



Parkstone News

Parkstone Primary School takes seriously its responsibility to safeguarding all children and adults and has a rigorous procedure in place to do so. The school does not tolerate bullying and deals with all forms very seriously. Safeguarding and Child Protection coordinator: Mr J Rogers. Safeguarding Governor: Mr M Hillerby.

Note from the Headteacher

Our children have had a very busy few weeks taking part in various visits and experiences to enhance their learning. We have had a visiting Planetarium, a day trip to London and a three day residential visit to Robinwood. Next week we have a fire engine coming to school! All of the staff at Parkstone work incredibly hard to provide an interesting and exciting curriculum for your child/children and to make their learning fun. I would like to thank you to you for your support with this too. One week to go until half term!

Save the date!

22nd/ 23rd

October:

Y4 and Y3

visit to

Murton Park

25th October:

Halloween

discos

26th October:

Break up

5th

November:

Back to

school

Attendance

As a school, our attendance since the last newsletter was 96.3% which is very good! Well done to all those classes that have above 97% attendance.

Keep coming to school every day so you can be a Leading Learner and earn Parkstone Pounds for your class!

Attendance for the week ending 19.10.18

Mrs West 97.3%	Mrs Austin 82.7%	Mrs Derrick/ Mr Rogers 96.6%	Mrs Waudby 95.3%
Miss Draper- Martin 93.9%	Miss King 92.1%	Mrs Gill 93.4%	Mrs Woollin 97%
Mrs Damary Thomson 93%	Mrs Holtby/ Mrs Wigglesworth 97.6%	Mrs Whitworth 97.3%	Mrs Jacobs 98.4%
Miss Lamerton 98.8%	Mrs Wallace 99.2%		

Foundation Stage

The children in the Foundation Stage have settled in well to their phonics and maths sessions. They are learning to focus for a set amount of time and follow very specific instructions. In pastoral time we have been thinking about how to be kind and show respect to others and we have started to hear some of the things they are learning coming out in conversations around the classrooms. We have ordered some new equipment for the outdoor area (the children have helped decide where they would like things and what they think we need) and are looking forward to its continued development. Please continue to send in junk modelling recycling for our craft activities and also newspapers for the guinea pigs. The weather is obviously starting to change, but this does not stop the children from having access to the outdoor area (and the now very well established mud kitchen) some of the children are now bringing in all in one waterproof suits to wear which is proving invaluable, so if you would like to send one in for your child we will find the space to store it here.

Year 1 and 2

Year 1 and 2 have been working very hard over the past few weeks. The Year 1 pupils are settled in and working hard. In maths they have been using the part whole method and adding up two numbers. They are really enjoying the book *The Bog Baby* and have produced some lovely writing from it. In Year 2 they have been reading and learning about *Traction Man*. The Year 2 pupils have been working so hard on their writing and it is so neat!

Our *Great Fire of London* topic is well under way and all the teachers have been so impressed with all the facts that the children have remembered. We are very excited because next week *Blue Watch* is bringing their Fire Engine and all the pupils are going to get to have a look around the fire engine.

Year 3 and 4

We have been busy in Year 3 and 4! In Year 3 in maths we have been doing column addition and been exchanging 10 ones for a ten and in Year 4 we have been solving addition problems. In English Year 3 we have been researching owls and next week we will be writing our own non-chronological reports. In Year 4 we have been writing fantastic descriptions of volcanoes erupting, inspired by the book *Escape from Pompeii*.

In our theme lessons we have learnt why and how Romans built roads, Roman place names and Roman road names. We then made edible Roman roads using marshmallows, coco pops, crushed digestives and chocolate buttons! Next week we are going on our trip to Murton Park, we are very excited!

Year 5 and 6

It has been an incredibly busy few weeks for Year 5 and 6! We have explored our solar system further with the help of Lab Rascals and their planetarium! Our hall was transformed and our pupils were fantastic at asking scientific questions and using specific vocabulary.

We have been focusing on addition and subtraction problem solving in maths and have applied our writing skills to write 'letters to home' from a Windrush Immigrant, as part of our *Britain Since 1948* topic. Mrs Jacobs' class were superb ambassadors for our school when visiting London this week. They visited The Houses of Parliament, observing live debates in The House of Commons and creating their own manifestos - approved by our MP Diana Johnson! It was an amazing experience!