

Dear Families,

It was fantastic to welcome so many families into school this week for parent consultations, our teachers greatly valued the opportunity to work in partnership with you.

Our year 6 children enjoyed their visit to the home of Stephen Thomas the artist they are studying this week. They were joined by friends from Thurlstone as they explored landscape art, asked insightful questions and were inspired to create their own works of art. We can't wait to share their finished pieces with you all.

Thank you all for your support and partnership this half term.

Best Wishes,

Miss Coombe

Some important information for after half term -

- PE for all classes every **Tuesday** (children may come to school in PE kit and stay in it all day)
- Today is the last day of this half term. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School photos (individual and family 8.30 onwards)
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Hazel & Chestnut Forest School

# West Alvington Academy Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

## Chestnut - Nursery

# Chestnut Nursery

Autumn term Newsletter  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023



### Wow Words!

We will introduce and explore new and exciting words with the children. Some we have been using...

Slice

Curl

Roll

Dear all,

The last week of term has seen us making collages from the leaf foraging we have been doing over the last few weeks. Inspired by one of our Fab Five books 'Leafman' they have done some wonderful artwork. We have joined in with Hazel Class for learning play, the children love to spend time with their older friends. We have also made some brightly coloured patterns with paper strips inspired by the upcoming Diwali celebrations, Festival of Light on 12th November. Have a great half term holiday and get ready for Bonfires and Christmas preparations!

Have a wonderful half term break.

Best Wishes from Miss Lees and Mrs Butterworth





### **Tapestry Tuesdays!**

*It would be wonderful if you could all upload a photo from your adventures over the weekend for our Tapestry Tuesday! It doesn't need to be something extra special; it could just be a walk in the woods or even snuggling up for a family movie night.*

*We can't wait to see!*

### **Star of the Week!**



**Sonny**

**For settling back into nursery life**



## Hazel Years R-2

*EYFS – Continuing on from last week, our theme has been all things, Autumn. We have explored a variety of autumnal loose parts and seasonal changes. The children have loved looking at our new seasonal story books on offer in our reading corner. Our fine motor focus has been weaving. In maths, we have been exploring numbers 1,2 and 3 through formation, representations, subitising and ordering.*

*KS1 – As scientists, we investigated how we can keep our bodies healthy by exploring food groups. We also identified and grouped omnivores, herbivores and carnivores. As historians, we used secondary sources to research what past toys might have looked like and made connections between old and new toys. As mathematicians, the children are really starting to master the concept of addition and subtraction by representing it in several forms for example part-part wholes, bar models and number sentences.*

*We had a teacher from one of our other Trust schools visit our maths lesson this week. It was wonderful to have her visit as she teaches in a class just like ours with R/1/2. She was amazed by the children's independence and ability to problem solve! We are looking forward to collaborating with her class in the future.*

### Home Learning

#### Half term - KS1 only

*You will be emailed with individualised links to phonics videos and your child will come home with corresponding practice sheets. I have set 5 so that they can do 1 each day. These are sounds that they found tricky on their latest assessment.*

*They will also come home with a book bag book and a quiz will be set as usual.*

#### Reading

*Your child will bring home their reading record along with their RWinc book bag book and library book. It is important that they read the book bag book with you at least three times a week. Library books are important for their reading comprehension. Please make a note of any comments in their reading record and we will follow them up in class.*

*RWinc book bag book, reading record and library book due in: Thursday*

*New books : Friday*

### Oxford Owl Quizzes

Each week your child will be set a quiz to complete which will correspond with what they have been learning at school! The full set of books have also been set for your child – the books allocated will be the colour of the group your child is in. These will be different to the book bag books they bring home. Please read these as and when.

*Quiz completed by: Thursday      New Quiz: Friday*

Login: School code: jels

It is free to access all the books, and there are also loads of different activities you could try at home too! If you misplace their individual login details, please catch either me or Miss Elliott and we can get these for you.

### Maths

Please explore Numbots and have a go at a few games – I wonder what your score will be!



### Reception children:

It would be wonderful if you could all upload a photo from your adventures over the half term for our Tapestry Tuesday! It doesn't need to be something extra special; it could just be a walk in the woods or even snuggling up for a family movie night.

I can't wait to see!

Please also find their home learning task on Tapestry.

#### **Star of the Week!**



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*All of Hazel Class*

*For settling back into school life so beautifully. We are so proud of all of you this half term!*



#### **Attendance**

*Our attendance target is 98%*

*Last week's attendance was 93.3%*

*Let's try and improve after half term*

## Oak Years 3-6

### *This week in Oak Class...*

*As geographers, the children studied a map of our local area, labelling the human and physical features they remembered from our field trip. They were then challenged to apply what they had learnt by discussing the geographical features in a series of photographs.*

*As scientists this week, the children were learning about food labels and how to use them to make informed choices when choosing food. We discovered that, when you're choosing between similar products, we should try to go for more greens and ambers, and fewer reds, if we want to make a healthier choice. We did get to eat the Jaffa cakes and popcorn as part of our research!*

### **Christmas Poster Competition: Win a Free Swim for Your Class!**

*(I have sent a letter home today with more details)*

### **Get into the Christmas Spirit and Dive into Fun with Our Christmas Poster Contest!**

*Are you ready to make a splash this Christmas? We're excited to announce our Christmas Poster Competition, where you and your classmates have the chance to win a fantastic prize – a FREE CLASS SWIM for your entire class!*

*Submission Deadline: Submit your posters by November 3rd 2023 Late entries will not be accepted.*

*Prize: The winning poster will earn a FREE SWIM for the entire class!*

### **Home Learning**

*Home learning consists of reading, spellings, Maths and curriculum themed projects.*

#### Reading

*Reading is key to everything your child will do in school. At West Alvington, we want our children to be confident readers with a love of books. Your support with reading is essential. Children are expected to read at least four times a week with a parent. Please record the name of the book your child has read and the pages they have read.*

#### Home Learning

##### History

*Explore what life was like for people in Britain in World War Two. This week focuses on how propaganda was used in World War Two and the Blitz.*

*When following links online, parents should monitor that children are remaining on that page only and are keeping safe online.*

*Find out what propaganda is and how it was used in World War Two by reading and watching these two sources:*

*Read: DK find out: World War II – Propaganda <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/world-war-ii/propaganda/>*

*Watch: BBC KS2 History: How propaganda was used during World War Two:*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-how-propaganda-was-used-during-world-war-two/zr77wtu>

Now, explore some of the propaganda posters used in World War Two here

Imperial War Museums:

Second World War Posters:

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/learning/resources/second-world-war-posters>

Design a propaganda poster. Think about:

Who is the poster aimed at?

What is the message?

Why was this an important message during World War II? How would this help the war efforts?

Due Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Spellings

Each week I will be setting the children spellings for them to learn. These will be spelling rules or from the Tier 2 spelling lists. The children will be tested on these spellings every **Friday**.

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Oak Class

For your outstanding achievements and hard work this half term!

Your Big Write simply blew Mrs Andrews and I off our feet –  
incredible, well done!

SUPERSTARS :)

### Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%



Last week's attendance was 99.4%

Well done Everyone!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Last day of half-term

23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October – Half term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Back to School

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School photos (individual and family)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need SPOTacular

w/c 20<sup>th</sup> November – Bikeability (Year 1 & 2 forms will be sent out after half term)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Usborne Book Fair 3pm for parents 3.15 for families

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Glow in the Dark Dodgeball

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Hazel & Chestnut Nativity costume deadline

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Oak Class Bristol Hippodrome Theatre Trip

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performances AM & PM

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Service @ WA Church 1.30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Hazel Theatre trip

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

Forest School Dates

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Hazel & Chestnut

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Oak & Chestnut

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Hazel & Chestnut

(Dress accordingly and Chestnut please arrive promptly by 9am).