



Message From The Prep Team

Welcome to our first Prep termly newsletter. It has been a busy start to the year with the children starting school after, for some, a lengthy absence in lockdown. However, we were very impressed with the amount of learning the children produced online and the standards that our children are showing are excellent.

Throughout this term, teachers and support staff have been getting the children used to the school and the procedures again, and understanding where they are up to with their learning. This has been through assessment and a supportive curriculum, focusing on a positive attitude.

At Auckland College we really value the home-school partnership, and we hope to work closely with you throughout the year. It is always our aim to keep communication with parents at an Outstanding level, as we are aware face-to-face conversations with your child's class teacher is limited at the moment. To ensure that we continue to share your child's learning and development we are holding parent's meetings next term via Zoom, the logistics of this will be shared with you shortly. We are always happy to talk, so if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher via class dojo.

Dates for the diary

- W/C 26th October - Half-term - Holiday Club
- 2nd November - Inset Day
- 6th November- Autumn Term Reports Sent Home
- 9th and 10th November - Year 1 and Year 6 Parents' Evening 4pm-6pm
- 11th and 12th November - Year 2 and Year 3 Parents' Evening 4pm-6pm
- 16th and 17th November - Year 4 Parents' Evening 4pm-6pm
- 18th and 19th November - Year 5 Parents' Evening 4pm - 6pm
- 13th November- Children in Need Non uniform day
- 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week
- 11th December- Save the Children Winter Jumper day.

Important Messages

Please ensure you are parking responsibly and legally at all times during drop off or pick up times. Our pedestrian entrance is on Lark Lane and this gate should be used to enter the school. The main carpark gate is for access of the school minibus, school transport and taxis during drop off and collection. It is important we keep our school and local community safe. Leave earlier, park a few streets away and walk safely to school.

The Prep Department

YEAR 1

The children have settled into Year 1 amazingly well and have made fantastic progress this term. They have especially enjoyed our History topic 'Nurturing Nurses' and have shown great interest in learning about Florence Nightingale. The children designed and created their own lanterns to represent lanterns used at the time of Florence Nightingale. They are very proud of their work and it is now displayed in the classroom for everyone to see!



In English lessons, we have been learning about 'non-fiction' text features with a focus on transport. We have created our own stories based on magical transport. In Maths lessons, Year 1 have been revising how to read and write numbers to 20. They have used this to support them when adding and subtracting within 20. Children have revised number sentences to 10 using practical resources and then challenging themselves to complete further tasks.

The children have been working very hard, both in school and at home, and we are very proud of their hard work and efforts. We have enjoyed receiving lots of quality pieces of work and want to congratulate all of them on their attitude and approach to the daily lessons.

Miss Kelly and Miss Glenn

YEAR 2

Year 2 has settled back into school very well! They have all been trying their best with learning and deserve a break at Halloween. In Maths, we have been perfecting the skill of using the column method for addition. In English, we are just finishing our second book study. We have studied 'How to Hide a Lion' and 'The Day the Crayon's Quit'. From these quality texts we have been able to create newspaper reports, wanted posters and persuasive letters. We have also created acrostic poems, which we have submitted to a Young Writers competition! In topic, we have been studying the Gunpowder Plot and learning about all the conspirators of the event. We can't wait to spot some fireworks, now we know why they are let off!

Miss Murphy



YEAR 3

Year 3 has had a fantastic half term! I cannot believe how resilient and motivated the children are during these uncertain times. I am very grateful and cannot thank the parents enough for your support so far this year.



Throughout this term, the children have been studying The Stone Age. The children have made predictions, written a set of instructions and designed their own Stone Age acrostic poem so far in English. The standard of language used is unbelievable and the children are eager to learn. In Mathematics, Year 3 has been doing a terrific job of learning place value skills and presentation, as well as measurement. I am looking forward to continuing our work together to ensure that our Year 3 learners progress across the curriculum. I am excited to teach the topic of 'Liverpool' and 'Mysteries' next half term and I am sure that Year 3 will love this topic just as much as I do!



Miss Muscart



YEAR 4

We have had a fantastic start to the new term in Year 4. It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into our school routine and they should be very proud of their positive attitudes.

In English we have learned all about myths and legends and the adventures that the Greek Gods went on. We have even written our own exciting myths. It was wonderful to see so many of our children eager to read their myth to the rest of their class.

During History we have been learning all about Ancient Greeks, looking at how their life differed to our own. Furthermore, we have been looking at different sources and what they can tell us about Ancient Greeks. The pupils have learnt many different Ancient Greek tales and have taken part in role play to retell these famous stories. In Art, we have continued our myth and legends theme and have created some great pieces including our own Greek vases, plates and masks.

We have had a great start to the new school year and are all very excited about the new topics we will be learning next term. Thank you for your continued support throughout this first term.

Miss Buckland and Miss Roberts

YEAR 5

Year 5 have had a brilliant beginning to the new academic year. We have been so impressed with how well the students have adapted to being back in school, after an extended period of online learning.



Our cross curricular topic this term has been Earth and Space, the students have been fully engaged and shown great enthusiasm toward their learning. We have been learning all about Tim Peake, the British astronaut, in English and have explored non-fiction writing including recounts, information texts and diary entries. The classes have been comparing different text types and identifying their features.

In Mathematics, Year 5 have developed their understanding of place value in numbers up to 1,000,000 including comparing, ordering, rounding and placing the numbers on a number line. Furthermore, we have been reading and writing Roman numerals up to 1,000 and recognising years written in Roman numerals.

In Geography, the children have been exploring a range of maps and developing their understanding of the key features of maps. In Art, we have been using watercolours and oil pastels to create our own galaxies and exploring different techniques to produce wonderful art pieces. We are looking forward to the next half term and excited to watch the children continue to make progress and produce fantastic work.

Miss Trainor and Miss Dobbins

YEAR 6

The start of Year 6 has been filled with lots of varied activities and a change in routine. The children are getting used to being taught by a wider range of subject specialist teachers and they are looking forward to hopefully moving around the school to new rooms for each lesson later in the year. In this transition year, we will be having a greater focus on resilience, responsibility and self-belief.

In English and Maths we will be reviewing learning from the past 3 years and using some new learning to prepare for the Year 6 SATs, which are due to be held at the end of May. We regularly review papers and questions in a supportive way to ensure that we are comfortable with the way that SATs are held, so that we can achieve to our potential.

We linked our story of War Horse by Michael Morpurgo in English to our topic work of the History of WWI and this will move onto the Geography of Europe to really gain a greater understanding of the people and places during important events in the past.

In Art, we have begun to look at famous artists and art involving Black inspirational people as part of Black History Month. We believe that by looking at people who can be inspirational, we can help our students believe in themselves.

It is vital that our Year 6 students continue to use the online platforms we provide and read a range of quality books in their own time, as this will help improve their own ability in a very positive way.

If the students continue through the year in the way that they have started, and show the capacity for improvement that they already have, then we will have a very successful year.

Mr Ramsden and Miss Watters

