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Ermine Street Church Academy Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first, full Newsletter of the academic year. With the summer break now a collection of wonderful memories, the children have returned or arrived with much enthusiasm and all have settled into life and learning extremely well. To see the children in Thunderbolt, after just a week of school, gell into a happy team is a real privilege.

I am pleased to be able to report that Miss Hibbert is beginning to feel a little better but treatment on her eye infection will continue. Meet The Teacher evening will therefore not include Dakota next week but there will be an alternative date as soon as possible. At the Meet The Teacher evening we will be sharing our overviews of this term's learning. A copy of them will be sent out for all classes this weekend so that you have them to refer to as you support your children.

The 'dates for your diary' on the final page include an important date for Year 6—an information evening at Sawtry Village Academy. The diary also includes the dates for a Prayer Group which Revd. Rob is starting (please see the attached flyer).

This week we have been given the go ahead to create a Remembrance display at the front of the school. This display will include poppies made out of plastic drinks bottles. I know that some of you have been collecting many already and it would be great if everyone could join in. We will ask for the bottles to come into school nearer the time.

Next week both clubs and Home Learning begins. Some chess sets have been kindly donated and if anyone else has any more I'd love to receive them.

And finally, you will be interested to hear that the advertisement for our fifth teacher is now live on our website; very exciting.

With best wishes,
Mr Adrian Shepherd
Headteacher

Many dates for the Autumn term can be found on the back page.

Thunderbolt

Can you believe we have been at school for over a week?! Thunderbolt are really settling in to their new environment, and growing in confidence as we meet other children around the school. So far we have found out some names of new friends (though sometimes it's hard to remember all of them), and that we like the same silly songs! This week the children have been helping each other out; we have had a dinosaur drawing masterclass outside, teamwork at making ramps and slides to launch lots of balls, and lots and lots of paint.

Now that we are more settled coming in to school, it would be good to get into the routine of saying goodbye at the gate. Look out for a little home learning to come out next Friday...



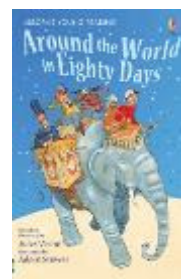
Tornado & Dakota

It has been a great start to the new school year in Tornado and Dakota class. We kicked off our topic of 80 Days Around The World by trying foods from all of the countries that Phileas Fogg travelled to. Many of us, including Miss Roberts, Miss Hibbert and Mr Shepherd were surprised by how much we liked Falafel! We have looked at lots of different maps and can't wait to continue our journey!

In maths, Year 1 have been focusing on teen numbers, whilst in English they have been practising sounding out words to describe what is happening in pictures and writing sentences to describe Phileas Fogg. Year 2 have been learning to think about how many tens and how many ones they have. Once we cracked this we could start to compare and order mixed up numbers. In English we have been experimenting with different adjectives to make noun phrases. Year 3 have also been very busy. In English they have been making sure they remember what a '2A' and a list sentence are. In maths they have been exploring three digit numbers and thinking about what happens when we add or subtract hundreds and tens.

Our photos show some of our gymnastics, art and Science learning about friction.

Both classes have settled into the year well and feel like they have been together forever! We are really excited to see what our next adventures will be!

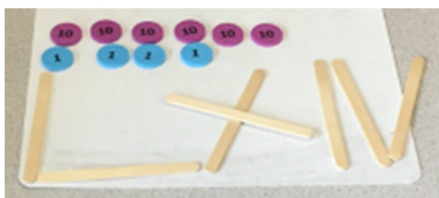
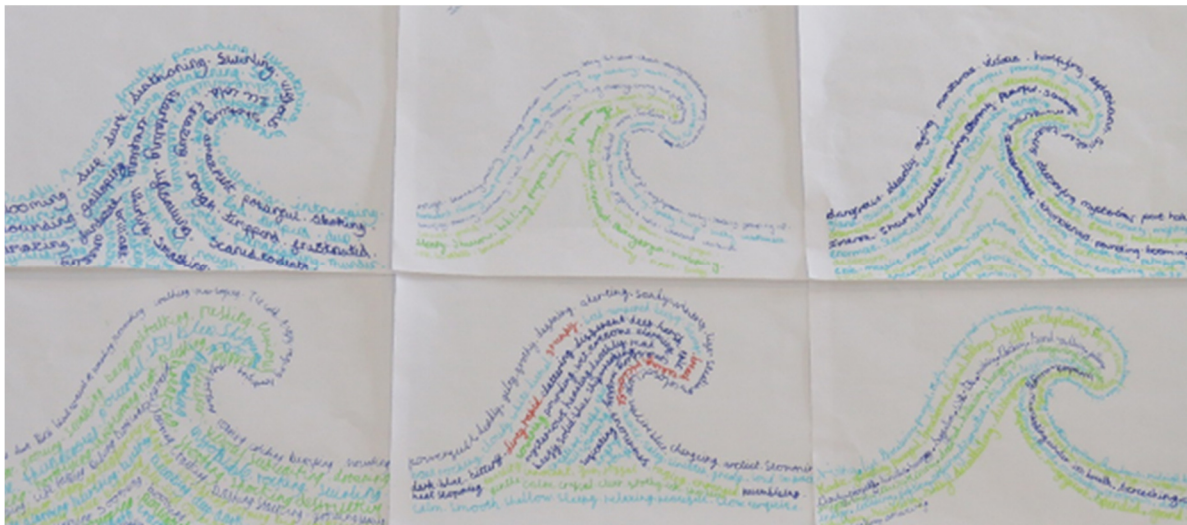


Hercules

A wave of creativity hit Hercules classroom this week, as they thought about powerful vocabulary to describe powerful waves. The collection of words we gathered was impressive and was used to create some wave art work. Some words have even made their way to our classroom windows!

With the vocabulary fresh in our minds, we developed some truly wonderful poetry about Waves ... poetry which I'm sure we will share with you some time this term.

During the week we have also been investigating how the Roman number system worked and enabled 3 and 4 digit numbers to be created ... using a range of resources including lolly-sticks!



Dates For Your Diary (new dates and changes in bold)

20th September	First coffee morning of the new school year.
20th September, 6pm	Meet The Teacher. This is an opportunity for parents to find out about the learning and topics that your children will be enjoying this term and what the year ahead involves. Each session will last for 30 minutes, with teachers repeating the session in case you have children in two classes. The session for Dakota will take place at a later date.
21st September	Jeans for Genes Day. Non-uniform event for charity.
26th September, 8.45am	Prayer Group.
3rd October	Children's photographs—individual and family groups.
4th October, 3.30pm	Grafham residential meeting for Year 5 & 6 children and parents.
4th October, 6pm	Sawtry Village Academy Open Evening for current Year 6.
18th October, 8am	Big Breakfast. Join us for toast, cereal and bacon sandwiches and some quality time together. This is a fundraising event.
19th October	Teacher training day. Hangar Club open.
22nd-26th October	Half-term.
30th October, 8.45am	Prayer Group.
30th October	Parents' Evening—Thunderbolt, Tornado and Dakota.
31st October—2nd November	Year 5 and 6 Grafham residential trip.
6th November	Parents' Evening—all classes.
9th November	Parents' Evening—Hercules only.
13th November, 8.40am	Coffee morning.
28th November, 8.45am	Prayer Group.
14th December	Carols Around The Tree. 5.45pm Christmas drinks at The Club and then walk to school or meet there for carols at 6.30pm.
19th December, 2pm	Christingle.
19th December	Last day of the Autumn term.

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