



High Ash CE School Weekly Newsletter Friday 26th April 2024



'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

Another week gone - time is flying! We could just do with the weather to warm up.

Parent Forum...

Our next Parent Forum with Mrs Goodger will be on **Thursday 9th May at 9am** in the hall then repeated at **6.00pm** via zoom. If you would like to attend, please submit a google form by **10am Monday 6th May**. Please click [here](#).

Reminder - HASA School Disco...

With the start of a new term HASA are planning a variety of ways to have fun whilst fundraising for our school. This starts with a **School Disco on the Wednesday 22nd May**. There will be two sessions: **F/KS1 running from 3.30-4.30pm** and **KS2 from 4.45-5.45pm**. Tickets are **£6 per child**, which includes a drink and snack. There are some spaces available, if you wish your child or children to attend the School Disco, **please book and pay via your ParentPay account before 15th May**.

Parent volunteers are needed. If you are able to help at either (or both!) sessions please email highashschoolassociation@gmail.com.

Online bookings will close on Wednesday 15th May.

Learning highlights this week...

Acorns and Berries -

Foundation has continued to be full of space explorers this week! We have read the story 'The Darkest Dark' and explored the main character and how he had created his own rocket using big cardboard boxes. In the story, the boy watches the moon landing with his family and friends, and this inspired him to grow up to become an astronaut. We have watched recordings of the moon landing, talking about how there is less gravity on the moon and that meant the astronauts could jump further than we can on Earth.

We were also inspired by the story to create our own class rocket! We created control panels with buttons to press and even a countdown to help us to blast off. The planning and teamwork really showed our PROUD principles in action! Great work team!

In Maths this week, we have continued to look at numbers to 20, building the numbers using different manipulatives such as cubes and numicon as well as looking at the numbers in a number line. Using the number line, we played a game where the children closed their eyes, and we removed a number. They then had to use the numbers around the missing number in the number line to identify what had been taken away. The children had to reason what had been taken away 'I know the missing number is twelve because it is one more than eleven and one less than thirteen.'



Mrs Bird and Mrs Webb

Year One and Two-

This week in KS1, we have been enjoying writing descriptions. We have been learning how to use effective adjectives in our writing and even how we can group adjectives using a comma. We have written about our dreams, where we have been focused on healthy sleep in relation to our 'Bounce' healthy living topic, and we have started to write character descriptions too!

In Maths, there has been a huge focus on measurement this week. Year 1 have started to explore length and height, learning how to use the key vocabulary of **long**, **short** and **tall** as well as measuring objects using cubes as a non-standard measure. In Year 2, the children have been exploring how to measure the mass of different objects.

In RE this week, the children have been learning all about the story of creation and created group collages of the seven key points. We collected objects from outside to help create these.

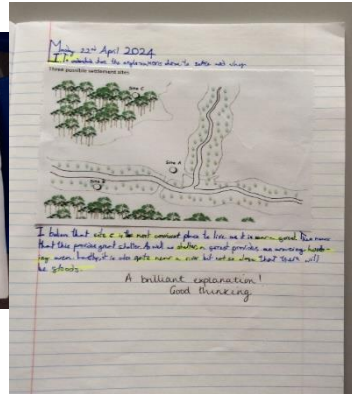
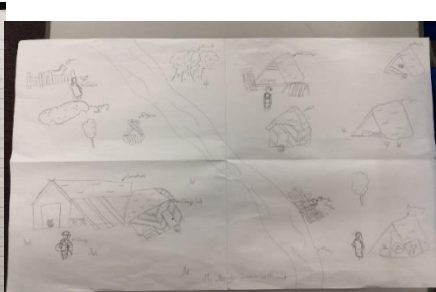
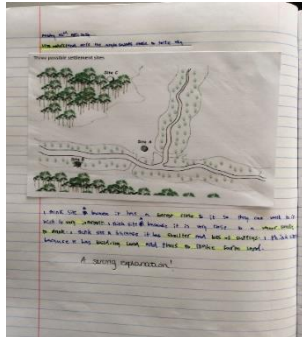


The children have come home with their new home learning menu this week, which is due in on **Monday 3rd June 2024.**

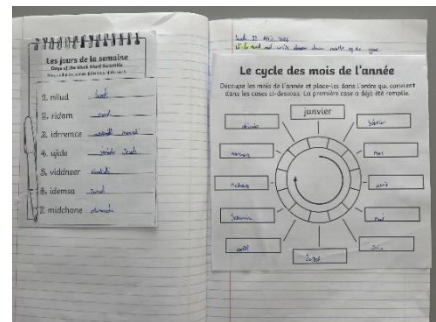
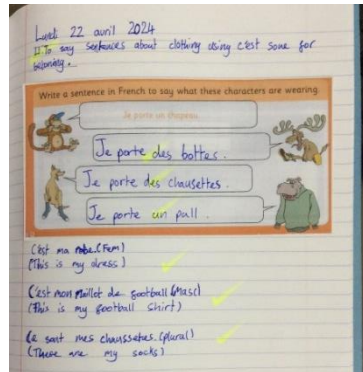
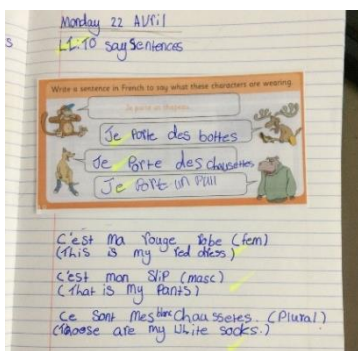
Miss Webb, Mrs Barrasford and Mrs Boyd

Year Three and Four-

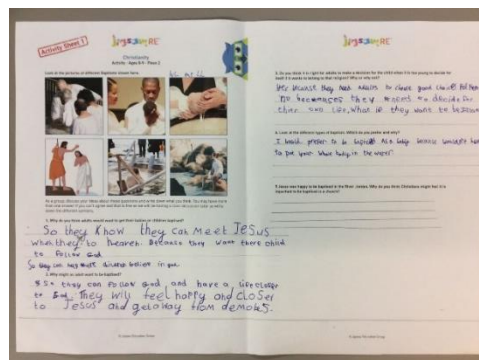
This week in Topic we have been learning about Anglo Saxon settlements and how they would choose to settle. We have understood all about their choices and what their initial needs would have been. Thinking about this, the children chose one site that would have been the best place to settle and using all of their acquired knowledge, explained why it would be the best. Anna has even designed her own Anglo Saxon settlement for her homework!



In French, Year 3 have been sequencing the months of the year along with the days of the week. Year 4 have been writing sentences using c'est and ce sont to describe possession of clothing.



In RE we have been looking at different celebrations that Christians could partake in at their local church, using St Mary's as our example. We have also been looking at different religions, special books and holy buildings.



Science has been full of experimental fun this week. We have been creating structures to imitate bones that protect our vital organs. This was done with a delicious tea cake and some art supplies. The children managed to make some fantastically creative structures. We may have some budding architects in our midst!



Miss Maylor, Mrs Wood, Mrs Gough & Mr Devitt

Year 5 and 6

A fantastic week of learning in Year 5/6 this week! In English we have been drafting and editing fables, ensuring that the main components are included in our writing. In PSHE we have been considering online safety and relating this to our topic of self-esteem. In PE, despite the chilly conditions, we have been out playing cricket and practicing our throwing techniques for athletics.



This week in Art we have continued to explore different techniques and effects that can be created using watercolours. We have focussed on different 'wash' techniques and observed what different effects using the different techniques caused.



In French this week, we have been deepening our understanding of the French numerical system. The plan was for the children to record mathematical calculations, using French vocabulary, in their books. Never let it be said that we ever put a cap on learning at High Ash though! Flora calculated with fractions, Eddie with simultaneous equations and Oscar wrote out the Fibonacci sequence - Sacre Bleu!!

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Mrs Whitehead, Mr Simmonds and Mrs Gray

Attendance...

Attendance this week is 94.9%.

Polite request to parents...

At the end of the day, please do not allow your children (High Ash pupils or younger siblings) to play on our playground equipment. This is for two reasons; we don't want any accidents as our insurance may not cover you and also WRAP are waiting to go out to play as soon as the gates are locked. There is a sign by the equipment, so we do appreciate it if you can adhere to the request.

Also please can parents not park in the car park when dropping off for WRAP. This presents a safety risk when children are walking across the car park on their way to WRAP and staff and delivery vehicles are arriving. I'm sure parents also recognise that parking is very tight in our car park. We often have to 'precision' park around delivery vehicles as well as double park, so if parents who are dropping off at morning WRAP and are parked in the car-park, even if just temporarily, it means staff cars end up in the wrong place and we cannot squeeze all the cars into the car park.

Many thanks for your support with these requests

Behaviour end of term treat...

At the end of the summer term for all those children who have been in the consequence book for four times or less over the whole term (13 weeks) or have not been in the consequence book at all will enjoy the following treats with their classes.

Foundation: making ocean biscuits

Year 1 and 2: Participate in a BFG party

Year 3 and 4: baking scones

Year 5 and 6: Making Rocky Road/tiffin.

This is in line with our behaviour policy and we really do hope that children who make the wrong choice (which can happen to us all) learn from it and therefore will enjoy the treat. I know last term there were some very sad faces and all the staff are committed to supporting all children to make the right choice.

End of year treat for the winning house...

The house captains are really keen that we have a treat for the winning house this year. We have decided to have a film afternoon with popcorn for the winning house. This will be at the end of term and remember Sports Day points also count towards this!

Reflections this week...

Our big question this week has been 'What is mental health?' and we thought carefully in class about who can we talk to about our feelings and emotions. We talked about how important it is to speak up and talk, yet also to be listened to. Our Bible reading this week was from John 5:14-15. This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us-whatever we ask-we know that we have what we asked of him.

Diary dates for next week...

Monday 29th April - Echoes 10 Choir @ RAH

Monday 29th April - Selected Y5/6 Football Cup Match @ Turnfurlong School, 3.30-4.15pm

Wednesday 1st May - Selected Y3/4 Cricket Festival @ Stewkley Cricket Club, 11.45am-2.30pm

Wednesday 1st May - SEN parents Tea and Cake event, 2.45-3.30pm (invitation only)

Thursday 2nd May - Selected Y2 KS1 Football Tournament @ Bierton Primary School, 3.45-5.15pm

Friday 3rd May - KS2 Star Assembly @ 2.55pm, doors open at 1.45pm (invitation only)

Have a great weekend.

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