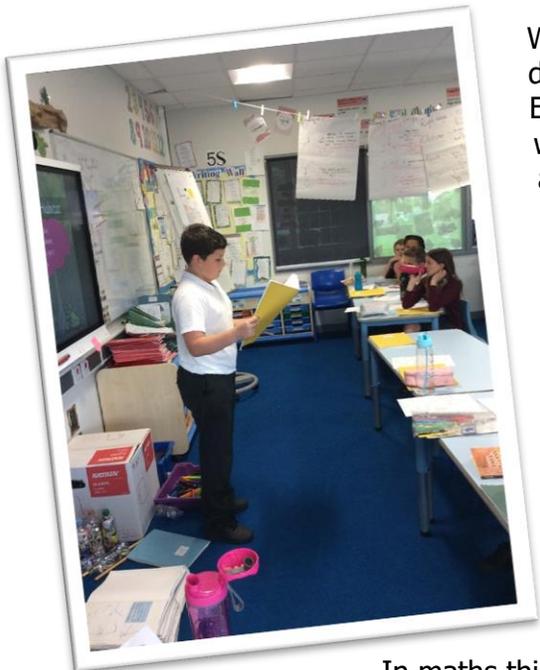
Throughout May, Year 4 have indulged in their Discovery topic - 'Walk like an Egyptian!' The children have enjoyed delving deeper into how the River Nile was used, the significance of Tutankhamun and the role of gods and goddesses, in Ancient Egyptian life. On numerous occasions, the children have been elated to use the chrome books to carry out research, on Egypt. Throughout their Geography and History lessons, they used the chrome books to create a detailed fact file on an Egyptian monument, of their choice. They continuously make us proud with the way that they sensibly cooperate with each other, to produce high quality work.



In English, the children enjoyed incorporating science into their writing. They completed an explanation text on the process of digestion. A topic which greatly fascinated them and provoked many curious questions. In maths, the children have been working tirelessly to develop a strong understanding of decimals and have been enjoying their new topic money. The children particularly enjoyed their introduction to money by playing the, 'Money Spider Game.' Despite the challenges, that maths can sometimes present, the children continue to amaze us by upholding a resilient and positive attitude towards their learning. For this we couldn't be any prouder of them.



## Year 5



We continued our Jungle Fever topic this term, taking a deep dive into deforestation. We learnt about the issues and created a variety of English pieces relating to it. We created poetry about deforestation and wrote and performed speeches addressed to the Brazilian government about the repercussions of deforestation. The digiverse allowed us to learn about deforestation in 3D, helping us understand the effects of chopping down the rainforest.

In Science, we looked at the water cycle. We then created our very own cycles by attaching water filled zip lock bags to the window and observing the water cycle in action over the following weeks.

In English, we have had a focus on persuasive writing. This has included many different devices, with a particular look into the use of modal verbs. Continuing the persuasion theme, we wrote letters to Croydon Council in response to the news about their desires to close down some libraries throughout the borough.

In maths this month, we have been looking at geometry. A strong focus has been on angles and the use of a protractor. We conducted an angle investigation outside in which we spotted patterns relating to angles of a cross.

In Global Scholars this month, we have started our action project. This involved making eco bricks and documenting our journey to sustainability. We were also very excited to meet our school ducks!

During 'Keeping Safe Week', we had a lovely visit from the police. They talked to us about the importance of keeping safe both online and out in the real world.



## Year 6



In maths this month, we have looked at ratio and conducted two maths investigations – Ratio Robbers and Food Chain ratios. In these investigations, we got to apply our knowledge and work out which robbers received the most from the heists as well as which robbers received the most jail time! In our investigation into the food chain, we worked out the impact certain factors had on an ecosystem. We have now moved onto properties of shapes and have so far learnt about calculating angles.

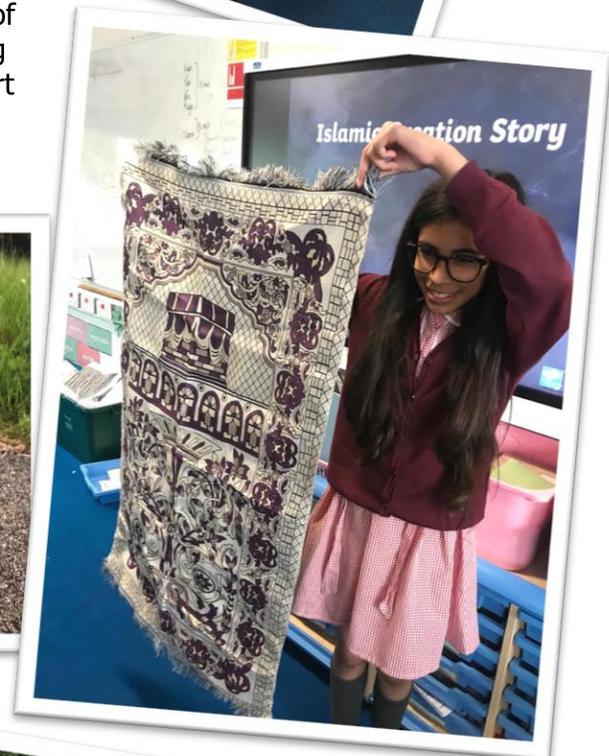


In English, we have used our Early Islamic Civilisation topic to fuel our writing. We have studied traditional Islamic tales to find common themes and structures, which we have then used to help us write an additional tale for 'One Thousand and One' Nights for Scheherazade to share with Caliph Shahryar.

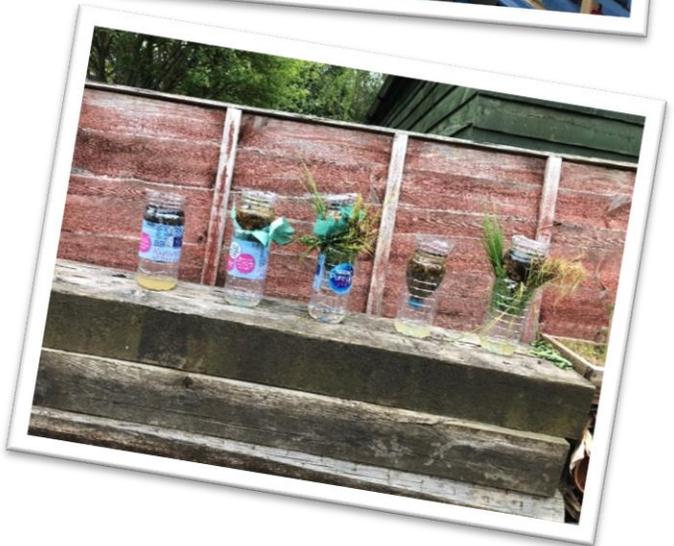
As Aladdin was one of the tales we studied, we have used the film to write a police report on the theft in the market and have then split the classes into two teams to argue Aladdin's guilt in a structured debate. We are now using bias to report on the discovery of Prince Ali as Aladdin.



In our Discovery lessons, we have been learning about the House of Wisdom and some of the ingenious devices that were created using the knowledge of this large library. We have also studied Islamic Art and have created our own geometric patterns.



This month saw the return of after school clubs with Year 6 taking part in 'Inspirational Art', Bushcraft and football. In 'Inspirational Art', we have been painting silver birch trees using layering techniques, masking tape and acrylic paint. In Bushcraft, we have created shelters and water filters.





## Global Learning

Year 5 have been working hard on their Global Scholars and Connecting Classrooms Through Global Learning projects, with a focus on reducing plastic waste. Year 5 children have worked on making ecobricks and documenting their campaign against plastic pollution by making a video to share in the Global Scholars e-classroom. Next half term, they hope to get more children across the school involved in the ecobrick workshops.



## Attendance

After a difficult year, it is more important than ever for your child to attend school to minimise, as far as possible, any longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, wellbeing and wider development. Every half term, your child will be sent home with their latest attendance data, for your information. A percentage will be provided so you can compare it to the chart provided on the letter. All children should be aiming for green each half term. Can we please remind you to ensure all appointments are arranged out of school time to minimise absences and if for any reason this is not possible, medical evidence is given to the school office.

A weekly attendance percentage for each class will be shared during our B Badge assembly and at the end of each term, the class with the highest attendance will be rewarded with the attendance trophy.

## Communication

We know different families have been through a range of difficult circumstances over the past few weeks. We are always here to help, so please do contact us if there is anything we can do to support you.  
[safeguarding@chipstead.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@chipstead.croydon.sch.uk)

### Website

Our website is regularly updated and we have recently added more content to our 'Remote Learning & Useful Links' section on the Parent Information tab.

### Twitter

As always, you can follow us on Twitter! @ChipsteadPri

We also have a new account for our Connecting Classrooms project with Nepal: @WasteUnited

## Upcoming Dates

Date	Event	Additional Information
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY – 31<sup>st</sup> MAY – 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE</b>		
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET – Staff Training	No children in school
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to School	All children back to school
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Intake September 2021 New Parent's Evening	Information has been sent via Scopay
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Intake September 2021 New Parent's Evening	Information has been sent via Scopay
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Safari Pete Workshop – Nursery, Reception and Year 1	Information to follow
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Bushcraft Experience	Information has been sent via Scopay
<p>We are currently looking at ways to facilitate sports days and leavers events, which might be accessible to parents, should COVID guidance ease. Due to this, please disregard previous dates given.</p> <p><b><i>We will send out finalised dates on <u>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.</u></i></b></p>		

## Mrs Rackham's Book Quote of the month:

"The moment you doubt whether you can fly, you cease forever to be able to do it."

- J.M Barrie

