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Hobletts Manor Junior School Newsletter
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Half Termly Overview

It has been a busy half term for everyone and so lovely to see you at our Family Consultations this week and last; we do hope that you found the time with the teachers helpful. If you were unable to attend, please do not worry. Get in touch after the holidays and we can arrange a mutually convenient time to meet or catch up.

As we reach the half way point of the Autumn Term and head towards the holidays, I would like to share with you some important information as we all work together to help each other stay informed and safe online. My focus this half term is Whats App, Whilst the age for this app is 13, I am aware that a number of the children use it as a means of communication with family and friends.

Please see below some useful links providing information that we hope you will find useful as we work together to do all that we can to support everyone remain safe in the virtual world.

https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/social-media/whatsapp/

https://www.hoblettsjm.herts.sch.uk/online-safety-1/

Additional information on Online Safety can also be found on our website.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone and thank you for your continued support.

Congratulations to this half term's values stars







Team Amber: Agnes, Harry, Alfie, Roman and Frankie
Team Azure: Maria, Abby, Kaja, Ollie and Ryan
Team Citron: Frejya, Ayla, Isabella, Freddie and Vihaan
Team Cobalt: Ehsan, David, Aizah, Leah and Mithula
Team Saffron: Henry, Jessica, Isaac, Drew and Harry
Team Sapphire: Isabella, Dua, Eoghan, Ansh and Ayla
Team Topaz: Olivia, Oscar, Ruby, Mason S and Isla T
Team Turquoise: Toby, Jack C, Abdullah, Connie and Mason







Friendly Leaf Award winners

Congratulations to Oliver N, Quinn, Riley and Kaihan in Team Amber, Zac, Joao and Mollie in Team Azure, Evie, Eden, Poppy and Jackson in Team Citron, Brianna and Mollie in Team Cobalt, Mattie, Connie, Henry, Samuel, Reece and Olivia in Team Saffron, Alissa, Sienna, Ayla, Mikayal, Isaace and Iyana in Team Sapphire, Theo, Zac, Henry, Freya, Niamh and Dolly-Rose in Team Topaz and Woodrow, Jasper, Tyler, Andreea, Jack K, Millie, Kleo, Keanu, Tyler and Sajad in Team Turquoise who have all received a friendly leaf over the last two weeks for showing true kindness towards others.



Celebrating those who have achieved this half term's Reading and Rocking Challenges



Raees, Louis, Robyn, Riley and Quinn in Team Amber, Abby, Brody, Layla, Patrick and Theo in Team Amber, Isabella and Freyja in Team Citron, Bella, Leah, Mollie, Noah and Connor in Team Cobalt, Arlo, Isabella, Sienna, Ansh, Erin, Bobbi, William, Alisa, Patrick and Maison in Team Sapphire, Ruby, Ariaana, Maya, Isla N, Freya and Zinzile in Team Topaz, and Jasper, Isla, Jack C, Lily, Andreea, Fatimah, Rishil, Keanu, Ziggy, Connie, Sajad, Ariyah, Ilinca, Elissa and Millie in Team Turquoise who all attained the Reading challenge and Louis in Team Amber, Bella in Team Cobalt, Bobbi in Team Saffron, Dolly-Rose in Team Topaz and Jasper in Team Turquoise who all attained the Rocking Challenge.

Thank you and well done for your commitment to your Home Learning!

Year 3 - Team Amber and Team Azure

We have had a really busy but rewarding start to the Juniors. All the children have worked incredibly hard, engaging in a variety of interesting and fun activities. Here are just a few of our highlights from the Autumn Term so far.

In English, we have been learning about a range of texts. We created our own free verse poems based on Kit Wright's 'The Magic Box' at the beginning of the term, then used the story of 'Mini Rabbit Not Lost' to develop our descriptive techniques. To end the half term, we read the story 'How to babysit a Granny.' We have created our own instructions on how to babysit someone special to us. We really enjoyed this topic.

In Mathematics we began our learning in Year 3 by working on adding and subtracting both within and across 10, consolidating our prior learning using a range of concrete and pictorial supports. We have then moved onto understanding numbers up to 1000. We have been working with numbers up to 100, through addition, subtraction, counting and partitioning. Finally we have ended the half term bridging 100.

Our Science topic this term has been 'Plants'. We are now much more knowledgeable about what plants need in order to grow. We were very excited to conduct experiments as well as understanding the life cycle of plants and the parts that are key for this.





Our History topic this term has been 'Through the Ages' which has included investigating the Stone, and Bronze ages. We have enjoyed taking part in many P4C (Philosophy for Children) sessions using artefacts to stimulate our discussions, building on each other's points of view.

In Art, we have been learning about Cave Art and got the opportunity to plan and create our own as well as enjoying taking part in a gallery walk, sharing our work and celebrating each other.

Well done to Year 3 for all your fantastic hard work this term and many thanks to all our families for their support. We hope you have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back in November. Happy holidays from Team Year 3!

Year 4 - Team Citron and Team Cobalt

What a busy half term it has been for Team Cobalt and Team Citron!

As artists, we have been learning all about the painter Henri Rousseau. We enjoyed learning lots of interesting facts about him, before moving on to exploring sketching using different pencils, oil pastels, and paints. We then went on to create our own drawings and paintings inspired by the style of Henri Rousseau. We are so proud of the finished results – they look amazing!



In RE, we have been learning about the religion of Hinduism. We have explored the origins of Hinduism and enjoyed using maps to find out where it is now practised across the world. As well as this, we have investigated Hindu worship and what this involves, and explored a range of key Hindu symbols, learning what they mean and why they are important to Hindus. We have also learnt about three of the main Hindu festivals: Holi, Diwali and Navaratri. We all agreed on how much fun the festival of Holi looked!



As scientists, we have been learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats' We have enjoyed learning about the different animal groups, and used classification keys to group animals based on their characteristics. We loved visiting the school garden and grounds during our 'Invertebrate Hunt', in order to collect insect specimens to observe and create labelled drawings of! We found all sorts of creepy crawlies including spiders, wood lice and snails!



Next half term, we have lots of exciting learning to look forward to. We are excited about continuing our learning relating to 'Living Things and their Habitats' in Science. We will also be designing and sewing our own Christmas decorations as part of our Design and Technology topic and as historians we will continue to explore the history of our local area; learning about Robert Snooks – a notorious Hertfordshire highwayman!

Well done for a great start to the term, Year 4! Have a lovely break and we will see you soon!

Year 5- Team Saffron and Team Sapphire

This term, our history lessons took us back to the end of Roman Britain. We investigated the Roman withdrawal and evaluated the reasons behind the subsequent Anglo-Saxon invasions. The children explored how the Anglo-Saxons fundamentally transformed Britain by establishing new settlements and dividing the land into seven distinct kingdoms. A clear highlight of the term was our fantastic immersive trip to the Chiltern Air Museum where the children truly brought their history l earning to life by experiencing Anglo-Saxon life first-hand.

In Science, we have had great fun exploring the fascinating world of materials. The children developed their scientific classification skills by grouping everyday objects in a variety of ways. Through meticulous observational skills and fair testing, they investigated properties such as thermal conductivity, electrical conductivity, attraction to magnets, transparency and hardness. We used fair tests and our observational skills to do this.

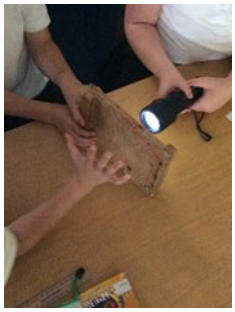
Our RE lessons focused on exploring the core beliefs and traditions of Judaism. We explored the similarities and differences between the Jewish and Christian faiths. We examined the sacred rules that Jewish people follow, reflecting on how these values guide their choices and everyday actions. To deepen our understanding, the children used these guidelines to create their own rules following their values in their own lives.

In PSHE this term, we have learnt how to set personal goals and face new challenges positively. We worked together to create our own class Charter. The children also explored their rights and responsibilities both as school members and as British citizens. We have also thought about rewards and consequences and practiced teamwork to reflect on effective collaboration.

In Computing, we learnt about what makes a successful quiz. After exploring different question types, everyone designed and coded their own interactive, educational quiz. The unit wrapped up with a brilliant peer-review session, where learning partners tested out the completed quizzes and provided constructive feedback.

In Design and Technology (DT), the children investigated seasonal ingredients through a sensory tasting session to inform their own healthy recipes. They successfully designed, baked and critically evaluated their own vegetable muffins. Alongside this practical work, they studied the chef Jamie Oliver, exploring his significant influence on modern healthy eating and nutrition campaigns.



Year 6 - Team Topaz and Team Turquoise

It has been a busy half term in Year 6.

Lots of us went on our very exciting trip to PGL in Weymouth and those of us who stayed in school had lots of arty and PE fun! In Science, we have been learning about light, how it travels, how we see things and what materials block and reflect light as well as investigating how light refracts and can make objects appear distorted under water.

In History we have been learning about the history of London and in particular, the key events of World War 2 and who was involved and particularly enjoyed looking at real WWII artefacts. We had a fantastic trip to Bentley Priory as part of our World War 2 topic as it was the headquarters for the Battle of Britain.

In Art, we have looked at the work of Andre Derain, a French impressionist painter who produced lots of paintings of London as well as famous London landmarks. We have used his work as inspiration for our own London paintings and have enjoyed experimenting with different mediums to find the one we like the best. We have been learning how to draw and paint pictures with a single point of perspective.




In PSHE we have set goals for ourselves and thought about what life is like for children in other countries. In French, we have been learning about French sports and how to say what sports we like and what sports we play and in Music we have singing, playing and improvising to 'Do what you want to do' and 'It's all about love'. In addition, we have been finding out about Buddhism and how Buddhists follow The Eightfold Path which guides them to make good choices. We had a fun lesson where we performed role plays about each of the parts of the Eightfold Path!




A great start to Year 6, well done and have a lovely holiday!