

Term One Celebrations from all the staff at Tenterden Primary Federation

Year: Reception

Our Celebrations

The children have settled so well into school, learning lots of new routines, expectations and making lots of new friends. We have enjoyed learning our Maths using number blocks, learning lots of new sounds and tricky words. We have been learning about Autumn, we went on a woodland walk which the children loved and we used the natural objects we found to make autumnal arts and crafts. Next term we are looking forward to our topic Celebrations. We will be thinking about Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. We will be starting our PE lessons and looking forward to learning lots of new skills.

Year: 1

Our Celebrations

We have learnt to write a character description and a recount. We have enjoyed following the feather trail for 'The Crow's Tale' and we have been on various adventures to write our recount. We had fun when we labelled all the different features of an owl and used adjectives to create descriptive sentences about the character. We have begun to look at connectives and how to join two sentences together. In Maths we have been comparing groups of objects and ordered numbers. Next term we are looking forward to finding out more about our country and the Royal Family.

Year: 2

Our Celebrations

This term, Year 2 has been learning about the weather. We have had an amazing time role-playing as weather reporters, observing the weather and making our very own rain gauges. We have also been learning about 'The Crow's Tale'. This inspired us to investigate materials and their properties. We then went on to make capes to protect the Crow. In English we wrote a poem about the Crow's beautiful feathers. In Maths we have been learning how to problem solve using part-part whole and visual representations of number. The children have been amazing this term and we could not be prouder!

Next term, our focus will be 'The Teddy Robber' by Ian Beck and 'We are Britain', where we will be building on our geography skills and our knowledge of Queen Elizabeth II!

Year: 3

Our Celebrations

In Outdoor Learning our autumnal artwork focused on textures and colours. In our topic the Vikings we designed and painted Viking shields, figureheads and long ships.

In English we have practised instruction writing and looked instructions on how to trap a dragon. We enjoyed learning about place value in Maths using Dienes blocks, place value counters, number lines and part-part whole to represent different amounts. We have had great fun learning about magnets and forces in Science. We hope you enjoyed being greeted in Spanish!

Next term we are looking at myths in English ('Theseus and the Minotaur'). We will be designing 3D Viking shields and longships and make these from wood and cardboard in small groups. In Maths we are looking at the formal written methods for addition and subtraction.

Year:4

Our Celebrations

We are so very proud of all our children in Year 4. They have settled back in to school life extremely well. This term we have started to explore Ancient Egypt as our topic and have been able to learn about the mummification process. We have enjoying using clay to create our very own Canopic jars. In English we have been writing our own adventure story along with writing a diary extract. In Maths we have been doing lots of tasks involving and partitioning four digit numbers. We have made use of our outside learning days by investigating habitats and animals as part of our science unit.

Next term we will continue our topic on Ancient Egypt by researching the great explorer, Howard Carter. The children will also continue their outdoor learning experience by creating their own bug hotels.

Year:5

Our Celebrations

Year 5 have settled back to school well and we are enjoying being back together in class and as a year group. We have worked in our groups, demonstrating incredible team work, making our planters using pallets. In this DT project we have learnt how to use tools safely. We thank The Tenterden Garden Centre who supported our work by donating a voucher for us to use. We also created some beautiful pumpkin art. In Maths we have been rounding numbers to the nearest multiple of 10.

Next term we are looking forward to making bird boxes and continuing to develop our DT skills. In Maths we will be deepening our understanding of addition and subtraction. In English we will be writing non-chronological reports and our art work will focus on Basquiat.

Year: 6

Our Celebrations

We have enjoyed returning school and have been working hard. Children's independence has shone through in their approach to learning. Our topic has focused on WW2 and as part of this in English we have been exploring diary writing and studying extracts from 'Anne Frank's Diary'. We have also enjoyed story writing compiling our own ideas to create a warning tale. In Maths we have been using our number and reasoning skills to problem solve.

Our outdoor day has been very exciting and we have been working in our garden planting our own vegetables for our 'Dig for Victory'. The children have voted for their House Captains and are supporting their Houses.

Next term we will be continuing our WW2 topic, we will be learning about rationing and how this impacted on daily life. Part of our work will also be looking at the need to 'Make Do and Mend'.

As you can see, we have all loved being back at school and have enjoyed lots of exciting activities. We have some interesting projects to look forward to next term. We would like to thank all the children for their daily hard work and smiles. It is always a pleasure to greet one and all each morning, whatever the weather! Thank you to everyone for supporting the home learning, wearing masks on site and supporting the Harvest collection and Non School Uniform Day. We all wish you a very happy and safe break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 2, which starts Monday 9th November.

Kind regards

From all the staff at Tenterden Primary Federation