

# SMUPS News

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## Hello from the Head!

It has been great to have some warm and sunny weather this week and for the children to be outside. Our new reception children have settled into school really well and it is lovely to see new friendships forming. Around the school, the children have settled in really well and are enjoying getting stuck into their new topics and learning.

Year 6 have been busy writing newspaper reports and learning about the events leading up to the Trojan War. In year 5, the children are working on their new topic about the Battle of Britain and in English are writing their own war diaries. Year 4 are learning about deadly hurricanes and writing reports. Year 3 have been using adverbials in their sentences to write about the bushmaster snake. Year 2 have begun their writing about dragons and have been trying to write descriptive sentences. In year 1 the children have been really busy in continuous provision and are starting to think about "Where I live." for their geography work. In reception, the children have been looking after some new babies and thinking about what they need.

Across the school, all staff have been focusing on assessing the children to identify any misconceptions, gaps in learning and what their next steps are to inform our planning for this year and the order we may do topics. They have also been working with the previous teachers to identify which parts of the curriculum the children missed because of lockdown and may not be repeated. We have lots of small groups and individual work running within classes to help support children to catch up this missed learning. In many cases the children are just a bit rusty and out of practice with some skills. They have come back to school with an extremely positive attitude and are working very hard.

Please do continue to support your child's learning by reading with them every night, completing homework, talking to them about their learning in school. **The first videos on our YouTube channel should go on this weekend to show you what the class have been doing in maths, phonics and reading.**

## Collective Worship

On Monday we used the Poem "Footprints in the Sand" to think about being "United Together"

## Things to Remember

- Please bring in a **full water bottle each day**. The children should only have **water**.
  - Please **do not park on the school site at pick up and drop off times**.
- If **contact details have changed**, please let the office know via email or a telephone call so we can update records.
- Children in KS2 can **quiz at home on Accelerated Reader**. Class teachers have sent home usernames and passwords. The website is <https://ukhosted57.renlearn.co.uk/1981254/>
- **After School and Breakfast Club** need to be booked at least **48 hours in advance**. We are limiting numbers to 22 children. Please use School Gateway. If you have any problems, please email.
- Parents can now **download 'School News' app** for term dates, changes to timetables and news straight to their phone. An email with instructions was sent out or you can visit the website news page for instructions.



# Certificates and Awards

We had our certificate assembly of the school year today. Well done to our winners.

Oak: Max and Ella W

Acorns: James D and Alfie L

Ash: Mila and Darcey

Pine: Amelie and Isaac

Elm: Joseph

Holly: Annalise and Coco

Beech: Alfie and Hattie

Willow: Kai and Bea



## Reading at Home

Children should be reading each day at home. It is the best way of supporting your child's learning. Please read to and with your child each day and talk about what they have read.

The section below outlines what a difference reading makes. In school the children will be reading extensively, but it is so important that they read at home. Books and reading open up so many opportunities for the children and are the key for their education, so please make it part of your daily routine.

## Those Who Read Succeed!

**Please talk to your child about the book they are currently reading and foster a love of reading culture at home.**

Why read 20 minutes at home?

<i>Child A</i> Reads:
20 minutes per day
3,600 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year

<i>Child B</i> Reads:
5 minutes per day
900 minutes per school year
282,000 words per year

<i>Child C</i> Reads:
1 minute per day
180 minutes per school year
8,000 words per year

The average word count for a typical novel is anywhere from 70,000 to 120,000 words

Between 15 and 25 books a year!



3 or 4 books a year



Less than one book per year



Want to be a better reader? Simply read!