



Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we start our busy second term, the staff of Tyndale Primary School would like to extend their appreciation and thanks for your continued support for Tyndale. We are very proud of the children for their continued attitudes to learning and engagement within lessons. Both established and new staff members have relished the opportunity to work with and get to know your children. We are delighted to welcome Miss Julia Hyndman, Mr Kerr Tembar, Miss Holly Johnson and Miss Chloe Williams, our PGCE students, who are undertaking teaching placements with us during term 2 and term 3 across the school. We are also delighted to welcome Miss Smyth, our new HLTA, who will be working with classes and children across the school. Thank you for your support in our behaviour policy and in working with your class teachers and senior leadership team across the school, in order to best support your child. We are always here if you need us, and we continue to strive to be the best that we can be.

Aspiration

This term we have introduced our new 'Full House Friday'. We are aspiring for all pupils to read every night- 7 days a week- for a minimum of 20 minutes per reading session in Key Stage 2 and 15 minutes in Reception and Key Stage 1. There will be opportunities to win prizes for individual regular readers, in our weekly 'Full House Friday' raffle. We love to 'be caught' reading here at Tyndale, along with our Drop Everything And Read times during our school day; we would love for your child or yourselves to share a photo of your family reading... wherever you decide to!

Aspiration in English and Maths

In English, classes across the school have been working on National Curriculum objectives and will continue to focus on their age relevant skills. In KS2, Year 4 have been learning about Ernest Shackleton and his expedition. They have been writing compound sentences about life on the boat and will be writing a letter from his perspective. In KS1, children in Year 2 have been writing a diary in role as Samuel Pepys and will be writing their own fire poetry!

Success

During term 2, the children will be continuing with their Milliondreams curriculum, that they have really enjoyed during our first term.

So far, children across the school have enjoyed varied opportunities: in year 5 and 6 they have been exploring the lives of Tudor Monarchs and key events including the battle of Bosworth, during the Tudor period in the topic 'Tudors', demonstrating a real enthusiasm and eagerness to explore this topic; Year 4 have been continuing to learn about mountains as part of their topic. They have located UK mountains and hills and will be exploring more about the different parts of mountains and how they differ. Year 2 have demonstrated their super knowledge of events during the great fire of London, where they sequenced the chronological events and discussed reasons for the fire and the impact it had on the people of London.

In Year 3, the children enjoyed 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' so we have decided to use another Roald Dahl text for this term. The children have enjoyed their topic of Scrumdiddlyumptious

In Maths Year 5 and 6 have been recapping previous knowledge on multiplication, exploring multiplying and dividing numbers including decimals by 10 and 100 and explaining why. It is really important that children across the school build on their instant fact recall for +, -, x and ÷. KS1 and Reception have been building on their understanding of shape, addition and subtraction.

and they will be continuing with looking at nutrition and healthy eating with many practical based learning opportunities.

Pride

We were very proud of both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children during their respective Harvest Festival performances prior to half term. Although as with any performance, nerves can get the better of anyone (big or small!) the children showed courage and enthusiasm when performing in front of a large audience. Well done children!

Our KS1 and KS2 Choirs will be continuing to rehearse choir songs; last term you had a sneak preview at one of our choir songs 'When I Grow Up' which the children were proud to perform. Stay tuned for more from the choir!

Nurture

Year 4 have a very exciting class trip to Cineworld to watch Bumblebee, which we will then explore across their learning. Y5 and Y6 are also planning a trip to the 'Red Lodge' to look more at Tudor architecture and portraits. We are very excited to announce that we will be holding a KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's Church; EYFS will be 'delivering' a traditional nativity; Y1, Y2 and star performers Y3 will be presenting a sequel to their 2018 offering 'Lights, Camel, Action!'. Please also stay tuned for more information about our Christmas Fair.

PE

Due to Health and Safety, children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE. You should already be aware of your designated PE day and Bristol Sports Session from your child's class teacher.

Please could you ensure that if your child has any piercings they are removed, unless within the 6 week period in which case please provide tape. Please do not send your child in with laced up trainers if they cannot tie them themselves.

Social media

Please remember that there is only one official Facebook account run by school staff: Tyndale Primary School. If you are running a Facebook group for parents please let us know, and if you are part of an unofficial group linked to the school please support our school with positive comments. If you have any concerns about your child please speak to us in the first instance.