

Newsletter (5) Autumn Term – 06.10.2023

What happened this week in school?

- In the Roots and Fruits Assembly, pupils reflected on Jesus' words: "Do not be worried." Matthew 6:25-28 - *25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? 28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.*
- We had a fabulous turn out for the Grandparents' Afternoon tea. The pupils dressed up as Grandparents. Thank you for all the donations towards Grandparents' Day. We raised **£78.10!**
- This week we welcomed Mr Haywood our new School Bursar!



Picture News – This week's Big Question...

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

2nd - 8th October 2023

Roots and Fruits Value

The words of Jesus:
Do not be worried

Peace



British Value of the term

Democracy










Attendance target: 96%

	Reception class 100%
	Yeas 1 and 2 98%
	Years 3 and 4 97%
	Years 5 and 6 97%
Whole school	98%

House Points

Ants		193
Badgers		189
Locusts		243
Lizards		198

Value Awards

	Reception	Talula	Compassion: For being caring and kind to her friends.
 COURAGE	Courage		
	Years 1 and 2	Ava	For a positive attitude towards a new challenge
	Years 3 and 4	Alice Cus	For working hard in all lessons.
	Years 5 and 6	Teddy Dou	For showing willingness when tackling tasks
 CREATIVITY	Creativity		
	Years 1 and 2	Ethan	Putting a good amount of effort into his writing
	Years 3 and 4	Amber	For writing a lovely poem in English
	Years 5 and 6	Barney	For great effort when creating a print in Art
 RESPECT	Respect		
	Years 1 and 2	Dolly	Good listening during the learning time
	Years 3 and 4	Amelia	For always being polite
	Years 5 and 6	Lillie	For showing great respect to all adults and children
 COMPASSION	Compassion		
	Years 1 and 2	Evie-May	For being kind towards her friends and adults alike
	Years 3 and 4	Maisey	For being kind and polite to her peers
	Years 5 and 6	Freya	For being a great friend to all her peers
 PERSEVERANCE	Perseverance		
	Years 1 and 2	Loki	For taking all his challenges in his stride
	Years 3 and 4	Alice Cur	For working hard on improving her handwriting
	Years 5 and 6	George	For determination to succeed
 RESPONSIBILITY	Responsibility		
	Years 1 and 2	Amelia-Rae	For always being ready to help
	Years 3 and 4	Joey	For starting to take ownership for his learning
	Years 5 and 6	Teddy Dav	For taking responsibility for his own learning
 HOPE	Hope		
	Years 1 and 2	Lucas	For a positive outlook towards his learning and school
	Years 3 and 4	Kai	For starting to slow down and take time with his work
	Years 5 and 6	Archie	For great perseverance and not giving up

Classroom News



Reception Red Class

This week we have learnt our first digraph ck, as well as e, u and r.

We've added another word to our tricky words too and now can read 'is' and 'I'.

You can consolidate the learning [here](#).

In maths we have been exploring one more, one less and the composition of 1, 2 and 3.

We have celebrated Harvest Festival, Space Week and have a new Reading Shed that is being enjoyed by the children!



Years 1 and 2 Orange-Yellow Class

Year 1 and 2 greatly enjoyed becoming grannies and grandads for the day.

The children presented their outfits and excitedly talked about who was going to visit them after school for the tea and biscuits time.

We also came up with a new story for writing. Please ask your children to tell you the story about a dancing pumpkin☺

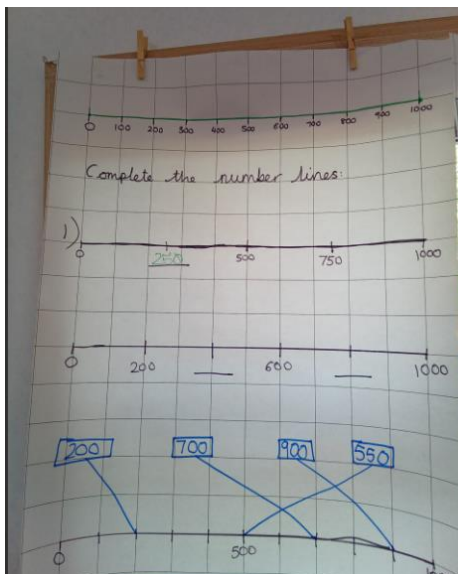


Years 3 and 4 Green-Blue Class

This week in English, the children devised exciting vocabulary, learnt how to effectively use expanded noun phrases, planned and wrote exciting stories.

A big well done to all the children for doing so well on their spelling test and beating last week's score!

In Maths, we are coming towards the end of our Place Value topic. This week, the children have been learning how to use a number line to 1,000.



Years 5 and 6 Indigo-Violet Class

This week in PSHE we talked about the purpose of failure. We looked at various people that, at first, did not succeed but then carried on celebrating great success:

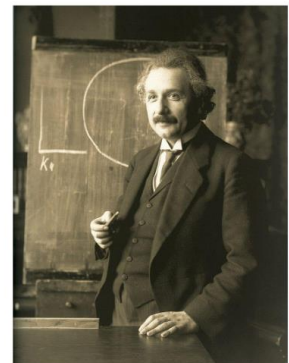
Albert Einstein - Scientist

"Success is failure in progress."

Was expelled from school and failed the entrance exam to another school.

Greatest achievement:

Received a Nobel Prize in physics and is considered not only the most influential physicist of the 20th century, but his name is synonymous with genius or extremely high intellect.





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Tackling maths problems – While attempting the tasks, we wrote down words to describe how we felt whenever we failed, but also when we succeeded!



Class buddies of the week

			
Reception	Years 1 and 2	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6
			
Ellen and Harry	Ava and Knightley	Harrison and Dotty	George and Teddy

Information

A big thank you

A big thank you to Mr Byron Fry (parent) who volunteered to build the new decking in the EYFS area. It looks amazing.

Please support Mr Fry's business: BHF Construction.



Improvements around the school

The pupil picture gallery has been updated with bright and colourful paintings of animals. Come see our wonderful artwork.

Reception class also now has an outdoor Reading shed.



Congratulations! Baby news...



We are delighted to share the news that Miss Seeley is a Mummy!

Chloe Elle Reeve was born at 2:56am on Monday, 2nd October weighing 7lb 13oz.



Grandparents Day!

We were blessed to have so many parents and grandparents attending the Afternoon Tea and Biscuits event.

Pupils dressed up as grandparents. The winners are:

- Red class: Lucas
- Orange-Yellow class: Nellie
- Green-Blue class: Maisy
- Indigo-Violet class: Teddy D



Open meeting with Governors, Staff and Parents/carers

Our next open meetings will be held on:

- Tuesday, 31 October at 09.00
- Tuesday, 14th November at 15.30.

Volunteers meeting

Volunteers and helpers are invited to meet with the Headteacher on Thursday, 13th October 14.00 to discuss fundraising events. We need parents and helpers to coordinate these alongside the school's strategic calendar. Please confirm with the office if you will be attending.

Reception Open days



Open days are very important opportunities for parents and carers of prospective pupils to come into the school.

We love showing parents around our school!

- A tour of the school with a senior teacher/ leader
- Opportunity to see the school in action with pupils
- Picking up an information pack
- Your opportunity to ask questions

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Dates and times

- Thursday, 12 October 2023 at 09.45-10.15
- Friday, 3 November 2023 at 09.45-10.15
- Monday, 4 December 2023 at 09.45-10.15
- Thursday, 11 January 2024 at 09.45-10.15

Applications

Parents need to make an online application for a Reception school place by **15 January 2024**.

New school website

www.drwalkers.co.uk

Jackets

We have a large number of different rain/wind jackets we are making available to our pupils, even though not formal school uniform. We would appreciate a donation of around £3-£5, as they are brand new and of good quality. The jacket also folds up into a small pouch. They will be available from the office from next Monday.



Parent Governor vacancy

There is still one vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please contact the school office to indicate any interest.

Class representatives

Parents are kindly requested to nominate themselves for representing classes:

- Red class (Reception) – Mrs Doran (Jake's mum)
- Orange-Yellow Class (Years 1 and 2) - TBC
- Green-Blue class (Years 3 and 4) - TBC
- Violet-Indigo class (Years 5 & 6) - TBC



Information



05.10.23 to 10.10.23	School Book Fair
09.10.23	Dogs' Trust – Dog Safety Workshop
06.10.23	Autumn School Census Day – Please book a school dinner to help the school.
12.10.23	Dr Walker's Open Day 09.45am to 10.15am
12.10.23	Volunteers Meeting at 2pm
13.10.23	Individual and Sibling photos taken
13.10.23	Years 5 & 6 Assembly – parents are invited to attend
13.10.23	Mini Reports for parents
16.10.23	Paul Sturgess (Guinness Book of Records tallest Football Player) visiting school
17.10.23	Parent consultation evening 15.30-18.00
18.10.23	Parent consultation evening 15.30-18.00
19.10.23	Harvest Assembly at St Nicholas' Church at 14.00. Parents are invited to attend. The prefects will also be announced.
20.10.23	Years 1 & 2 Assembly – parents are invited to attend
31.10.23	Governors, Staff & Parents/ Carers Open Meeting 9am
03.11.23	Dr Walker's Open Day 09.45am to 10.15am
14.11.23	Governors, Staff & Parents/ Carers Open Meeting 3.30pm
11.01.24	Dr Walker's Open Day 09.45am to 10.15am



Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School

Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2023-2024

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March 2024							April 2024							May 2024						
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June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
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	School closed: Holidays		School closed: Bank Holiday		School closed: Staff training (INSET)		School days		Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term	Monday, 4 September 2023 – Wednesday, 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i>	73 days
Spring Term	Thursday, 4 January 2024 – Thursday, 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February – 23 February</i>	56 days
Summer Term	Monday, 15 April 2024 – Tuesday, 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday – 6 May</i>	66 days
		195 days

You are strongly advised to check with the school before making any holiday or other commitments.