



The Horsell Village School NEWSLETTER

Vol .02

Welcome to October's
Edition

We have so much to celebrate with you already. The children have continued to do themselves proud by immersing themselves fully into their new learning and settling into the routines of everyday life here at School. They are displaying superb learning behaviors and have been exploring a range of self regulation techniques to support themselves to be ready to learn.

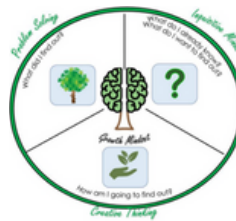
All year groups are now fully immersed in their new topics and key texts in which our learning is based around.

Reception's topic is called ' We are not scared to walk with dinosaurs.' The children have been using a keen interest in dinosaurs to explore their new school environment.

In Year 1 the children are on an 'Underwater Adventure' - exploring the different seas and oceans of the world and the animals that live there. In Year 2 ' Master Makers' is the title of their learning topic. They have been exploring the properties of materials and a range of local artists and sculptures using the story 'Tin Forest ' as a starting point.

We begin each topic using our learning cycle.

You may have seen it when you have popped into the classrooms. The children spend time sharing what they already know, what they want to find out, how they are going to find it out before sharing what they did find out. You can find out more about the learning that will be taking place in each year group on the year group pages of the newsletter or on our school website. We have been busy updating our website to provide you with as much information as possible about life here at The Horsell Village School.



Last week we celebrated 'Harvest Festival'. The children came together in St Mary's church to explore the meaning of Harvest as well as how we can show kindness to others.

Thank you so much for your generous donations already received for Woking Food Bank. We will be taking the donations to the food bank on Friday 7th October - so you still have time to make a donation should you wish to. Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs Reeve and the team at The Horsell Village School

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Diary Dates

- 04.10.2022 9.15 am Yr R Parent Reading Workshop - School Hall
- 05.10.2022 6.30pm Yr R Parent Reading Workshop - School Hall
- 10.10.2022 Children's Mental Health Week
- 13.10.2022 6.30 pm Parent Supporting Children's Mental Health Workshop - School Hall
- 14.10.2022 Hello Yellow Mental Health Day
9.30am Parent Supporting Children's Mental Health Workshop - School Hall
- 20.10.2022 Diwali Day
- 21.10.2022 Welly Walk and Autumn Day Finish for Half Term

Parent Conferences

Morning sessions will run from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon

- 07.10.2022 Snowy Owls
- 10.10.2022 Tawny Owls
- 11.10.2022 Squirrels
- 12.10.2022 Barn Owls
- 13.10.2022 Badgers
- 14.10.2022 Hedgehogs
- 17.10.2022 Rabbits
- 18.10.2022 Foxcubs
- 19.10.2022 Otters

- 19.10.2022 Evening session for all classes 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm

Please refer to the email previously sent to book an appointment, Any problems please ring the school office.

Curriculum News

3 Year Strategic Aims

Aim 1

Create a high achievement and success culture

Aim 2

Create an effective whole school community partnership culture

Aim 3

Create effective working conditions and developmental opportunities for all

Whole school priorities for 2022 to 2023

Over the last few years we have worked hard to continue to develop our teaching and learning approach. We have introduced our learning cycle, characteristics of an effective learner, the learning tree and launched our school motto. All have become an integral part of everyday life here at The Horsell Village School. We continue to teach through key texts, focusing on supporting our children to develop a broad vocabulary bank.

This year through exploring responses from parent, staff and pupils surveys as well as end of year outcomes and discussions with the Local Governors Committee, we have identified 4 key objectives. All objectives link back to our 3 Year Strategic aims.

Objective 1- To further develop teaching and learning practices, focusing on challenge for all.

Objective 2- To actively involve all stakeholders in developing the very best educational experience for all children.

Objective 3- To further develop coaching practice across the school to continue to improve teaching and learning.

Objective 4- To further develop opportunities for oracy development across the whole school community.

We will be exploring each objective with you over the next few months in our newsletters. In the meantime you can find a copy of our School Development plan on our school website.

Covid-19 Update

Covid-19 continues to have a presence in our school community.

At school we continue to implement strategies to help minimise the risk. The children have access to hand sanitation stations throughout school and we continue to promote good hygiene practices.



Current NHS guidance if a child or young person aged 18 or under tests positive for COVID-19, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days. This starts from the day after they did the test.

Once they feel well enough to do so and they do not have a high temperature they can return to school on day four.

For staff, should they test positive current guidance is 5 days self-isolation. As always we will try to keep disruption to a minimum and provide cover using staff within school. As a inclusive school community all staff are familiar to all children.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter,

Curriculum News



Each class has just appointed their school council representatives for this year. The children spent time in class exploring the role and what it would look like before putting themselves forward.

The school council here at The Horsell Village School plays a crucial role in shaping elements of our whole school learning environment as well as aspects within the community.

Well done to the children named below who have been selected by their class to be their class representative

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Foxcubs Joel & Izzy	Hedgehogs Hester & Toby	Snowy Owls Taylor & Jack
Rabbits Sebastian & Isabel	Squirrels Eliza & Billy	Tawny Owls Trenton & Aida
Otters Lara & Seth	Badgers Amelie & Noah	Barn Owls Izzy & Joey

Have a look!



The school council will be getting together for their first meeting in the next few weeks. We will be exploring lunchtime play and the next stage of our playground redevelopment project.

Last year the school council created these super posters about looking after the common. Don't forget to look out for them next time you head out for a walk.



Thank you!

Thank you so much for your generosity - just look how much you have donated for Woking Food bank. We will be dropping the donations off early next week, but should you wish, you can continue to make donations until Friday 7th October. Again, thank you - I am sure it will be greatly appreciated.

Just a little reminder...

Children should not be wearing earrings at school.

We are aware of those children who have had their earrings covered in school this half term.

Please ensure earrings are removed before sending your child into school after the half term.

Mental Health Awareness Week

10th to the 14th October

This year we are celebrating 'Hello Yellow' with a weeks long focus on the importance of mental health. We have chosen to support the charity 'Young Minds', as their beliefs, like ours focus on well-being, kindness, happiness and positivity.

Throughout the week in addition to our normal curriculum offer we will be exploring a range of strategies and techniques that help children develop and maintain a healthy mental health.

On Tuesday 11th KS1 will be participating in a Judo experience event and on Wednesday all classes will be participating in a group 'bend and stretch' session.

The week will finish with a 'wear something yellow' mufti day on [Friday 14th October](#). We will be collecting in the morning for this wonderful charity. Contributions are on a voluntary basis.

Visit www.youngminds.org.uk for further information and advice on how to support your child's mental health.



Supporting Children's Mental Health & Well-being Parent Workshops

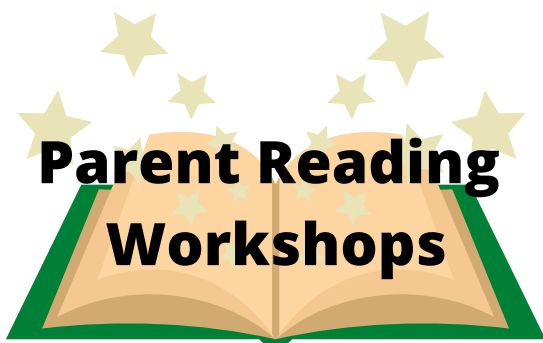
Come and find out how we support the development of our children's mental health and well-being here at The Horsell Village School. Come join in as we show you a range of techniques and strategies.

13.10.2022 - 6.30pm Parent Workshop
14.10.2022 - 9.30am Parent Workshop



Each workshop is designed to give you an insight into how to we teach maths. Come prepared to join in and have some fun problem solving.

02.11.2022 - 6.30 pm KS1 Parent Workshop
03.11.2022 - 9.15 am KS1 Parent Workshop
16.11.2022 - 6.30 pm Yr R Parent Workshop
17.11.2022 - 9.15 am Yr R Parent Workshop



Reading Workshops

Each workshop is designed to give you an overview of the teaching approaches we take here at The Horsell Village School and to provide you with strategies on how to support at home. Again please do not worry if you cannot physically attend these meetings as they will also be shared via email and on our school curriculum website pages.



Reading

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Reception

What's been happening in Reception ...

It has been a wonderful start to Reception this year, all the children have settled into school life brilliantly and are enjoying the school days.

We have been busy learning about the school expectations as we find our way around the school building and playground. We have also enjoyed getting to know the different members of our class, discovering interesting facts about our new friends and sharing information about our own lives with them!

Our first topic at school, We're not scared to Walk with Dinosaurs, has been a wonderful way to share our own thoughts and feelings about starting school. Just like Harry in 'Harry & the Dinosaurs go to School', we have been a little bit nervous about the school day and what school is like. But, just like Harry we have all found our feet and it has been brilliant to see everyone arriving in school with giant smiles!

We have also been learning about how to classify dinosaurs, using T-Rex Drip to compare dinosaurs and their eating habits. This week we are venturing on an exciting expedition with our new Pirate Dinosaur friends - we wonder where we will go!



Anxious
Nervous
Herbivore
Carnivore
Before
Prehistoric
Spikes
Scales
Fossil
Skeleton



Phonics

s a t p i n m d

Photos from our Learning



Year 1

What's been happening in Year 1 ...

Year 1 have had a wonderful start to the new school year and have quickly settled into the Year 1 routines. Our topic this half term, 'Underwater Adventure', has inspired the children to want to find out more about the World's oceans and what lives in them.

We have been using a range of rich texts as a starting point for the children's learning. The children have particularly enjoyed reading the text 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' which tells the eventful journey made by Stanley, a discarded plastic carrier bag, who is swept into the sea. The children have been reflecting on the impact of plastic pollution and have been learning about persuasive techniques to help them to get people to reduce, reuse and recycle.

There has been a focus on place-value, in Maths, and the children have been counting on and back from given numbers. They will be going on to order and compare numbers and will also be learning their number bonds to 10 to help them to complete addition and subtraction facts.

At home, please continue to support your child with their individual letter formation, referring to the Letter Mat for Handwriting document on the Year 1 page of the school's website.



climate

pollution

spill

impact

recycle

join

celebrate

together



Phonics

Phase 3

ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air

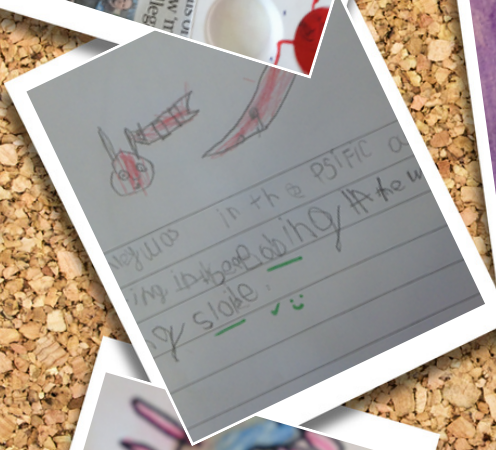
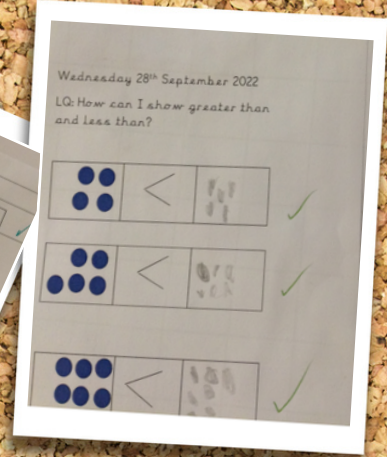
Phase 4

wh, ph, zh, ay, a-e, ei, ey, eigh

Phase 5

ie, i-e, y, ow, o-e, o, oe, oul, aw, au, al

Photos from our Learning



Year 2

What's been happening in Year 2 ...

In Year 2 we have started our new topic, 'Master Makers', which is all about how things are created and the skills that we need to become master makers ourselves. This includes making stories of our own, creating paper sculptures or making predictions in Science in order to take our learning further or create an investigation.

We were very proud of how well the children represented our school on our recent sculpture walks. They used their observational skills expertly to spot all the sculptures that we have in Woking and asked lots of questions about how and why they were made.

We participated in this year's 'Harvest Live' and joined farmer Hannah who showed us how her fields of wheat were grown, harvested and milled.

As an enrichment to our topic, we are excited to be taking part in den building sessions soon. A bushcraft and wilderness living instructor will be helping us to learn about how to make strong, waterproof shelters.

Our books for this term include *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward and *The Iron man*. by Ted Hughes. If you get a chance to visit Woking library, you might like to see if you can find the books to also share at home.



absorbent
inspirational
delicate
transparent
opaque
flexible
forge
anvil
inferno

SPELLING

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and with then don't could
all call called oh their
people

Photos from our Learning

