

Friday 7th January 2022

Mrs Wright Writes!

Welcome back everybody and Happy New Year to you all!

The children have returned full of smiles and eager to tell us all about their holidays. They have quickly settled back to learning and you will be soon seeing some of the ways we use the iPads to enhance and support our learning.

The staff were all in school training on Tuesday and we were very fortunate to receive training from David Kirtlan, an Apple Specialist Trainer, who is an expert in his field. Throughout the day we learned more about how to use certain apps and expand our use of seesaw. On the Wednesday, David worked with KS2 children to develop their use of iMovie. This is a free editing app available on all apple products. After learning the skills, the children were very excited to apply them to their history learning. Some classes have already set up their green screens so ask your children about this! You will be able to see what they can do as they upload their work this term to their journals, which you can access from home through seesaw.

Our Reception children have been using their set of iPads to create digital stories, using Book Creator App. They can digitally illustrate these and Miss Wilson, our I.T. leader, was very impressed with their work!

Year One are developing their use of seesaw now they too have a set of iPads and our Year Two's are becoming little experts as they trialled the apps last term.

All our classes now have at least sixteen iPads that they can use whenever they need, which means we can use them in more creative ways to enhance and support learning.

We are very grateful to the Trust for all their support with our projects and to our very own Miss Wilson who has ensured that we will all become experts so we can help the children. Even I made a movie!

This has been a very busy first few days back as we have also been holding all our termly pupil progress meetings for each class. At these meetings we look at the progress of all children and put in place any extra actions to support learning that are needed. If your child is having extra support to catch up this will be shared with you at the parent's meetings this half-term so you can see how this is helping them.

We have a number of parent workshops this term so please attend if you can or access the presentations after the meeting if you are unable to attend. These will continue to be virtual.

Have a good weekend!

iPad Update:



Here are some pictures of the children enjoying using the iPads and the green screen.

Today the **Dragonflies** were challenged to design and make a boat that would float on water. We explored real boats to see what made them float and then tested our boat outside. We were all successful!



On Thursday, Year 2 were transported to 1666 with History Off the Page. They carried out practical activities and drama to find out what it was like living through the Great Fire of London. They immersed themselves as barber surgeons, apothecary, leather workers, chandlers, bakers, metal workers, weavers and seamstresses to name a few. They chased rats, collected books to try and protect them from the fire and pulled houses down using fire hooks. What a morning!

In the afternoon, the children investigated and found out about a specific job and family living in London in 1666 before making a button for Samuel Pepys.



Lost property: Is this your bike or scooter?

Please come and claim it! Thank you.



Term at a glance

January

10 th January	Y4 Swimming (£3.50 per week, please pay & consent via ParentPay)
13 th January	FS Phonics Parent Workshop 9:30-10:30am (virtual)
17 th January	Y4 Swimming (£3.50 per week, please pay & consent via ParentPay)
17 th January	Y6 Stibbington – Dress up (£20, includes lunch, please pay & consent via ParentPay)
19 th January	Y1/2 Phonics Parent Workshop 6-7pm (virtual)
24 th January	Y4 Swimming (£3.50 per week, please pay & consent via ParentPay)
31 st January	Y4 Swimming (£3.50 per week, please pay & consent via ParentPay)
31 st January	Y6 Bikeability all week

February

7 th February	Y4 Swimming (£3.50 per week, please pay & consent via ParentPay)
7 th February	Parents evening (virtual) 4:00-7:00
10 th February	Parents evening (virtual) 3:30-6:30
14 th February	Half term
21 st February	School re-opens
24 th February	Y6 SATs Meeting for Parents (virtual)

March

29 th March	LKS2 Production-am (virtual)
30 th March	LKS2 Production-pm & evening (virtual)

April

1 st April	Last day of spring term
4 th April	Easter Holiday
11 th April	Easter Holiday
15 th April	Good Friday
18 th April	Easter Monday
19 th April	INSET day
20 th April	School Re-opens for Summer term

Y3 Residential to Burwell House – Wednesday 22nd June to Friday 24th June 2022.
£145.00 (now payable in instalments) via ParentPay

Y6 Residential to Kingswood – Monday 11th July to Friday 15th July 2022.
£387.00 (now payable in instalments) via ParentPay