

## Redwood Class Newsletter Term 2 (Week 3)

### What have we been doing in class?

#### English

In English reading lessons, we have been continuing to read and analyse 'Wonder' by R.J.Palacio and have been particularly discussing the impact of character's actions, linking to anti-bullying.

In writing lessons, we have written essays exploring questions linked to *Earth and Space*, and *The Ancient Egyptians*. We have recently been focusing on writing linked with anti-bullying, using the short film *For the Birds* as a stimulus.

Readiwriter progress is looking good! Year 5 are clearly out in front and have achieved a total of 54,025 points. Year 6 have achieved a total of 27,995 points.

#### Focus Topics

In the afternoons, we have just started a PSHE topic 'It's my body', mainly regarding the importance of looking after ourselves.

Before half term break, we studied the Ancient Egyptians, and how their life was different to ours today. Pupils enjoyed this (especially all the gross bits about mummification!) and made presentations using Powerpoint based on their favourite aspect.

Since half term, we have been 'Exploring Eastern Europe', comparing countries and locations in Eastern Europe to ours.



#### Maths

In maths, Year 5s have been working on their addition and subtraction, consolidating written methods; statistics, reading, drawing and interpreting charts and tables; and have now started to work on multiplication and division, beginning by revising multiples, factors, prime, square and cube numbers.

Year 6 have been working hard to grasp long division (any extra practice with this will definitely help). They have also revised multiples, common factors, prime, square and cube numbers. They have recently been focusing on mental methods – explaining processes and BIDMAS. Next up is fractions!

On Mathletics, Year 5s are in the lead too! Year 5s have currently achieved 111,960 points (over double their last total!) and year 6 have achieved 67,430 points.

#### November Numeracy Challenge

We've entered into Mathletics' *November Numeracy Challenge* next week (16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>). This is an international competition, which we love to participate in. It's great to see Chapmanslade's name against many schools across the globe. For the size of our school, we usually achieve a very respectable ranking. Please encourage lots of Mathletics next week to help us do even better!

#### Celebration

Congratulations to Tabitha and Daisy, who have been awarded a Music Blue Peter Badge.

Congratulations are also due to Toby for achieving a gold Mathletics since our last newsletter. He joins Nathaniel in the hall of fame!

*Please keep those out of school achievements coming in!*

#### Remote Learning during self-isolation

If a child has to self-isolate at home and is not in school (but is not unwell), they can still access learning remotely. If this is the case, please contact the admin office for your child's log in details for their remote learning. *Remember, pupils can continue to access content on Readwriter and Mathletics from home at any time too.*