

This Week

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to their last term at primary – exciting and scary all at once!

We've talked about our feelings regarding the final term at Harpenden Academy, including SATs, our residential and transition to secondary school and have discussed strategies to cope with any worries and anxieties as well as the importance of looking at the positives that change and new experiences bring. (see email sent today)

The children have loved starting our new class book – Fenn Halflin and the Fearzero by Francesca Armour-Chelu (a book with themes linked to global warming) and we will be using this book to inspire our reading and writing over the coming three weeks.

Maths and English

In maths this week we have revised division, looking at mental and written strategies and in particular explaining why or why not given answers could be correct.

In English this week we have explored news reports on climate change and have written our own news reports on our Fun Run, focusing in particular on the use of direct and indirect speech in news reports. We have also created our own TV news reports on the ipads about the upcoming Earth Day on Saturday 22nd April 2017, again focusing on incorporating the key features of news reports but orally this time.

We have practised reading comprehension questions on news reports too.

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Home Learning

I was amazed by the delicious array of treats that were lovingly baked for our fun run as home learning at the end of last term – thank you for your support with this.

Maths pre-learning: we will be solving word problems next week involving decimals (eg money, lengths, weights) – please revise conversions between £ and p, kg and g, L and ml

English pre-learning – next week we will be revising word types – please discuss the following and go over any types your child is unsure of: noun, verb, adjective, adverb, adverbial, noun phrase, relative clause, pronoun, determiner, article, main clause, subordinate clause

This week's **reading response** – read a selection of news articles and find examples of direct and indirect speech as well as examples of facts and opinions in each one.

The **spelling task** this week is to find examples of words containing silent letters 'k' eg knock, 'b' eg comb, 'w' eg write and 't' eg castle

Proud Cloud and Fine Diner

Fine Diner is **Isaac** for beautiful manners and behaviour in the dining hall and playground and encouraging others to behave well as a result.

Proud Cloud is **Jacob** for an excellent attitude to learning this week, especially his insightful and thoughtful contributions to our PSHE discussion this week.

Next Week

Clubs start again next week.

We have an exciting author day on Monday.

SATS are only 2 school weeks away - please continue to support your child in eating and sleeping healthily as well as working on their individual next steps from the SATs mocks last term along with daily activities that will be sent home (see email sent yesterday) For many children, daily 'little and often' is the best strategy. Many thanks for all your support.

Enjoy the summer sunshine,
Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs Storey