



ARK ATWOOD PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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Have courage and be kind

Updated Diary events November and December

November

Mon 21st

AM Year 5 Spain Wide Horizons Outreach Programme

Tues 22nd

AM Year 5 Greece Wide Horizons Outreach Programme

Wed 23rd

9.00 Open Morning for Year R & Nursery Prospective Parents 2017

Music clubs as normal except Clarinet which is Thurs 24th.

Thurs 24th

10 – 10.45 Brazil Class visit Maida Vale library
16:15 – 17:15 Clarinet in school in place of Wed this week

19.00 Parent Council - Studio

Fri 25th

International day rescheduled for the spring term

Mon 28th

KS1 Maths Calculation Workshop for Parents 8.45 & repeated 18.30.

Tues 29th

KS2 Maths Calculation Workshop for Parents 8.45 & repeated 18.30

Wednesday 30th

Fire Safety re-scheduled for spring term
16:30 – 18:30 Governing Body meeting.

Thursday 1st

8.45 Greece Class assembly
11 – 11:45 Ghana Class visit to Maida Vale library

Friday 2nd

FINAL SALSA after school club

December

Tues 6th

14.30-15.30 Spain Class last session @ Rhythm Studio
+ Performance to parents from 15.30-16.30

Wed 7th

14:00 – 15:00 pm KS2 One Voice Choir carol performance at Amberley Centre.
16.45 Clarinet group performance to parents Room 201
Nursery Parent's meets: all day – in Meeting Room

Thurs 8th

8.45 Spain class assembly
Year R Hand Hygiene workshops in school
CLUBS FINISH TODAY
19.00 Parent Forum – Studio

Friday 9th December – School Closed – Teacher Training Day

Mon 12th

Last Year 1 Swimming of Term
9 – 12 One Voice choir Christmas music rehearsal

Tues 13th

Year R trip to London Zoo

Wed 14th

9am Nursery Globe 1 Christmas performance for parents – Hall
14:00 Nursery Globe 2 Christmas performance for parents
16:45 Nutcracker performance by Streetdance and Drama combined groups – Hall

Thurs 15th

13:30 Y2 visit Lyric theatre: Aladdin

Fri 16th

9:00 and 14:30 KS1 Christmas Show for parents
Christmas Lunch for pupils
Winter Fair 16:00 – 18:00

Mon 19th

9:00 – 15:00 One Voice Christmas performance (Tri-borough) @ Royal College of Music

Tues 20th

9:00 KS2 Christmas songs to Y3 parents
Y1 visit Lyric theatre: Father Christmas
15:15 KS2 Christmas songs to Y4 parents

Wed 21st Dec

9:00 KS2 Christmas songs to Y5 parents

School finishes 14:00

END OF TERM

Notes from teachers

Year N

Nursery children are now learning about fairies, dragons and castles! Please read any stories to them about these and if children have any stories involving these and including knights, we would love to see them. Please also could you send in pictures of your child reading at home. Thank you

Year R

Reception children are still working in literacy on re-telling fairy tales – in particular they are now learning the stories of Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. With these and other fairy tales, like The Three Little Pigs there are repeated phrases 'I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!' Please ask your child to re-tell the stories with emphasis on those parts. In phonics – you could practice asking your child to blend words if you sound them out. E.g. z – l – p and the child says 'zip'. In number, children need to practice real life examples in working with numbers up to 10. E.g. there are four fish fingers, what is one less?

Year 1

We are continuing to learn traditional tales and next week will be focussing on Jack and the Beanstalk. If you could talk to your child about this story – and also about how beanstalks grow that would really help with learning and becoming familiar with the vocabulary. In maths we are practising number bonds for numbers up to 20 including one more and one less than any number. Finally in phonics we are continuing to focus on reading the books and completing the phonics homework.

Year 2

In maths, year two are now moving on to addition which includes regrouping and also involves real life examples. E.g. Miss Capon has 19 blocks and I now need to add 28 from Miss Lester's set. How many altogether? In spelling we are working on words which begin with Un- Please practice words like untie, undo, unfortunate, unhappy and ask if your child can think of any more. It is useful to check which words don't have Un as a **prefix** E.g. Union (which is a single word although it does start with Un) In literacy along with being able to retell stories in time (chronological) order, the children are learning to write diary entries. Oral re-telling which includes making sure every new sentence doesn't start with 'And then-' is really useful.

Year 3

The children are enjoying learning about Oliver Twist and their drama sessions are also linked to acting out parts of this. Any re-telling of the story at home and discussions about Victorian life as a street child would be really helpful. In spellings they are learning about words with the spelling pattern –ough and using them in really interesting sentences. Please see if your child can think of words with this in E.g. cough, enough, through, though. Highlight that there are different ways to pronounce these words with the same spelling pattern. In mathematics the children are learning about how to round two and three digit numbers to the nearest 10 or 100. Practising this would be very useful.

Year 4

Year 4 has been very busy delving into the depths of the sunken cities of Egypt. Our trip to the British Museum has given us some great ideas for our myth writing in our literacy lessons. Our focus will be on the students using exceptional story openings to excite readers. Examples could be beginning with an adverb Incredibly... or an adverbial 'As the sun slowly set...'

Mathematically we have moved onto using column subtraction and addition. Specifically we are using regrouping in our answers, including when we have zeros in our questions. Mastering this concept will then help us to complete more complex worded problems. Worded problems are used to test whether students can apply their knowledge of addition and subtraction in real world situations.

Year 5

Are now beginning a new unit in mathematics – please could you complete unit 3 in their homework books. Now in class we are working on prime and square numbers – recognising them and using the knowledge to help with recall of times tables and in solving parts of a multi-step word problem. Mr Upfield will be holding a workshop for KS2 mathematics support on 29th December if you would like to know more about helping your child with maths.

In spelling we have been working on words which end with –cious or –tious. Please practice as many of these as possible and ask your child to put them into a sentence so you know they understand the meaning. An example of the sorts of words are:- conscious, delicious, cautious.

In literacy – to support vocabulary extension, children are listening and responding to Free Verse on the theme of 'Around the World' The end of the genre writing will be to compose their own. If your child wants to write a poem to perform at school or learn one off by heart that would be terrific!

FOAA and the Winter Fair

WINTER FAIR – FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER 16:00 – 18:00

The fair will not be outside or in the upstairs hall – it will be entirely downstairs; the rooms and events in the rooms are all set – a plan will be available for everyone in the next week.

We need:

Volunteers to help run games stalls for the children - we've got the games and the equipment, you just need to turn up – we are hoping that each adult offering help will only need to do a short time

Volunteers to create little bags of sweets for prizes (ideally halal, and nut free, please)

There's going to be a Christmas shop where children can buy presents for parents and siblings, so please could we have any unwanted new presents/ other items that would be suitable? We will also buy presents which are suitable. Value around £1 - £5 please

For the 'knock 'em down, bring 'em home' stall, we need second hand toys/ books and games

Closer to the time we'd love cakes and biscuits (again, nut free please) for the bake sale, and volunteers to man to the stand

All toys/ gifts and bags of sweets can be dropped at school. Please email fiona@fionamj.co.uk if you would like to help, or if you have any ideas for a stall that you would like to run.

Thank you so much!

Library

The USBORNE Book Fair was a huge success! Thank you to all parents and carers for sending in their wish lists with the accompanying money or for coming to see Jane on one of the afternoons. From all the orders that we placed we managed to claim £525 of free books for the Atwood Library, which is wonderful news. As it was a complete change of format for a book fair we were not sure how well it would be received but your support was amazing. We will be looking to do another one with Usborne using different stock in the new year.

Jane is available for orders all year round on her website <http://org.usbornebooksathome.co.uk/janeelizbooks> any books purchased on her site do not go towards our fundraising but may help you look for ideas for when she comes again.

We will now be opening the library until 5pm on Wednesdays. This is to allow parents to come in and choose books with their children, to check what books your child has out and just to give our families the chance to enjoy and make the most of our wonderful space. Please ensure you make the most of the opportunity while we trial this until the end of term.

If you have any questions please remember that there is someone in the library every day from 12-4pm and I can be contacted via email at

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