

Message from the head

Welcome back to the Spring Term 2019. I hope you all had a fantastic winter break. Its been a busy week already with classes getting stuck into their new topics. I really enjoyed hearing about them in our sharing assembly yesterday—it's clear the teachers have worked really hard to plan out interesting and thought provoking topics that will stimulate and engage the children while still fitting in all the different subject objectives they need to cover. A list of the different topics being studied this term is shown on the back page of this newsletter.

The 'New Year' is a time when many of us reflect on the past year and think about goals and aims for the coming year. It is with that in mind that we are sending out the Home School Agreement & Written Statement of Behaviour Principles document. This went to Governors just before Christmas as part of the regular cycle of approval of school policies. We think now is a good time to remind everyone of all our responsibilities and the part we all play—school, families, children—in ensuring the children at Fleet achieve to the best of their abilities. Please take some time to read it through and if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher about it. Please note the coffee morning date of Monday 28th January, where I will be delivering a presentation for parents/carers on the Fleet approach to the curriculum and homework. This is in response to the feedback the Governors received in the recent parent consultations where some parents were unsure what the creative topic based approach to our curriculum actually means. School is very different to when we went to school and for many of us, myself included, we may have attended school in a different country and not be quite sure what is taught and how it is approached. I hope, during this coffee morning to explain the approach we take at Fleet and be able to answer any questions you may have about the curriculum. Please also note the dates for this term on the bottom right of this page—in particular the 8th February. On that morning we will be opening up all our KS1 and KS2 classes to parents to come in and join a lesson. The aim will be to have you work with your children on learning some activities that you can do together at home to support your children's learning. More information will follow closer to the time, however I wanted to flag it early for those of you who find it difficult to attend school events during the day, so that you can plan ahead. Today we also say goodbye and good luck to Ms Pattison who is going on maternity leave. She will be back next academic year. We

wish her and her family all the best as they prepare for the new arrival to their family. We also say a hearty Fleet welcome to Ms Butler who will be taking over in Year 1 and working alongside Ms Benbetka for the remainder of this academic year. Many of you Year 1 parents may have already met her this week and we know she is going to be a great addition to the Fleet family. Have a great weekend and it's good to have you all back. See you next week.

Clubs

You should have found out today which clubs your children have been allocated from your choices for the coming term. If you haven't yet selected any there are still some places left in certain clubs. Please speak to Lisa in the Office for more information. They start next week.

Head Teacher Coffee Morning—Curriculum & Homework

On **Monday 28th January** Mr McGibbon will be hosting a coffee morning in the Hall. He will give a presentation on the Fleet approach to our creative topic based curriculum to teaching and learning as well as going over the school view and approach to homework and how you can support your child's learning at home. It will be a chance for you to learn a bit more about the approach the school takes and ask any general questions you make have in these areas. We hope you will be able to come along.

Punctuality Award

This week, our Punctuality award goes to Reception with no lates! Well done to them.



Attendance Award

Our Attendance Award this week goes to Year 3 with 96%. Well done! Lets see if we can improve on that next week.



Class Teas and Assemblies for this term...

31st January—Nursery Class tea	Tea	21st March—Y2 Class Tea
7th February—Reception Class Tea	1st March—Year 5 Class Assembly	22nd March—Y2 Class Assembly
14th February—Y6 Class Tea	7th March—Y4 Class Tea	28th March—Y1 Class Tea
15th February—Y6 Class Assembly	8th March—Y4 class Assembly	29th March—Y1 Class Assembly
28th February—Y5 Class Assembly	14th March—Y3 Class Tea	
	15th March—Y3 Class Assembly	

TERM DATES 2018/19

Spring Term	Summer Term	Half Term:
Half Term: Mon 18th—Fri 22nd Feb	First Day of Term: Wed 24th April	Mon 27th—Fri 31st May
Last Day of Term: Fri 5th April	Bank Holiday: Mon 6th May	Last Day of Term: Tue 23rd July

Dates for your calendar

14th January	Art Day
14th January	Year 3 to Discover Story Centre
16th January	Year 3 to the CLC
18th January	Year 1 to the CLC
25th January	Reception to the Heath
28th January	Head Teacher Coffee Morning Presentation—Curriculum & Homework—The Fleet Approach: 9-10am
28th January	Year 3 to Natural History Museum
31st January	Year 5 to the Old Operating Theatre Museum
6th February	Year 1 to the Heath (am)
8th February	KS1 and KS2 lesson open mornings for parents—9-10am
11th February	Reception to Discover Story Centre
12th February	Year 3—Tate Class Photo Project (in school)
12th February	Year 5 to the theatre
15th February	Year 5 to the CLC
18th-22nd Feb	Half Term Week—School Closed

Star of the Week Awards—this weeks winners...



Well done to our 'Stars of the Week' for their hard work and effort in class.

Rec—Layan, Y1—Alfie W, Y2—Ivana, Y3—Nida, Y4—Frankie, Y5—Scarlett, Y6—Zac

Even at this time of year, the hard work all the classes did earlier in the year in planting out in our raised beds is paying off with us still able to make bumper harvests—especially of winter greens! Celebrating and educating the wave of 'Veganuary' sweeping the nation, the 'Cooking with Candice' session this week made a vegan curry. It included rainbow chard, potatoes, spring onions, purple broccoli and leeks all from our garden—what a tasty treat!

Stars of the Week Cooking Session

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'The Incredibles' in Year 2

In Year 2 their new topic is 'The Incredibles' - it's not about the movie though! It is thinking about ordinary people who do incredible things. This week the children were writing about people important to them and who they think are incredible. Kai wrote about his big sister Hana. If only all siblings felt this way about each other—Hana must be an incredible big sister! We think Kai is pretty incredible himself and a fantastic writer too!



My Incredible Person by Kai

The most incredible person in my life is my sister, Hana, because she is very nice to me and plays a lot with me too. She always looks after me and it makes me very happy.



S P r i n g T e r m	Nursery: Yummy!	T O P I C S
	Reception: Once upon a time...	
	Y1: Toy Tales	
	Y2: The Incredibles	
	Y3: Earth on Fire	
	Y4: Humans	
	Y5: Wonder Women	
	Y6: How Civilised (Aztecs & Mayans)	



Year 3 have started a new topic called 'Earth on Fire'. As part of this, they began making papier mache volcanoes this week. They will be decorating them before looking at reactions in science to make them come to life with a vinegar/baking soda 'lava' explosion.

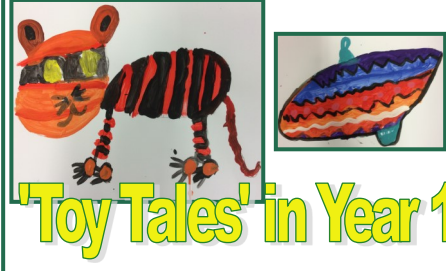
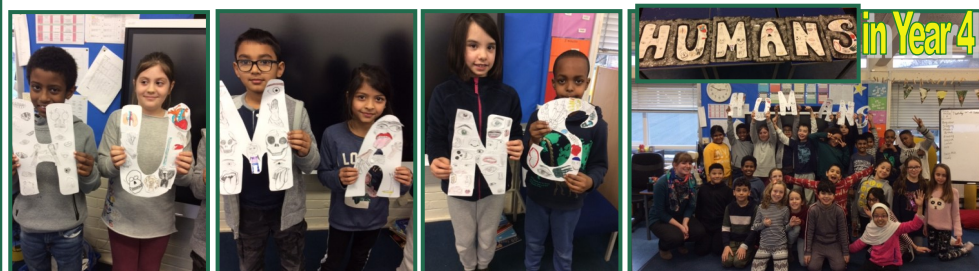


'Earth on Fire' in Year 3

Y1 started their 'Toy Tales' topic this week. As part of the introduction they've been painting pictures of different toys. What a great job they did!



Year 4 worked collaboratively this week to sketch different body parts, bones and organs to make their topic title. Their topic is called 'Humans'! Some very talented artists.



'Toy Tales' in Year 1