

EMMAVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL





WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Hello Everyone,

Another busy week in school with children working hard engaging in their learning.

On Thursday, in our virtual assembly, we remembered those who gave up their lives for the country and people they fought to protect. The Year 6 pupils have completed some lovely art work linked to their History topic on World War 2. On the front of this week's bulletin, Mrs McKie has included 3 examples of the children's work; I am sure you will agree they look spectacular.



Ode of Remembrance They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them.



Curriculum

If you wish to have a look at each year group's curriculum plans for this academic year, you can find them on the school website on the curriculum page.

Also, on the curriculum page on the website, from the week beginning the 15th November, there will be a link to class timetables. We have spent some time recently reviewing timetables ensuring that we have a broad and balanced curriculum, as well as making time for the pupils to catch up on missed learning opportunities because of the impact of the pandemic. The teachers will have some flexibility with the timetables so they can build in class visits, and give the children opportunities to work with external visitors; experiences that enrich the children's learning.

Homework

We hope you approve of our new approach to homework, and are finding the weekly homework sheets helpful. Please spend time talking to the children about what they have learned in the week, the more they talk about what has been learned, the deeper the learning.

A big shout out

It always makes a teacher buzz when a pupil enjoys their learning so much that they go home and carry on with the learning. This week, Miss McPherson was buzzing with delight! She was so thrilled by one boy's efforts that she simply needed to share it with me. I was so delighted that I wanted to share it with you all.

In English this week in South America, the children have been working on flashbacks using the story of the Three Little Pigs. However, Christopher in South America thought that the flashback would work better using the story of Hansel and Gretel, and this is what he wrote at home.

Hansel and Gretel

Hansel and Gretel are brothers and sisters about to be put in a monster oven which looks like a normal oven but is it a normal oven? The witch who's putting them in the oven is old with a big wart on the end of her nose, eyes that stare in glee while watching the children eat to fatten them up. You may ask how the children got here, well let me tell you.

Two days ago Hansel and Gretel's mam and dad said "We don't want you anymore, so at night we shall take you to the forest." That night mam and dad put a blind fold on the children and tied their hands together so they wouldn't know the way back. As they walked, they could hear the crunch of the leaves and sticks as they took each step, they could smell something sweet in the air. After what felt like a lifetime everything was still, mam and dad took the string off their hands and then pushed them to the floor. As they took the blindfold off, they noticed they were alone in the dark forest but what they did have was each other.

A big shout out to you Christopher for continuing your learning beyond the classroom, we are all really proud of you.

Diary Dates

As promised, the following is a list of dates for the second half of the autumn term. The list is not exhaustive; more dates may be added as the term progresses.

Tuesday 16th November - Adam Bushnell to work with the Year 5 pupils.

Tuesday 16th November - The Year 4 & Year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to participate in an author session organised through the Northern Children's Book Festival. The author for this session is Alistair Chisolm.

Wednesday 17th November - Adam Bushnell to work with the Year 6 pupils.

Friday 19th November - Children in Need Day. The children and staff are invited to roll out of bed and come to school in their pjs. We will also be viewing the winning performance of Sarah Hammersley's poem, 'Together we Grow'.

Friday 19th November - To support our Religious Education Curriculum and to celebrate Diversity - the children will be participating in a school Inter Faith Day. Why not ask the children what they have learned from this day?

Friday 26th November - Monthly Virtual Celebration Assembly.

Tuesday 30th November - Year 5 pupils will visit the Centre for Life.

Wednesday 1st December - Parents/Carers will receive pupil target sheets that were shared at this term's Parents/Carers' meetings.

Wednesday 1st December – The children in Northern Europe will be performing in the Gateshead Schools Sports Partnership Cheerleading Festival.

Wednesday 1st December at 4 pm - The children in Northern and Southern Europe will be joining the children from St. Agnes school to sing Carols before the Christmas tree lights are switched on in Crawcrook.

Monday 6th December - Emmaville's autumn term enrichment week. The theme of the week is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

Monday 6th December - The Year 2 pupils will have completed the Phonics Screen Check by the end of this day.

Wednesday 8th December - Pupils from Year 1 - Year 6 will travel to the Northern Stage to see a performance of the Sorcerer's Apprentice. Please note, school will be funding this visit.

Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper/Festive Outfit Day. We will also be making a recording of our chosen Christmas song which will posted on the school's website by Wednesday 15th December.

Monday 13th December – On the afternoon of the 13th, the children in Reception and Year 1 & 2 will be participating in the Greediest Christmas Elf workshop brought to us by Bigfoot Performance Arts Company.

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas dinner. Children are invited to come to school again in their Christmas jumpers/festive outfits.

Thursday 16th December - Ring out the bells as it is 'Party Time'. Children should come to school dressed in their party finery.

Friday 17th December - School closes for Christmas.

Tuesday 4th January - School reopens for the spring term.

Holy Spirit and Centenary Church

Although we have not been able to invite the Open the Book team, Reverend Tom, Sam Cree or Reverend Janet into school, they have still supported us with collective worship from a distance. We appreciate the time that they have spent preparing virtual assemblies and want to thank them for their kindness.

Have a good weekend when it arrives.

Avril Armstrong



Lenny (Asia) has misplaced his black PE hoody. Please check that your child has their own items of clothing.



WKO (World Kickboxing Organisation) World Open Championships

A huge well done to Max in Year 5 who is now a World Champion!

In August he competed in the WKO (World Kickboxing Organisation) European Open Championships and won gold in two categories, becoming the European Champion.

Following this, last week, Max went onto the World Open Championships in Barnsley to representing England as part of the WKO (World Kickboxing Organisation) England team. And WOW, he won a gold and silver medal. He is a world champion! He won the category of Light Continuous Kickboxing, age 8-9 years old and 35-39kg.

It was an amazing performance and we are so proud of him.

Mr Elliott



A little reminder: Christmas lunch this year will be held on Wednesday 15th December. If your child would normally have a packed lunch and would like to stay for lunch, please let the school office know by email: <u>emmavilleprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk</u> stating if they require the vegetarian option. We ask that you let the school office know by **no later than the morning of Wednesday 17th November**. This will enable our cook to finalise the food orders for the lunch. The cost of the lunch for children in Y3 - Y6 is £2.50 and this should be paid for through the Parentmail app.





Head Teacher - Josie (Antarctica) For being an amazing sister to Neve who has recently undergone spinal surgery. The love and care Josie shows towards Neve is incredible.

North America - Elijah For excellent effort on Spell Shed and being our resident expert on animals.

> South America – Reuben For settling back into school so brilliantly.

Antarctica - Max For excellence and setting high standards for himself in all areas.

> Oceania - Billy Joe For amazing attitude and brilliant work.

> Africa – Cara For fabulous subtraction work in Maths.

Asia - Millie For wonderful vocabulary choices in her English work and a fabulous attitude to her work.

> Northern Europe - Louis For being such a superstar and always trying his best!

Southern Europe

05.11.21 - Ethan for super mature attitude! 22.10.21 - Amelie for super concentration in class and answering questions so well.

> Northern Ireland - Billy For his fantastic retelling of "The Magic Paintbrush".

Wales - Liam For exceptional work in Maths all week - wow!

England - Lana For her amazing attitude to learning this week.

> Scotland - Peter For his fantastic listening skills.

Gateshead - Matty For his great enthusiasm during dinosaur week.

> Newcastle - Henry For his excellent Maths knowledge.

Crawcrook Nursery - Ava For beautiful singing during group times.

School Cook - Lydia (Asia) For beautiful manners at lunchtime.