



NEWSLETTER

Summer term 2020/21: 23 April 2021

Headteacher: Rebecca Clarke

Message from Mrs Clarke, Headteacher

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you are well and enjoying the sunny, but chilly, weather

This week I wanted to share our current school aims with you. Over the past few months, I have been talking to staff, pupils, the Governors and the local community about our collective hopes and aspirations for our children to equip them for their future. This has helped me to write a set of whole school aims which we aspire to deliver to our children whilst at our school.

Our school aims are to:

- equip every child with an engaging, broad and balanced curriculum which provides the knowledge, skills and experiences to succeed in the 21st century;
- deliver a highly aspirational curriculum which provides opportunities for children to explore possibilities for their futures with the belief that they can achieve their goals through hard work and determination;
- provide an appreciation of the local area and community together with an awareness of, and openness towards, the diversity and differences within our country and the world;
- provide a highly nurturing, safe and supportive environment which empowers every child to learn, grow and flourish whilst showing consideration, respect and compassion for others;
- provide opportunities for children to engage with high-quality texts across all aspects of the curriculum and develop a rich vocabulary to support their learning of the world;
- have high expectations of every child and value them as individuals whilst having strong, meaningful links with parents, careers and the local community.

We have had an exciting staff INSET session this week to talk about how we can make our school curriculum even better for the children with our school vision and aims at the heart of all we do. This is a piece of work that staff are going to be working on over the next few terms and it will be exciting to see how the subject leaders develop the curriculum even further! How exciting for our children!

I wish you a lovely weekend,

Rebecca Clarke



Year 3 this week

This week, Year 3 have had a very busy time learning about the human and physical geography of Egypt. We have used atlases, globes and the internet to find out about what it is like to live in Egypt and we then brought this to life in some drama work where we visited Egypt – flying by plane, going on a Nile cruise and even balloon flights over the pyramids of Giza (all pretend!). Mrs Belgrave Lock brought in some objects that helped us to get into the mood because she used to live in Bahrain and she had collected many things similar to what you could find in Egypt. There was a prayer mat, photos of camels, money and clothes. We are currently writing postcards to recount our adventures!

In Science, we have investigated how water is transported through plants by putting celery in coloured water. The next day we could see how much water had been drunk by the celery and when we cut the celery in half, the coloured water helped us see where it had travelled up the plant.

This investigation raised lots of questions so we are going to explore how we can change the conditions and repeat the investigation next week!



We have enjoyed exploring the value of friendship this term and we have decided that we like our friends to be 'loyal', 'trustworthy' and 'kind'. In a class assembly, we found out about the friendship of Barnabas and Paul and tried out an activity using an 'encouragement hoop' where we had to say lots of words of encouragement. We realised that when we say encouraging things, it's like we create a positive place for people. We build them up and help them to become the best they can be. Each encouragement makes them feel more secure, be more able to take risks, feel more valued and definitely supported. Our toy was able to stay up because it had amazing support!



Reminders

We would like to thank parents and carers for continuing to follow government guidance in helping to reduce the spread of Covid-19. With the better weather arriving we would like to remind parents not to congregate in or outside the school gates prior to, or after pick up and drop off and to continue to maintain social distancing.

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please continue to call, or email the school and we will get back to you. We would respectfully request you to please not enter the school lobby when the Year 2 pupils are using the entrance at the beginning and end of the day, as this means social distancing is unable to be maintained, for these children's safety.



On Thursday 29 April, we will begin a campaign to increase our fitness by skipping. We will be launching the campaign with a visit from Skip2bfit. You may remember we had them in last year and because it was such a success we have invited them in once again.

On the day, each class will have a session with the instructor where they will learn about some of the benefits of leading an active lifestyle and how skipping is a superb way to keep fit. We will end the day with a virtual assembly to celebrate some of our achievements. Please can your child(ren) come into school in their PE kit on Thursday 29 April.

Throughout the term we will be encouraging the children to skip at play times and lunchtimes so if your child has a skipping rope already, please could it be labelled with their name and class and brought into school.

There will also be an opportunity to purchase a Skip2bfit rope in school where they are slightly cheaper than purchasing online, although we do have a number of ropes in each class that the children will be able to use.

Standard Skip2bfit Digital Counting Rope- This costs £5 if sold in the school and £6 if purchased on line.

The new Skip2bfit premium rope- This costs £7 if sold in the school and £8 if purchased on line. It is a stronger rope and plastic.

The children really enjoyed these sessions last time and we are sure they will once again. We are planning a sponsored skipathon towards the end of the half term so we hoping that this will inspire the children and families to get practising over the coming weeks. More details will follow very soon about the skipathon.

FOSA are excited to advertise our new scarecrow festival event!

Our scarecrow festival and garage sale will take place on the 12 & 13 June around Acle with all funds raised going to the school. Maps will be available from the school on the day for a small fee and we will be selling refreshments too.

Scarecrow entries are FREE but please email us your address to Acleprimaryfosa@gmail.com so that we get you on the map!



Garage sale prices are £5 per garage.

Booking forms are attached to this newsletter or can be requested by email. Thank you!



Build Your Legend – Be Internet Legends

Each Key Stage 2 child will be bring home a free 'Build Your Legend' kit from Google's 'Be Internet Legends'. These 3D Legend trophies for families to build at home by working through an **internet safety quiz** together.

You can tweet your photos using the hashtag #BeInternetLegends and tagging @GoogleUK and @TheParentsZone (or @Google and @ParentZoneUK on Instagram). Be Internet legends will like and share their favourites from the Parent Zone accounts.

