Hannah More Primary School Newsletter 11th June 2021



Welcome back to the final term of the school year!

We have a busy and exciting couple of months ahead and we hope that government guidance will allow us to return to a more normal way of working. We have already been pleased to return to our usual start and end time to the school day – thank you to everyone who is arriving punctually ready to learn by 8.45.

Next week Year 5 children will have a mini camp on the field and further ahead we have plans for a big summer fair on July 9th, sports days, splash day, meetings for new Reception parents, various trips and some new parents' activities including cooking, gardening, mindfulness and bike maintenance! After 21st June we also hope to welcome parents back in to our weekly Friday assembly; in the meantime it is lovely to see parents continuing to join us on Zoom.

We were delighted to welcome Circomedia this week, who started an after-school club with an enthusiastic group of Year 3 children. Circomedia will also be working with all classes during Arts week, which is planned for 12-16 July.

Have a lovely weekend

Sue Ramsay

Headteacher



Please remember to arrive at school, ready to learn **between 8:40am and 8:50am.** The bottom gate closes at 8:55am.



Lavender: Mohamed D Reception: Khadija

- Year 1: Sarina and Amira
- Year 2: Abdullahi and Eqlas
- Year 3: Jamal and Yasmin
- Year 4: Halimo and Ammar
- Year 5: Mohamed S and Mohammed I
- Year 6: Zakaria and Ayman



Summer Activity Days

run by Bristol Sport







We have some fantastic free activity days here at school over the summer. Days are for Hannah More children from Reception right through to Year 6 and will run from 9.30-3.30. Lunch will be provided. Ball games, team games, football, gymnastics and more! You will be able to choose up to 10 days. Booking forms will be sent home in July. Bristol Sport will run the days, supported by a staff member from Hannah More.

You will be able to choose any 10 days. The dates are:

Thursday 22 July, Friday 23 July Monday 26 July, Tuesday 27 July, Wednesday 28 July, Thursday 29 July, Friday 30 July Monday 2 August, Wednesday 4 August, Thursday 5 August, Friday 6 August Monday 9 August, Friday 13 August Monday 16 August, Friday 20 August Monday 23 August, Friday 27 August This week as mathematicians we learnt about measuring, using words like long, tall and small, and comparing the sizes of different objects. In English, some children started reading The Zoo Vet and other children read The Very



Hungry Caterpillar. At home talk about the things you can see around you. Are they tall, short, long, small, big? Which thing is tallest? Which is smallest?

Reception We have had an exciting week in Reception with lots of changes! We saw our tadpoles turn into froglets and butterflies emerge from their chrysalises. As mathematicians we arranged shapes to make pictures. As readers and writers we learnt to read and write longer words and sentences. Look on Tapestry at the photos of the froglets and butterflies. Talk about the changes you noticed. Read your reading book at least three times with an adult and enjoy your story book together.

This week we were maths detectives, finding missing numbers and completing number sentences to match. We enjoyed reading the story 'The Last Tree' and answering questions based on the text. Please continue to read with your child every day and ask them questions about the text to check they understand what they are reading.

We've had a great start to the new term. We learnt about Victorian children and all the horrible jobs they had to do. We especially enjoyed pretending to be coal miners, though we all decided that it would be less fun if we had to do it in pitch black with really heavy coal for 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. We also learnt about the main character from our new story set in Africa - Anna Hibiscus. We discussed the pros and cons of having a large family of cousins, grandparents, aunties and uncles all living together. We are working hard adding multiples of 10 to two-digit numbers. Practising these at home would be very helpful e.g. 53+20, 45+30 etc. Please continue to encourage your child to read every day so they can build reading stamina.

Year 3 had a very exciting week this week with their first ever swimming lesson! **COUS** They did such a fantastic job! We also looked at whether we should save sharks for World Oceans Day and we explored shape in maths. Please help your child learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Please continue to encourage your child to read every day in a <u>fluent voice.</u>

We had World Ocean Day on Tuesday where we learnt all about how plastic and fishing are affecting the oceans. As scientists we experimented with creating circuits and found out which materials conduct or insulate electricity. We started a new graphic novel called 'City of Ember' and as mathematicians we are mastering decimals! At home, continue practising times tables to prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check on 22nd June.

As authors, we looked at the definition of a 'Varmint', and used this to visualise what this creature may look like. As mathematicians we recapped division methods. We also started a new enquiry 'How do habitats affect lifecycles?' and started reading 'Animals of Farthing Wood'. At home please continue to practise your times tables and spellings!

As mathematicians we explored and answered questions about pie charts. As authors we began reading 'The Crossover' and wrote freestyle poems about football. We began a new enquiry 'How do things move?' and were engineers; exploring pulleys, levers and gears. As well as all that, we were artists and musicians and enjoyed a visit from the police about schools safety. At home please make sure you child is clear about how they will get to secondary school safely.



Term 6 at Hannah More!

Please note, some events may need to change due to Government restrictions.

Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th July	Year 5 Camp
Wednesday 23rd June	Sports Day (KS1 & KS2) at school
Thursday 24th June	Sports Day (KS2) at Whitehall
Friday 9th July	Summer Fair
Wednesday 14th July	Splash Day! (KS2 - AM / KS1 - PM)
Thursday 15th July	Year 1 Performance
Friday 16th July	Year 6 Leavers Performance
Monday 12th - Friday 16th July	Arts Week
Monday 19th July	Hannah More's Got Talent





What's on in June and July? Parents





Cooking course for parents!

Find out more on Mondays 14th and 21st June in the playground. Sign up for the taster session - it's on Friday 2nd July 9.30-11.00 travelling

CHEN

Mindfulness for Parents



Free Taster Sessions

These sessions look at how we deal with the stress and worry which comes from being a parent or carer. We can learn to notice what happens when we are stressed and how to keep calm when faced with difficulties.

Taster sessions are Wednesday mornings from 23rd June.

CityFunds

Sign up at the office or with Ruth.