

Term 1 Week 4 - 27th September 2021

Quote of the week:

"Everything you can imagine is real." -- Pablo Picasso

Dear all,

As September comes to an end, we reflect on what has been a very positive start to this academic year. The children are now fully immersed within their learning, following our thematic approach where we teach a combination of key knowledge and skills as we provide full National Curriculum coverage. Below, is the long-term curriculum map for this year (Year A).

Year A						
Class	Autumn	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
R - R/1	what makes me special?	What do you celebrate?	Why do ladybirds have spots?		How does your garden grow?	What lives in a rock pool?
1/2	Castles - Who's the king of the castle?	Victorians - Did they change Christmas?	Explorers - Is there more to explore?	Dinosaurs - Do they still exist?	Claude Monet - Can anyone be an artist?	Movement - Do you like to move it move it?
3/4	Sound - Can you hear me?	Electricity - Can you make it work?	Life Elsewhere - What is life like elsewhere?		Revolting Romans - Did they make our lives better?	
5/6	World Wars GNMT Anne Frank	World Wars GNMT Anne Frank	Volcanoes & Earthquakes	Cultures Abroad Island at the end of everything White Giraffe	Islands Holes Kensuke's Kingdom	Greeks

Whilst our core curriculum focuses on reading, writing and maths, our broad curriculum design does provide a wide range of learning experiences. Ash and Cherry classes have been creating their own sculptures of an ear using clay. It was tricky to create all the different parts however the children persevered and enjoyed some wonderful outcomes which have reinforced their understanding.



Reminders

Please be reminded that Friday 1st October is a teacher training day and therefore a non-teaching day.

Please remain vigilant regarding your children's health. Clearly school attendance has been affected with 2 positive cases of COVID together with confirmed Chicken Pox and Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease.

Attendance: Week ending 24.09.2021	
Elm - Reception	83%
Hazel - Year 1 & Reception	89%
Willow - Year 1&2	86%
Maple - Year 1&2	95%
Ash - Year 3&4	89%
Cherry - Year 3&4	91%
Elder - Year 5&6	87%
Oak - Year 5&6	92%
Whole School	89%

Key dates for your diaries:

- 1st October Staff Training Day
- 13th-21st October tours of Plume Academy Mill Road Campus available
- 6th October Fire safety Assembly
- 25th - 29th October Half Term Break
- 1st November Staff Training Day
- 8th December Pantomime Trip
- 17th December Last day of Term 1

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to everyone who has been chosen for shining in the past week. Mrs Cuthbert announced winners on Friday 24th September as follows:



Class	Friday 17 th September	
Elm	Lola	Dylan
Hazel	Storie	Henry
Willow	Max	Florence
Maple	Ava	Sofia
Ash	Niamh	Patrick
Cherry	Ben	Mason
Elder	Ava	Alex
Oak	Kaylem	Aston

House Points **St. Mark 179** **St. Matthew 173** **St. Luke 150** **St. John 168**

Congratulations to St. Matthew House, who are once again, this week's winners! Below is the chart to show current standings for the term so far. There is still time for the other teams to catch up. Remember, every time that you show respect, good manners and courtesy to others, you are making Southminster Church of England Primary School stronger and a happier place for us all!

