



# William Ransom Weekly

Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy week this week! Year 5 enjoyed a trip to the Hare Krishna temple at Bhaktivedanta Manor where they learnt a lot and enjoyed a wonderful experience, as well as a delicious lunch!

Thank you to all who attended our Information Evening on Wednesday. It was a very informative hour with updates on English and Maths in Key Stage 1 and 2, Esafety, Special Educational Needs, mental health support and the importance of good attendance. There was then the chance to learn about how your child develops and how best to support that with a talk from Dr Randall. We appreciate that it was not possible for all parents and carers to attend, so a copy of the slides used are attached to this email for you to look through.

Finally, what a fantastic day today has been! The children have spent the day flying to different countries in different classrooms learning about so many different cultures, beliefs and customs. A great day to help every one of our children learn more about how big and diverse our world is and how many different and amazing people it is made up of! However, the conclusion to the Festival of Languages was by far my favourite part of the day - our school hall full of so many wonderful smells and tastes, and full of parents and children eating and enjoying new foods from around the world! I can't thank everyone enough for all of the effort that went into today - thank you to the staff team for 'flying' the children everywhere today, to our amazing parents and carers for providing such vivid and inspiring countries to visit in the classrooms, to all of our parents who prepared and served such incredibly tasty food and to Mrs Hall for organising and putting the whole day together.

Days like today make me smile and they are so important for the children and for our school community - thank you all!

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend ahead!

Mr Plunkett



## Coming Up Next Week..

### Monday

- Yr 3 trip to Celtic Harmony

### Tuesday

- Yr 5/6 tag rugby tournament
- Yr 5 - Garden House Hospice Project
- Boys football match v Our Lady's
- Girls football match v Our Lady's

### Wednesday

- Netball match v Samuel Lucas

### Thursday

- Yr 4 trip to Roald Dahl Museum
- Yr 6 School Anxiety & Psychoeducation Workshops
- 7pm - Reception Parents and Carers Information & Welcome Evening

### Friday

- 4Square tournament at St Ipps

# Togetherall

The Togetherall platform has been brought to my attention by a member of our parent community, who feels that this could be of use to other parents. Togetherall is a peer to peer online platform. It is a great resource for adults over the age of 18, and is currently free to people living and/or working in Hertfordshire. It's an anonymous platform, accessible 24/7, which offers peer to peer support, moderated by professionals, and also includes some great online self help courses.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PHONICS:

The children will learn the next set of sounds which are: **g, o, c, k**.

They will also be introduced to 'irregular' (non-decodable) words.

This week's word is: **to**  
They will also meet the common word '**and**'

## MATHS:

The children will be representing numbers 1-3. They will be subitising, counting and matching number names to numerals and quantities.

## LITERACY:

The children will be continuing their learning through the stories of The Little Red Hen and Little Apple Goat. They will be investigating signs of autumn.



WEEK ENDING 29/9/23

## RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

The children have had another fantastic week.

They have enjoyed listening to different versions of The Little Red Hen, retelling the story and creating story maps. Ash class enjoyed investigating bread and had a go at buttering a slice to practice their strong fingers. They then got to eat it! Oak class will do this activity next week.

Today all the children got to try bread from around the world including naan bread, muffin, tortilla and bagels!

Today you have a BUGCLUB letter in your child's book bag that will enable you to log on and access online books linked to our phonics teaching in school.

There are also BUGCLUB phonic games and video clips of how to say each sound and an action.

We will add to the books and games every Friday in line with what we have taught in school that week.



We have also sent Reading Record Books home with a reading book. We will initially issue one book a week, to compliment the eBooks on BUGCLUB. It is vital books are re-read to encourage fluency, blending skills and confidence.

Information about what to write in the Reading Record book can be found on the inside cover.

We will talk more about BugClub and reading at home at the information evening on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Over the coming weeks, as part of Black History month, the children will learn about the artist Alma Thomas and read stories about diversity.

Thank you for your continued support,  
From the Reception Team

## WISH LIST

If there is anyone who would be willing to come in and talk about Diwali to the children, we would love to have you. We know it is not for a few weeks yet but please do let us know if you could.



## WISH LIST

If there are any parents who are electricians or perhaps know an electrician, we are after any size cable reels for our small world areas



We would like to wish Sophie, Livanah, Maja and Aiyannah a very happy birthday!