

23rd October 2020



Bridgewater Autumn 1 Newsletter



A note from Mrs Henderson

Dear parents

It has been lovely to have all our children and staff back in school this half-term; it wasn't the same without you all.

Although things have been a little different, the same Bridgewater spirit shines through as you can see from each class news piece.

Can I say a huge thank you for your support and cooperation during what has been a challenging half-term. I look forward to us working together through Autumn 2.

Mrs Henderson



All Parents who are yet to activate their account for the new meal ordering system can do so via the Evolve website;

www.myevolvehub.com

If you experience any issues please contact the school office via email at bridgewater.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk they will be happy to help.

Important Dates next half-term:

2nd November 2020:
School Reopens

11th November 2020:
Individual School Photographs

16th November 2020:
Odd Socks Day

16th-20th November 2020:
Anti-bullying Week
EYFS Nursery Rhyme Week

25th November 2020:
Rec- Year 6 Nasal Flu Vaccinations

30th November-4th December 2020:
Assessment Week

7th December 2020:
Full Governing Body Meeting

16th December 2020:
Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day

18th December 2020:
School Closes for Christmas

Secondary School Admissions 2020

Reminder to year 6 parents the deadline to submit your secondary school application is Saturday 31st October 2020. You can submit your application via www.salford.gov.uk/school-admissions-online

After School Clubs

There is still availability for after school clubs for Autumn term 2. To reserve and pay for your child a place please visit the ParentPay website; www.parentpay.com

Nursery & Reception 2020 Admissions

Due to the current restrictions surrounding COVID-19 school will be doing things a little differently this year in the form of a virtual tour. If you wish to receive an invite for the virtual tour, please email bridgewater.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk or contact our school office staff on 0161 921 1191.

Nursery

This half-term Nursery have been very busy. The children have been focusing on the topic 'Marvellous Me'. They have made lots of new friends and enjoy playing in the EYFS playground sheds. Nursery have begun to build up their finger muscles with dough gym and dough disco. They have also made paper plate versions of their faces. Nursery are looking forward to next half-term where we will be learning about the topics, 'Spooky Nights' and 'Christmas'.



Reception

In Reception we have been meeting and making new friends each week. We have settled well into school life and have enjoyed our first topic 'Marvellous Me!' We have looked back on what we looked like as babies and how we have changed, what we can now do that we couldn't do before and how we can help our bodies to keep growing healthily. We had a lot of fun looking at our muscles and how they help our arms and legs move in many different ways and how they help us to make many different marks!



Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy and exciting start to the new academic year! The children have settled well into their new class routines and have learnt about the four seasons and animals that live in hot and cold countries. A particular highlight for the children this half-term has been our nature walk. As part of our walk, we went hunting for the signs of Autumn and even saw a hedgehog! The children also enjoyed their Wow day where they made their own animal mask. On this day, we learnt lots of new facts about a variety of animals and even did animal yoga. We wish you all a well-deserved break and look forward to providing more enriching learning experiences in Autumn 2.



Year 2

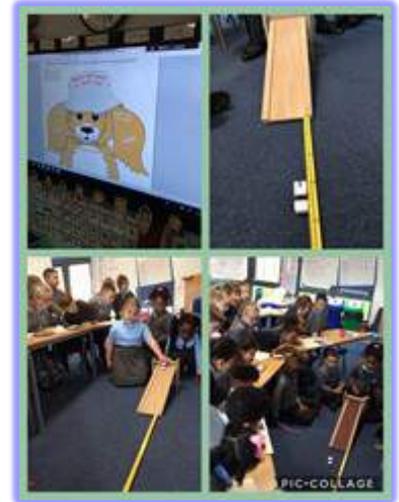
Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term. As part of their History topic on Famous People, they started off with an amazing Wow Day; researching lots of famous people, past and present, and finding out how those people have affected our lives as we know them today. The children have been particularly impressed by Florence Nightingale and the contributions she made to hospitals across the world.

In English they have been looking at the text *The Rabbit Problem*. They have retold the stories, innovated them and even dramatised their favourite characters. They have been learning about different word and sentence types and practising using different types of punctuation in their own writing.

In Maths they have been working really hard to learn their 1, 2, 5 and 10 times tables- keep up the amazing work at home! They have also learned how to add and subtract on a number line which was extremely tricky!

Their Science topic has been about forces and we have enjoyed carrying out investigations to find out how forces affect moving objects and how to carry out a fair test.

We hope you all have a spooktacular half-term break and can't wait to continue our learning next half-term.



Year 3

This half-term Year 3 have been finding out all about life in Ancient Greece. We have enjoyed learning about everyday life, the differences between Athens and Sparta, the origins of the Olympics and about things that we have today that the Greeks invented. The children were particularly 'shocked' to discover that the Olympian athletes performed naked! We have created our own Greek vases and tasted Greek food. In Science we have enjoyed lots of experiments with magnets and learning about magnetic materials. In English we have been reading and writing about the BFG- we had a great time making Froboscottle and writing the instructions for it!



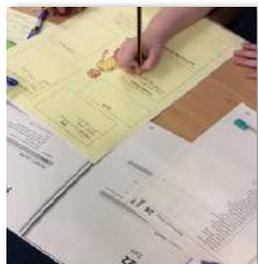
YEAR 4

We've had such a busy half-term to the start of Year 4 and we are really proud of how the children have come back and how hard they are working! We have been busy reading Operation Gadgetman in English, and we have written some super descriptions of spy gadgets! We looked for clues in the text to what the main characters were like and then we used those skills to create our own characters. In Maths, we have been practising our multiplications lots! We have also recapped column addition and problem solving. We really enjoyed our Science investigation, where we observed different types of chocolate melting. In History we have learned a lot about the Romans and what they did for Britain when they were here. We have been learning the Spanish words for each family member and we have been focussing on our well-being in PSHE. Keep up the hard work with homework, reading and spellings!



Year 5

Year 5 have settled in brilliantly this half-term. We have been looking at a variety of basic skills in Maths as well as (more recently) looking at rounding. The book we are looking at in English is Kensuke's Kingdom, where the class have had some lovely writing opportunities. They have worked superbly on their missing person character description. The children have also had the opportunity to compose a newspaper article about a key event happening in the text. In Geography, Year 5 have been learning about the USA, where they have looked closely at North America and the states. In Science, we have been studying space and our solar system. We have learnt lots of new things about the planets, how we get day and night and the different seasons. In this topic, we have had the opportunity to take part in experiments as a whole class, where we investigated the size of a shadow. Finally, Salford Reds have been in to teach this half-term. The focus for these sessions has been Rugby. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part!



Year 6

Year 6 have had a wonderful start to the year. They have shown maturity and patience when adapting to our new routines. In lessons, we have developed our skills in Writing through getting into the role of the characters from our book The Watertower. From this, we created diary entries and discursive arguments to explore these roles further. In Maths, we have learnt new rhymes and strategies to help us, such as the Moo Moo method and the sword method. In Science, we have learnt about the attributes of plants and animals and have designed our own fertiliser brand. In History, we've begun learning about the Maya civilisation and identified countries in an atlas of where they would have been situated. We also even managed to play a game of the Mayans' favourite, Pok-a-Tok!



School reopens on Monday 2nd November 2020.