

## Newsletter: Term 6 2022/23

The Meadows Primary Team would like to thank you for a wonderful year and hope you are all looking forward to the summer holiday. Please find below information on what pupils have been learning this half term:

**Curriculum Topic** - This term we continued to learn about Romans. Pupils found out about: family life in a Roman villa, eating & drinking, Latin & learning, clothes & hair, jewellery, Gods and spirits, and Roman legacies. Pupils experienced artefact handling at the Amelia Centre in Tunbridge Wells.

**English** - Using the 'My Strong Mind' text, pupils will be learnt about features of instructions. They looked at 'An alternative to plastic straws' text, focusing on the format of persuasive writing. Pupils explored text across genres, and were encouraged to edit and improve their work. Pupils continued to read across the curriculum as well as accessing daily class story time, spelling, punctuation, grammar, and handwriting practice.

**Numeracy** Pupils explored decimals, capacity & temperature, negative numbers, time, converting units, volume, and position & direction. Children continued with mental maths, problem solving and reasoning work - which is built into Maths lessons. All pupils accessed daily times tables practice.

**Science** - This term in Science pupils learned about 'states of matter': solids, liquids & gases, investigating gases, heating & cooling, evaporation, and the water cycle. Environmental Studies lessons were timetabled weekly - this term pupils weeded, pruned, watered and harvested the raised beds that each class is responsible for. The school is entered the 'Britain in Bloom' competition, and will also had the opportunity to visit our link-farm on a weekly basis.

**Computing** - Pupils were studying coding this term, working through 'Pre-reader Express'. They learned to create computer programs, focusing on units of sequencing, loops and events. They developed problem-solving skills, and worked through fun challenges.

**Art** - This term pupils experienced expressive painting. They explored artists Charlie French, Marela Zacarías, Van Gogh and Cezanne. Pupils developed skills: painting on 3D surfaces, using sketchbooks, brush work, and gestural mark making with acrylic paint.

**PSHE and Citizenship** - This term the focus for PSHE was relationship and health education. In Citizenship, through Design & Technology sessions pupils continued using flowers from their presses in enterprise creations, which were sold at our summer fair. Pupils continued to watch Newsround and discuss current affairs each day. School Councillors focussed on promoting the ideas of the pupils and were committed in striving for improvement of the school, with a specific focus on the school library and activities week.

**Communication and Interaction** - This term pupils were learning about compromise, what makes a good friend, friendly behaviour, and choosing a friend. Additionally, when off-site pupils practiced being polite, asking someone to play, being responsible, thinking about tones and volume of voices, and keeping safe. Our 'Pets as Therapy' dog, Bailey, continued to visit regularly - being a calming influence in and out of the classroom.

**Music** - Peter visited us on Fridays for 1:1 music sessions where pupils were able to have Cello lessons. Peter's fantastic work is funded by the Jonas Foundation ([www.jonasfoundation.org](http://www.jonasfoundation.org))

**Food Studies** - Pupils made healthy 'BBQ sides' this term: potato salad, cheesy garlic bread, classic coleslaw, broad bean & orzo salad, Mexican red rice, and smoky tomato pasta salsa.

**PE** - Ms Daniels put the students through their paces in athletics this term ready for Sports day. Blue class had swimming this term and worked incredibly hard to improve their strength in the water. As a reminder for next year, **Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (NAMED) in school, including swim wear at all times.** We are happy to wash clothing for you, so that it does not have to travel back and forth.

We bid farewell to our year six students today and, despite the sadness we feel at seeing them go, we hope you share in our sense of pride in all that they have achieved and wish them all success and happiness in their next steps in their educational journey! We will miss you all!

Thank you for your continued support - we wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to seeing you next term. **The Meadows Primary team.**