

# A week in the life of



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We have had another busy week at Worlab Academy. We like to offer our children new experiences whenever possible and two of the Year 6 children had the opportunity for just that when they went to another local primary school to take part in a Cardio wall competition. The children continue to work hard in the classrooms and we have some assemblies organised in the next few weeks where the children will be telling you what they have learnt. We always have a range of extra-curricular clubs on offer from academic support, sporting activities, those linked to the arts and those linked to emotional wellbeing. Our mindfulness club is very popular (43% of the school pupils attend).



## Clubs for the following week:

Monday	
Reading Buddies	Lunchtime – Mrs. Hatton
Colour & Chat	EYFS & KS1 – Mrs Hanly lunchtime
Drama	3:30-4:30 (Mrs Evans & Mrs Hatton)
Tuesday	
Premier Sports	Playground games (all ages) 8am – 8:45
Reading Buddies	Lunchtime – Mrs. Hatton
Still Life Art	(Year 4, 5 and 6) 3:30 – 4:30 – Mrs. Grey
Netball	(Years 2 – 6) 3:30-4:30 Mrs Clark
Wednesday	
Choir	12:30 – 1 (Mrs Shearwood & Mrs Owens) <b>cancelled for this week only</b>
Mindfulness	Whole school – Mrs Britcliffe
Thursday	
Premier Sport: Archery	(Years 1 - 6) 8am – 8:45am
Playground Buddies/ School Council	12:30 – 1 Mrs. Hatton
Games Club	(KS2) 12:30 – 1 – Miss Toner
Running club	(KS2) 3:30-4:30 - Parent volunteers
Gardening Club	Years 1 – 6 3:30-4:30 Mrs Otty
Friday	
Homework Club – Reading, spelling, times tables	Mrs Hatton 12:30-1:00

### Fire Regulations

Thank you to all of those parents that have reserved a place for the arts assembly. We are now at full capacity so if you have not replied, unfortunately due to the safety of the attendees and fire regulations we will not be able to offer any more places.

### Medical Needs

We still have several bottles of medicine, inhalers, tablets and cream that parents have asked us to keep at school but who have not been in to complete an administration of medicine update form. As the 2 weeks has now passed those parents will now be contacted individually and asked to collect the medication held. Please also inform us if your child has a medical need for which we need to complete an individual health care plan. This is needed if we need to make any special allowances for your child at school because of their medical need.



## Class 1



Luckily this week, the evil pea hasn't played any more tricks on us (much to the children's disappointment) but the children have been focusing on the character of 'Supertato' and what he is like. The children used some fantastic descriptive words such as 'super....fast...helpful...strong'. We also had the chance to taste some chopped up pepper in addition to our snack, since we are considering healthy snacks and thinking about vegetables as inspired by the story. Some children weren't so keen on the peppers but all children were willing to give them a try! Well done!

In phonics we have been revising the phase 3 digraphs and also looking at words containing the blends 'cr' 'dr' and 'gr'.

We have also been exploring the texture of shaving foam and the children have enjoyed using different spoons and scoops to spread the foam around (in addition to their hands of course)!

Parents are invited to join us at 3:15pm on Monday afternoon for a short 5 minute performance of our most recent Talk for Writing story – "Supertato". Please come in via the office, you will then be welcome to take your child home if you wish.

Unfortunately our visit from the dentist has had to be rearranged for Tuesday June 27th at 1:15pm. The children in EYFs and KS1 will all need to bring their toothbrushes to school on this day please.



## Class 2



As part of our topic on Africa we looked at a brief history of the continent, from the Egyptians, David Livingstone to Nelson Mandela. We plotted on a map the significant places relating to these people and next week will write a brief fact file or biography about Nelson Mandela. In art the children created their own jewellery inspired by the Masai Mara tribes of Kenya. This week was the final week of riddle writing and the children researched, planned and wrote their own riddle. I was very impressed and am sure the people at the writing competition will think the same. It would be fantastic to get some of the children's work published. We showed a lot of trust in maths this week when we directed our blindfolded partner to find some treasure.



## Class 3



This week in Class 3 we have been preparing ourselves, as a unit of centurions, for battle! We have been designing and constructing scuta and have begun to practice some infantry formations, though they require a lot of coordination.

In Science we have been looking at the formation of fossils and describing how it happens over time, as well as researching the work of Mary Anning and her contributions to palaeontology.

In English we have been busy planning, drafting and improving a recount about a lucky escape from Pompeii during the eruption of Mt Vesuvius - few would have been so fortunate!

In Maths we have been exploring the relationship between fractions and how to show using different models how they can be added and subtracted.



## Class 4



This week we have looked at the Ancient Greek myth of Pandora's Box and the children have used Talk for Writing techniques to story map the different paragraphs and memorise the vocabulary used. We then studied a completely different version of Pandora's Box to compare the two and some of us even compared it to the Adam and Eve creation story. Next week, we will use Pandora's experiences to write a complaint letter to Zeus for his cunning plan.

We also looked at Ordnance Survey maps and tried to identify the symbols and what they could mean in terms of the layout of the land, rural and urban areas and the contour lines. To start our Ancient Greeks topic, we looked at a blank map of Europe and decided to label the countries that we knew and research the countries that we didn't know anything about.

## Dates for your diary New dates in blue



MAY – KS1 SATS

22<sup>nd</sup> May – A visit from Mr Porter in his capacity as a police officer and to talk about British Law – to be rearranged

23<sup>rd</sup> May – KS2 Triathlon

23<sup>rd</sup> May – KS2 cricket coaching begins

24<sup>th</sup> May – Class 3 assembly to parents (9:15) “The Romans”

25<sup>th</sup> May – (9:30) Whole school arts assembly for parents

26<sup>th</sup> May (pm) – Whole School “Healthy Me”

26<sup>th</sup> May – Close for half term

5<sup>th</sup> June – open after half term

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> June – Whole school poverty proofing (more details to follow)

8<sup>th</sup> June – 9:15am EYFS assembly

8<sup>th</sup> June – Brigg Cluster Music Extravaganza

15<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Induction to the Vale academy

27<sup>th</sup> June - EYFS & KS1 visit from the Dentist

29<sup>th</sup> June – 9:15am Class 2 assembly

30<sup>th</sup> June – Teacher Training Day

6<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Induction to the Vale academy

6<sup>th</sup> July – Move up morning at school

7<sup>th</sup> July – Annual reports to parents

12<sup>th</sup> July – Optional summer parents meeting

12<sup>th</sup> July – Move up day at school

13<sup>th</sup> July 5pm – Transition meeting for parents of EYFS children

17<sup>th</sup> July – SPORTS WEEK

19<sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm Sports afternoon

21<sup>st</sup> July – The Year 6 Sleepover (more details to follow)

24<sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm Reserve Sports day

## Behaviour - (Recorded incidents this week)

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	
2	4	2	1	Classroom
3	1	4	0	Lunchtime

**Please see the academy website for details of our behaviour policy.**

## ★ ★ Stars of the Week ★ ★

**Class 1 – Sammy** for much improved pencil control

**Class 2 – George** for showing fantastic understanding and application of maths skills in our maths quizzes

**Class 2 – Freya** in recognition of writing a fabulous riddle

**Class 3 – Charles** for a well drafted, improved and engaging historical recount of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

**Class 3 – Cameron** for a noticeable effort in improvement in the presentation of his work

**Class 4 – Isabel C** for writing a convincing formal complaint letter to Mr Brown’s dentist about poor grammar in the dentists advice leaflet

**Class 4 – Aaron** for writing a convincing formal complaint letter to Mr Brown’s dentist about poor grammar in the dentists advice leaflet

## Attendance - for the week 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
88.46%	99.05%	97.5%	98.95%
0 Lates	0 Lates	0 Lates	0 Lates
Whole school attendance <b>96.75%</b>			

### Garden News

It has been a busy couple of weeks for Gardening Club and the weather has been mercifully kind to us. Last week the children and adults weeded the flower bed and half barrel planter which are situated between the poly tunnel and EYFS shed. They then sowed the three packets of wild flower seeds that had been given to the Academy in memory of Joanne Morris, the mother of Jerry, who was one of our Foundation children last year. Joanne very sadly passed away last year. Hopefully the seeds will produce a mass of glorious flowers which will help the bees and butterflies, later in the year.

This week the children were excited to discover that the sunshine and rain of the last week, had encouraged the potatoes in the long bed to grow, with little clumps of potato foliage dotted all along the length of the bed, whilst over in the circular bed, four rows of tiny carrot seedlings had also put in an appearance.

Unfortunately, copious amounts of weeds had also sprouted and so the children carefully and quickly weeded all of the beds, including those whose residents haven't yet sprung to life and the empty ones. They did an amazing job, without complaint and the beds looked fabulous within a very short period of time. With the boring but necessary jobs done, the fun task of planting 4 pumpkin and 9 tomato plants out began, adding some much needed colour to the rectangular bed and the other half barrel planter.

### **Charity News**

Thank you to all parents/members of the community that supported us with Starlight clothing. You raised a total of £12.90 for your school and £3.22 for the Starlight charity.

### **Sporting news**

Last week, Ryan in Class 2 had the great honour of being a mascot at the women's FA cup final. He won a competition to carry the match ball on to the pitch at Wembley for the game between Manchester City and Birmingham City. Before the match he got a tour around Wembley and got to watch a great match with his mum and dad. You can see some of the photographs of the day, below.

