

SUMMER TERM 2018 MONDAY 30TH APRIL

RAIN RAIN GO AWAY!!

Hello again

Our Summer Term has started in earnest here at Somerby School, but somebody seems to have forgotten to tell the weather! What a cold and dreary weekend we've had and the forecast for the week ahead isn't great. Coats will definitely be needed in school for wearing at playtimes and lunchtimes.

Our topic theme for this term is the temperature rises. How very apt?! Miss Craven's class had a delivery from the Sahara with a class Meerkat inside but sadly, he has gone missing. You'll see more news on that in Ash Class news. Oak Class are all walking like Egyptians as they study the ancient civilisation, but also, they have become friends with a Gnome called Gnorman who writes letters each week on behalf of the Gnome Council of Britain to design a new gnome home. Willow Class have thrown down the challenge to Ab K with their chicken coop, by having some real live Ducklings visit their class. Plans are now in place to re-establish our school pond. All the news from the classes can be found inside.

We welcome Sebastian to our School. Sebastian joins us from Corby and has settled into life at Somerby with a smile. I know he will fit in really well here, so do make him feel welcome into Year 1. Thank you also for the way you have welcomed Mrs Morris to be the School Business Manager here. Please do bear with us as we begin to get working across the two sites on an even keel so that we can still have staff answering doors at both schools. You will also have noticed that Mr Sheta has still been back for some work, so his face continues to be familiar to us. I would also like to thank an incredibly hard-working staff team who have pulled together and continue to give above and beyond for our school.

Our Year 6's face the last push with just two weeks until SAT's Week. They have worked incredibly hard, putting in tremendous effort and turning up early for breakfast club twice a week. We are all very proud of them. Our Year 2's have also been boosting and take the whole of May to undertake their Government SAT's for the end of KS1. I was especially impressed with the depth of their maths knowledge last week at the after-school club. I believe that these tests place too much pressure at Primary level. However, they are a statutory requirement so all we say is be the best that you can be!



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We have been out and about on some great sporting activities just recently as we continue to use our Sports Grant for extended competitions and hopefully gain a bronze medal for the year (fingers crossed) We had a great afternoon at Tag Rugby and were able to utilise some of the Ab K pupils to make up our team. On Friday we went to Brooksby with Years 5/6 for a Go Ride Race and in spite of the horrible wet weather we all had a great time and were awarded the Spirit of the Games Trophy for our effort and approach.



Finally, without having a moan, please can you be aware of your children's safety when they are online. We have had a few problems just recently with children playing games and communicating online, whilst at home, with people they do not know. There have been playground fallouts over a game called Fortnite and please, please, please can you check privacy settings if you really must upload videos to YouTube as these can be seen all over the world. It might be even better if you didn't upload them. We continue to reinforce e-safety here at School and I am planning an evening for Parents during this Summer Term too. Many thanks for your help and support once more

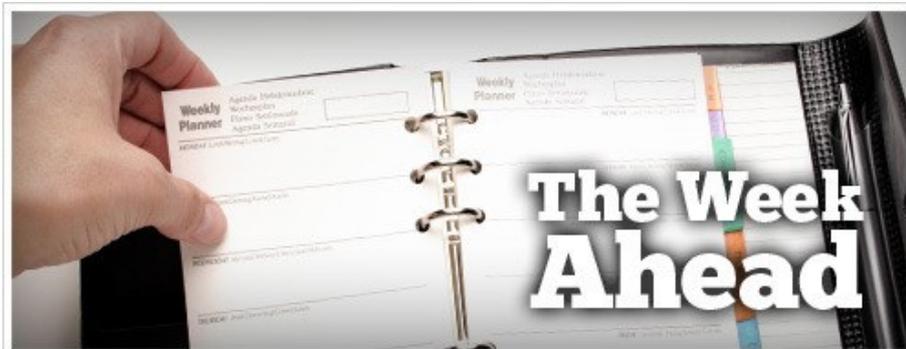
And so, it is heads down once more as the Summer Term diary takes over: May exam period, Residential Trip, The Big Somerby Camp out, The KS2 Play, Phonics Screening, Sports events and much more. Watch this space. Have a good week and enjoy the newsletter

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WHAT'S HAPPENING WHEN?

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 30TH APRIL

DAY	DURING SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday 30th April		3.00- 4.00pm Maths Club (Miss Craven)
Tuesday 1st May	No breakfast club	Zenn Colouring Club— CANCELLED this week only 3.00-4.00pm—Orienteering (Serena Bignall)
Wednesday 2nd May	12.30-3.00pm—Foundation-Forest Schools 1.00-2.45pm—KS1 Athletics at Brooksby College	3.00-4.00pm Pom Pom Club (Mrs Moulds) 3.00-4.00pm Gardening Club (Mrs Hickton)
Thursday 3rd May	8.00-8.30am—Year 6 Breakfast PE for ALL Classes	3.00-4.00pm After School Sports Club
Friday 4th May	PE for ALL Classes	

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 7TH MAY

DAY	DURING SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday 7th May	***Bank Holiday*** - School closed	
Tuesday 8th May	8.00-8.30am—Year 6 Breakfast	3.00-4.00pm Zenn Colouring Club (Mrs Hadingham) 3.00-4.00pm—Fencing Club (Richard Sharpe)
Wednesday 9th May	12.30-3.00pm—Foundation & KS1 Forest Schools	3.00-4.00pm Pom Pom Club (Mrs Hadingham) 3.00-4.00pm Gardening Club (Mrs Hickton)
Thursday 10th May	8.00-8.30am—Year 6 Breakfast PE for ALL Classes	3.00-4.00pm After School Sports Club
Friday 11th May	PE for ALL Classes	

CUT OFF AND STICK ON THE FRIDGE!!

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Mrs Hickton's class, who have achieved 100% attendance between the 23rd—27th April 18.

classroom



WILLOW CLASS

It has been a busy start to the Summer term. We came back to school to find that the Queen had sent us a letter over the Easter holidays. She wrote to say she had "enjoyed reading our superb letters" and sent us some interesting information about herself and the royal palaces.



As part of our topic, Temperature Rising, we have been learning about Africa. In geography we have been looking at where the continents of the world are located and finding Africa on a globe and on world maps.

In literacy we have been "going on a safari" and have created our own safari



stories and poems. We enjoyed reading We All Went on Safari and Why Elephant has a Trunk and have become very knowledgeable about African animals.

During the first few weeks of this term in



maths we have been adding and subtracting using number lines and tracks. Our F2 children are getting really good at counting to 20 and beyond as well as writing their own number sentences whilst Year Ones have been concentrating on counting to 100 and beyond and adding and subtracting numbers up

to 20.

WILLOW CLASS

We have also been on our own safari around Somerby to see what wildlife we can see as well as using our team building skills to build dens and shelters (which weren't quite waterproof in the torrential hail that followed!).



However spring must have finally arrived this week because we have been enjoying looking after our duckling visitors, which has helped us to learn more about the life cycle of ducks. As part of science we have also been investigating animal tracks and camouflage.

We are looking forward to learning more about life in Africa over the next few weeks.



Mrs Hickton

classroom



ASH CLASS

We have also been looking at the continents of the world! We have learnt a special song to help us remember them. Also, we have been painting some beautiful artwork. We researched animals in the African Serengeti and painted a sunset picture. We are proud of all our hard work so far!



Miss Craven

ASH CLASS

Summer has arrived (ish) and our new topic is Temperature Rising! We have been lucky enough to have a special delivery all the way from the Kalahari Desert. Inside our package was our new friend Sunny the Meerkat. Sunny loves to go on adventures and travel the world! He writes postcards to keep his family up to date with his latest adventures! He was really enjoying his time in Somerby until he was KIDNAPPED! When we arrived at school we were greeted with a crime scene! We are trying to solve the mystery of the disappearance of



Sunny. We have published our own newspaper, in hope it will bring forward some witnesses. Fingers

crossed we find him!



classroom



OAK CLASS

April has seen Oak class jumping into our new summer term topic, 'The Temperature Rises' as part of this topic we have begun by studying Egypt as a country. Soon we will be moving onto learning about Egypt's colourful history. The children have been learning about the river Nile as well as the water cycle in Geography. In English we have been learning about persuasive travel leaflets which has ended with the children using our laptops to write their own persuasive travel brochures about Egypt as a holiday destination. They have used editing and word processing skills to make their leaflets interesting to look at as well as to read.

In our art lessons we have been drawing flags, images from the river Nile and designing our own symmetrical sarcophaguses. Moving forwards we will be using clay to create organ pots and Egyptian death masks, which the children are very excited about!

In Science the children have been learning about changing state. We used role play to understand how particles are different in solids, gases and liquids. The children have been learning about reversible and irreversible changes as well how we can change the state of an object by heating



or cooling. Moving forwards we will be having fun with separating mixtures and cleaning dirty water- lovely stuff!

This month's sporting events saw the year 5 and 6 pupils taking part in the tag rugby tournament, where they had fun and scored plenty of tries! In addition to this they also took part in the cycle wise competition at Brooksby College. The children had to take part in a number of cycling races which tested their ability to turn, stop and cycle within a restricted area- they got a little rain as they were unfortunate with the weather but otherwise had a super time!

OAK CLASS

In other news we will be soon be heading off on our travels to Kingswood for our residential. This week the children came home with letters which included: timetables, a kit list, medical consent forms and remaining balances to be paid. Please can you make sure these forms are returned to school promptly so that we have time to collate the information.

Finally, the year 6 pupils have been working extremely hard all year towards their year 6 SATs, which will take place on the week beginning 14th May. Please wish them luck, they have really given it their all and I'm sure they will do both themselves and the school proud.

Mrs Moulds

