



Sycamore	<p>Mrs Bond, Mrs Melrose and Mrs Pullen would like to praise the whole class for settling into the routines and structures of Year 6 so amazingly well. The adults in Year 6 are all very proud of each and every one of you. Individual praise also goes to Wale and Benjamin for their fantastic defence skills in P.E. this week. Well done also goes to Annabelle, Dolly and Ella-Rose for their beautifully presented timelines of the key events of WWII.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Isabell, for her well written letter to her future self.</p> <p>Maths Master: Blake, for applying his knowledge of place value to demonstrate an understanding of numbers up to 10,000,000.</p> <p>Stars of the Week: Lauren, for her participation and positive attitude to all areas of learning this week.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Matthew</p>
Birch	<p>Miss Bright, Miss Pengelly and Mrs Stan would like to say welcome back and well done for a good first week back in Year 5. You have all worked really hard and shown keen resilience. I appreciate that it can be hard after a summer break, but you have all given it your best - keep it up!</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Caitlin, for her understanding of diary entry features.</p> <p>Maths Master: Vinnie, for his knowledge of Roman numerals.</p> <p>Stars of the Week: Abigail, for being positive and consistently ready to learn.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Amber</p>
Ash	<p>Mrs. Brijman and Mrs. Fletcher would like to say a big well done to all of Year 4 for a fantastic first week back. Even in the heat, you have done your best in your learning and we are very proud of you!</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Sianna, for describing both the appearance and personality of a character carefully using powerful adjectives.</p> <p>Maths Master: Ronnie, for excellent presentation and solving of problems in our Maths lessons this week.</p> <p>Stars of the Week: Jimmy, for his hard work and participation in all our lessons this week.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Lucy</p>
Beech	<p>Miss Donald, Miss Bennett, Miss Spenceley and Mr. Kayembe would like to say a huge well done to the whole of Year 3 for their brilliant start to the year. We have been blown away by your incredible effort over the past few days and look forward to the rest of the year with you!</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Morgan, for his wonderful up-levelled verb work.</p> <p>Maths Master: Archie S, for his brilliant understanding of partitioning two-digit numbers.</p> <p>Stars of the Week: Freya, for her sensible and hard-working start to the year.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Ella</p>
Maple	<p>This week the adults in Maple Class would like to praise the whole of Year 2 for how well they have settled into class and for trying their best with all their learning. We are very proud of you all!</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Cristian for writing descriptive sentences about how the characters in our story were feeling.</p> <p>Maths Master: Harry B for being confident in sharing his answers and thinking carefully when counting.</p> <p>Star of the Week: Arlie for showing excellent sitting during lessons and for trying hard with all his learning.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Darcey</p>
Willow	<p>Mr Webb and Mrs Earney would like to praise the whole of Willow Class for their fantastic resilience and confidence in jumping from Reception to Year 1. We are exceptionally proud of every single one of you. Individual praise also goes to Amber for always challenging herself in her Maths learning, as well as Rosie for her imaginative sentences generated during our work on 'Elmer, The Patchwork Elephant'. Well done also goes to Avana-Mae for being an exceptional role model and Freddie Sh for always giving things a go, especially during writing.</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Bethany, for her excellent sequencing of the events in our story, Elmer.</p> <p>Maths Master: Reuben, for counting objects in larger groups exceptionally well.</p> <p>Stars of the Week: Parker, for displaying a terrific attitude to learning, and always giving 110% with a smile.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Amber</p>
Oak	<p>This week within Oak class Mrs Ambrose, Mrs Gaffney and Miss Laming would like to give praise to all of the children for such a sensational start to their school journey. We would like to thank the children for their fantastic behaviour and amazing sharing skills. Huge well done to our little Oaks!</p> <p>Writer of the Week: Harrison, for his wonderful writing skills, correctly writing all of his name.</p> <p>Maths Master: Cyra, for successfully using her counting skills during hide and seek.</p> <p>Stars of the Week: Goes towards each and every one of our little Oaks for their fantastic start to school.</p> <p>Dojo Champion: Ella, for being brave and trying new things.</p>
Cherry	<p>What a fantastic start to the nursery year we have had! The children have settled beautifully and it is lovely to see them following their interests through play and begin to form friendships! Well done to our brilliant children! We would like to praise all cherry class for showing such positive attitude to starting nursery and for being so brave whilst leaving their parents and carers.</p>

Coming up:

Weds 13th Sept
Roald Dahl Day!

W/C Mon 18th Sept
Extra-curricular Clubs
Begin!

Tues 26th Sept
European Languages Day

Sun 2nd Oct – Tues 31st Oct
Black History Month

W/C Mon 9th Oct
Express Events Week

W/C Mon 16th Oct
Harvest Festival (TBC)

Fri 20th Oct
Wear Red Day
(Anti-Racism Day)

Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct
Half-Term (School closed)

Mon 30th Oct
Term 2 Begins!

Message from the Head Teacher:

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff,

Firstly, a very warm welcome back to Kemsley Primary Academy! We have had an amazing first week back – we are so very proud of every one of our children for settling so well in to their new classes and class routines. On Monday we welcomed some new Cherries into Nursery and on Wednesday we welcomed our new Reception into Oak class. Every one of you has been absolutely incredible and have settled beautifully – well done to you all! I would also like to say a special well done to all pupils in Year 6 who sat the Kent Test on Thursday. Well done!

Staffing

On a staffing front, we warmly welcome Mrs Urquhart who joins us permanently in the role of Office Coordinator, Mr Webb as our new Year 1 teacher and Miss Martindill who is supporting our cleaning team. We are also delighted to be welcoming back Mrs Donaghy who joins us for one more term in Year 2 and Ms Millar who is teaching Nursery part-time with Miss McRoberts, throughout this year. Congratulations to Miss McRoberts who is extremely excited about teaching in Nursery 3 days a week this year, whilst continuing her speech and language role one day a week.

Mrs Bond, who has been at our school for many years, has been promoted to Lead Practitioner! In her new role, Mrs Bond will lead KS1 and KS2 as our Senior Teacher. She will be eventually taking over as Curriculum leader and will be working shoulder to shoulder with our teaching team to continue to develop pedagogy across our school. Mrs Steadman, who is also a long-standing member of staff has also been promoted to the role of Family Liaison Officer. In this role, Mrs Steadman will continue to be our Attendance Leader and Wellbeing Lead, but in addition to this she will be strengthening the links between the school and parents and will provide further support for families.

Sadly Miss Grinham is leaving us today! She is leaving to pursue a new role. We thank her for all of her help and support over the past two years and wish her every success in her new venture! You will be amazing Miss Grinham.

Book Fayre & Roald Dahl Day

Next week, Kemsley Primary Academy will be holding a book fayre, from Monday 11th Sept – Thursday 14th Sept. Please feel free to pop along to the hall after school from 3:20pm-4pm to visit the book fayre. Also on Wednesday 13th September, we shall be celebrating Roald Dahl Day!! Please feel free to dress up as your favourite Roald Dahl character on this day! (Please Mrs Bond's posts on Class Dojo for further information). A huge thank you to Mrs Bond for organising both the book fayre and this special day!

Attendance stands at 94.7%. Well done to Year 6 for winning attendance of the week with 100%!! Congratulations Sycamore Class!

School Uniform

Just a brief reminder regarding school uniform – it is vital that all pupils attend school in full school uniform, this includes appropriate footwear (black school shoes). Pupils should also be wearing PE uniform as set out in the school uniform policy. T-shirts and shorts with branded names and large logos are not permitted. These should be plain. Hooped earrings and jewellery is also not allowed (apart from a studded earrings and a watch – not smart watch).

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Miss Homer
Headteacher

News from around Kemsley Primary Academy

Year N:

The children this week have been introduced to the hello song and the days of the week song during our circle time. We have also been reading stories and singing lots of counting songs together!

This week we have started our 'all about me' topic by creating beautiful self portraits using mirrors! We have been looking carefully at our face to see the features and try to draw these. We also made some amazing magic playdough, following a recipe and mixing all the ingredients together to make our dough. We added colour and glitter to our dough too!

Next week we will be continuing our all about me topic and will be making faces with fruit and pancakes for snack! We will also be learning all about colours and colour sorting and continuing to enjoy stories and songs everyday. We can't wait for another amazing week in Cherry class!

Year R

This week we welcomed our new little Oaks and made a wonderful start to the new school year. The children have all settled so well into their new routines and have all made lots of new friendships.

This week we started our learning with the topic 'All about me'. This consists of talking about those within our families, where we live and what we look like. To support our learning we have been reading the story book 'The skin you live in'

Year 1:

Firstly, I would like to give a warm welcome back to Kemsley and wish you an even warmer welcome to Willow Class. The children have all had a fantastic week and have demonstrated a wonderful level of resilience in the face of a huge stylistic shift from Reception to Year 1. Myself and Mrs Earney are so proud of Willow Class.

Next week in literacy, we will be continuing with our work on all things Elmer, acting out the story together, as well as beginning to develop a written letter to the elephants from Elmer, asking if Elmer can play with them. In maths, we will be focusing on grouping up to 10, focusing on counting and putting different shapes and objects in their own distinct categories. As well as this, we're also going to be looking into counting one more and counting one less. Our topic this term is It's All About Me, and we'll be engaging in lots of different activities to explore our families, our origins and our feelings within ourselves and towards our peers. In science our topic is Seasons. We'll be looking at weather forecasts, making our own rain gauges and crafting our own weather stations, eventually recording our results over time.

Our P.E. days will continue to take place on a Monday morning. Please can your child come to school in their full P.E. kit (including their tribal coloured t-shirt) and remove any earrings before school if they are unable to remove them independently themselves.

Year 2:

We would like to begin by saying a huge well done to all the children in Maple Class. They have all settled into our new classroom so well and have shown kindness to all their friends throughout the week.

This week we have started our working text in English: The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse. We have been thinking about the characters as we will be writing a setting description next week. In Maths we have been focusing on place value and counting in order. We will continue looking at number next week. In Science we are learning about materials this term and considering how the same objects are made from different materials. We began by looking at balls this week observing how they feel and look. Next week we will extend our learning by completing an experiment comparing how high each ball bounces. In Topic we are focusing on the local area. We made a timeline in our books this week. Next week we will continue looking at our local area in more detail.

We would like to remind you all that our PE day is on a Wednesday afternoon. Reading books were sent home this afternoon and we would please request you return them each day so they can be monitored. The books will be changed once a week for each child. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Year 3:

Thank you all for a wonderful start to the year, the adults in Year 3 have really enjoyed getting to know all of the children. We are so excited to continue this year! Next week in maths we are building on our knowledge of partitioning numbers by beginning to partition numbers up to 1000! In literacy we will begin exploring character descriptions of Stone Age people, eventually writing our own character description! In art we are going to explore the life and work of Pablo Picasso and in music we will continue learning our first song: "Let Your Spirit Fly". In history we will be learning about the 3 stages of The Stone Age.

Please be reminded that our PE day is Friday.

Year 4:

Next week in literacy, we will continue writing our own character descriptions for a Roman god. In Maths, we will be looking at place value with numbers beyond 1000. As part of our Science learning, we will be looking at how states of matter can change depending on temperature. In History, we are going to find out about the Roman Empire and what life was like in that time.

Year 5:

Next week in Year 5, we will begin to write diary entries in characters as William from our book, 'Treason'. We will be learning and consolidating place value knowledge in maths and in science we will be exploring scientific language specific to materials.

Please be reminded that our PE day is Tuesday.

Year 6:

Firstly, I would like to say welcome back to school and welcome to Year 6. The children have all had a fantastic week and settled in so well. We are all very proud of each and every one of them.

Next week in literacy, we will be continuing with our work on diary entries. We will be using all our learning from last week to generate a class write and a paired write before our independent write. We will be putting ourselves in the position of Bruno from our class text, 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'. In maths we will be focusing on our place value knowledge to help us place numbers up to 10,000,00 on a number line and to round any given number. Our History topic this term is WWII and the children will be learning about the key events that took place including the Holocaust, evacuation and rationing. In science our topic is electricity. The children will be learning the electrical symbols within a circuit, how to create electrical circuits (both series and parallel) and demonstrating their understanding of how a bulb and motor works within an electrical circuit. They will also be identifying why a circuit does not work.

Our P.E. days will continue to take place on a Monday afternoon. Please can your child come to school in their full P.E. kit (including their tribal coloured t-shirt) and remove any earrings before school if they are unable to remove them independently themselves.

Term Dates – Term 1

Week 2 – W/C Monday 11th September

- Roald Dahl Day! – Wednesday 13th September

Week 3 – W/C Monday 18th September

- Extra-curricular clubs begin!

Week 4 – W/C Monday 25th September

- European Languages Day - Monday 26th September
- Black History Month - Saturday 1st October - Monday 31st October

Week 5 – W/C Monday 2nd October

- Black History Month - Saturday 1st October - Monday 31st October

Week 6 – W/C Monday 9th October

- Black History Month - Saturday 1st October - Monday 31st October
- Express Events Week (TBC)

Week 7 – W/C Monday 16th October

- Black History Month - Saturday 1st October - Monday 31st October
- Harvest Assembly (TBC)

Express Events – Term 1

Monday 9th October - Year 4 at 9:00am

Tuesday 10th October - Nursery at 2:00pm

Wednesday 11th October - Year 2 at 9:00am

Wednesday 11th October - Year R at 2:00pm

Thursday 12th October - Year 5 at 9:00am

Thursday 12th October - Year 1 at 2:00pm

Friday 13th October - Year 6 at 9:00am

Friday 13th October - Year 3 at 2:00pm

PLEASE KEEP CHECKING THIS PAGE AND DOJO FOR FURTHER UPDATES ON SCHOOL EVENTS. THANK YOU.