

Forest Academy News



Keeping you up to date!

Friday 26th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week.

ZOOM CLASS MEETINGS

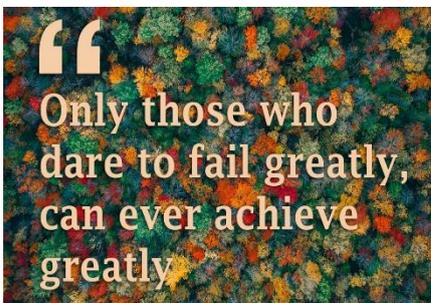
Staff and children were so excited to see the children in their classes joining the Zoom class meetings! It was lovely to be able to connect the children in school with the children who are learning at home. Children shared how they had spent their time during lockdown, their learning and talked about what they are looking forward to when they come back to school. As well as seeing children and their parents and carers, the meetings were also joined by a pet mouse, two rabbits and a new baby sister! The class meetings were such a hit that we are going to be continuing the sessions for each class at the same time each week until the end of term, so please keep that time free. If you have any questions about accessing the Zoom meeting for your class, please contact the office.



CORE VALUES

The core value for this half term is **RESILIENCE**.

Some things that can help to develop resilience are:



- * Having a positive attitude
- * Finding good friends
- * Feeling good about yourself
- * Feeling like you belong
- * Having a supportive family
- * Helping others or 'giving back'
- * Being able to solve problems and overcome challenges
- * Good communication with the people around you

Our virtual assemblies held on a Monday are focusing on resilience and are available on the school website or through our social media pages. Click [here](#) for the most recent assembly led by Mrs. Wray.

THIS WEEK'S LEARNING

Reception

This week children continued to explore different media through fruit printing. They used fruit such as bananas, grapes, apples and mangoes to create their prints with paint. They investigated different feelings that they might be experiencing and were able to name these through playing emotions bingo. Through large construction they have started to develop their measuring skills and through using tape measures, rulers and multilink cubes they worked out which items were the longest. They continued to explore length and height in their independent maths tasks when they built towers based on the numbers they threw on the dice. They took it in turns to throw the dice and then added the corresponding amounts of blocks to their towers. Outdoors they built on their phonic knowledge using paint brushes and water to write tricky words.



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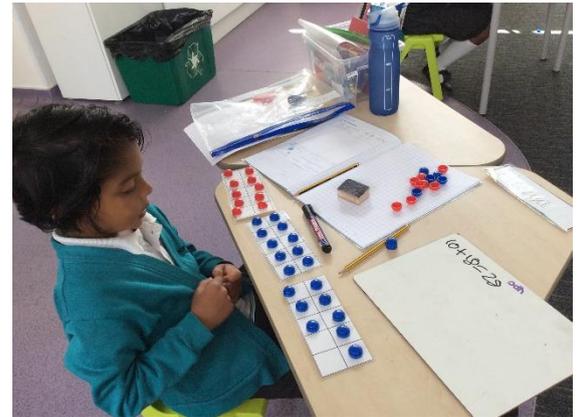


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Year One

This week, Year 1 have been busy with their handwriting, reading and phonics. In Literacy, they have also learnt how to change verbs from present tense to past tense and write them in their own sentences. Maths was fun as they used numicon, ten frames and dienes to add two numbers and even to spot the patterns in calculations. The children discussed what they love about Forest Academy and their hopes for the future. PE lessons were quite challenging but they used their resilience skills to try different types of jumps for the London Youth Games virtual games.



Olive Class



This week Olive class picked some of their first crops including the very first strawberry, onions and peas. Everyone enjoyed the sweet taste of the fresh peas from the pods they picked. The children have been developing sketching and cross hatching skills in art. They were drawing and colouring lemons, using techniques to make them appear in 3-D. In PHSE, they have been developing relaxation techniques and thinking about how to show their emotions. Some of the group have been developing their 3, 4 and 8 times tables and division facts. Some others have been multiplying fractions by whole numbers (integers). In Literacy the children have been looking at ways to make their writing more interesting for the reader so that next week they can include these in their diary plans.

Year 6

It's been another busy week in Year 6 with the pupils working hard. This week they experimented with different watercolour techniques before moving onto photography in art. In PE they practised the hop, step and jump technique needed to complete a triple jump. After lots of practise they managed to jump a distance of over a metre! In Literacy they have been looking closely at the use of grammar and punctuation in persuasive writing and beginning to use modal verbs (e.g. could, would, should, might) and semi colons in their sentences in preparation for planning their own political speeches next week.



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CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure that the school has the most up to date contact details for you. Let us know if you change your mobile number or email address as this information is what we will use for the zoom class meetings, keeping in touch phone calls or for food vouchers.

HOME LEARNING

The home learning page on our website is now password protected, for Year 6 chapters, to make it more secure. You will receive the password via a text message or email. If you have any difficulties please contact the office: info@forestacademy.org.uk. Keep sending your wonderful photos and videos to: homelearning@forestacademy.org.uk or info@forestacademy.org.uk or admin@forestacademy.org.uk. so that we can share them in the newsletters and on social media.

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RECEPTION PLACES



Do you or someone you know have a child whose date of birth falls between the 1st of September 2015 and 31st August 2016? If so, the child is eligible for a place in Reception in September 2020. We still have a few spaces available at Forest. For further information, please contact the school office.

HOT WEATHER

Now that the summer weather has arrived, please remember to apply sun cream to your child's skin before they come to school and provide them with a sun hat to wear when they are outside.



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Reminders

- Please send your child to school with a named, reusable, dishwasher safe water bottle. These should be left at school and will be cleaned overnight.
- Children may bring in a piece of fruit for break time.
- No chocolate or sweets in lunch boxes please
- **The school office is currently closed** – you must phone the school beforehand to arrange collection of anything you may need such as home learning or food packages.
- Please send in some pictures of all the wonderful home learning you are doing

Have a lovely weekend.

From

Mrs Wray and all the staff.



Happy Birthday wishes to:

	Bonnie	Elm Class
	Havya	Cherry Class
	Ocean	Willow Class
	Dexter	Maple Class
	Hadia	Cherry Class
	Yaqoub	Lime Class
	Cameron-Dane	Pine Class

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Support and Advice

These are very challenging times for everyone, but there is a lot of help available. Below you will find the contact details of a number of organisations to go to if you need help or advice:

- For help with welfare rights advice, call the council's free advice line on 0800 731 5920 to speak to an advisor or email welfare.rights@croydon.gov.uk.
- [Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be available for a limited time to top up housing-related benefits to cover housing costs such as rent
- You may be able to claim a [discretionary reduction in council tax](#)- visit Croydon Council website to find out if you qualify
- There are three food stops with community partners in New Addington, Selsdon and Thornton Heath, where eligible residents can get £20 worth of food and groceries for £3.50 per week. For information email anita.konczack@croydon.gov.uk
- Gas and electricity prepayment meters during COVID-19. Contact your energy suppliers, to discuss options to ensure your supply is not interrupted. Visit this website for further information: <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-and-your-energy-supply>
- The council's Gateway service helps residents avoid homelessness, and offers support ranging from one-to-one debt advice and maximising benefit entitlement. If you are a Croydon resident needing support from Gateway staff, email gcc@croydon.gov.uk including a mobile number so an adviser can call you back.
- Croydon Council have a [COVID-19 web page](#) which will be updated daily with any changes to services.
- Help for anyone experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse - Croydon Family Justice Centre
020 8688 0100 or email fjc@croydon.gov.uk

If you have concerns about a child (or their families) welfare, contact Croydon Council's Single Point of Contact (SPOC)

Telephone: 020 8726 6400

Out of hours: 020 8726 6400 (ask for out of hours team)

Email: childreferrals@croydon.gov.uk

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 – 16:00

If you think a child is at risk of immediate harm telephone 999

