

OLOTR Year 4 – Pygmy Elephants

May 2022 – Class Newsletter



As we move one week closer to half term, I thought it would be beneficial to write to you to celebrate the successes we have had since our last newsletter in February and what is coming up in the rest of the summer term.



Lots of children were interested in becoming a member of the newly-formed school council last half term. All candidates gave speeches, and then individuals got to vote for those who they thought would represent our class well. Well Done to Ryan who became our class representative.



ClassDojo

ClassDojo is the easiest way to keep up to date with what's going on in our class. If you require an invite, please let me know.



Multiplication check

As you know Y4 will be completing the multiplication check in June, therefore we're continuing to work hard to develop children's recall of all their times table facts so that they can complete the check successfully and be prepared for the Year 5 mathematics curriculum.

Please encourage your children to practice their multiplication facts regularly.

Below are some suggested websites that your child can use to practice.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

<https://www.maths-games.org/times-tables-games.html>

Children can also access times table Rock stars regularly – please get in touch if you need login details.



We have also started some friendly tournaments between our classes.

NEW: Early Birds Book Club!

We invite, and actively encourage, all pupils from Reception -Year 6 to join our brand new 'Early Birds Book Club' beginning at 8.45a every morning.



This is the perfect opportunity for every child to maximise their reading time in a relaxed environment. Pupils will also receive a free breakfast treat!

Attendance

We all know about the understanding of attending school regularly.

Our class attendance currently sits at 89.9%.

Term Highlights

The past term has been full of great progress and fun. In Writing, children have written letters to describe our country to refugees and they also enjoyed writing their own fairy tale with a twist. In Maths, we have focused on Fractions and decimals – and most recently using our experience of decimals to explore pounds and pence in money. In RE, we learnt about self-discipline through our Lent and Easter topic and explored key parts of the Eucharist through our giving and receiving topic. In Science, we developed our knowledge of states of matter including particle models, whilst in Geography we studied coasts, particularly exploring the impacts and defenses of coastal erosion. In Computing, children have developed their skills using Power point to create a presentation about fairytale characters. In Art children have been exploring sculptures and have been using papier mâché to create a mask.



Looking forward

In Sumer term, we will be looking at Ancient Egyptians in History, whilst learning about living things and how they reproduce, grow and change in Science. In RE, we will continue our topic about New life. In Computing, we will be exploring functions within the word processing application Word. We will continue to develop and fine-tune our Spanish skills and, begin some food technology lessons.