

# Froebelian School Juniors' Weekly Newsletter Form III 1st March 2024

Next week, the whole school ethos theme will be:

We can work well with a partner or in a group.

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We wanted to remind you that on World Book Day, the children have the option to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. However, we understand that not everyone enjoys dressing up, so if your child would prefer to wear something suitable and appropriate for the day, that is absolutely fine. To show our enthusiasm for books, I will be wearing a top that promotes the joy of reading.

## **English Updates**

In English this week, the children have been actively engaged in rewriting and improving a short piece of writing. They have impressively incorporated powerful verbs, excellent vocabulary, similes, parenthesis, and other English skills that they have learnt throughout the year. They have also successfully completed a comprehension activity and a couple of SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar) activities.

#### **Maths Progress**

Our Maths lessons focused on fractions this week, specifically dividing fractions by other fractions and integers. I am delighted to report how quickly the children have grasped this concept by using the Keep, Change, and Flip strategy. To ensure their understanding remains solid, they will need to continue practising this skill.

### **Geography and History Highlights**

In Geography, the children enjoyed sorting statements into different Biomes based on their descriptions. This allowed them to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the different geographical regions.

In History, the children have been learning about two important figures - King Richard I (The Lionheart) and King John. Through these lessons, they have gained valuable insights into their lives and the significant historical events that shaped their reigns.

## **Art/RE and Science Investigations**

During their Art/RE lessons, the children have been honing their artistic skills by drawing Buddha and adding additional illustrations depicting various aspects of his life. Their work showcases their creativity and attention to detail.

In Science, the children have conducted research on three notable figures - Helen Sharman, Tim Peake, and Richard Branson. This not only expanded their knowledge of these individuals but also inspired their curiosity about space exploration and scientific achievements.

#### **Recommended Reading**

Our recommended read for this week is a Science book - 'From Cells to Ourselves: The Story of Evolution' by Gill Arbuthnott.

This captivating book explores creation myths, the age of the Earth, and the origins of life, while also delving into fascinating topics such as fossils, dinosaurs, extinction events, Darwin's theory, and human evolution. The book's colourful illustrations and inventive page layouts make it a visually engaging read for curious minds.

We hope you and your child enjoy this book and find it intriguing.

We would like to wish you and your family a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Laura Hazell and Valentina Kalaj

### March

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – FPTA Uniform Sale 2.30-5.00pm