

Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

23rd April 2021



Hello everyone

It's been great to welcome everyone back, I hope you enjoyed a restful, sunny Easter holiday. It has been a fantastic week at school with children settling well and enjoying the sunshine at lunchtimes.

Term 5 has got off to a busy start! The staff enjoyed samba music and block printing workshops during their staff training day on Monday - this gave us lots of ideas for creative activities.

We're so pleased to have more activities starting back up again. Year 4 went swimming this week and will be going every Thursday this term. We also had [Studio Meraki](#) running art workshops with Year 3 and Year 4 this week. More 4 Kids children enjoyed their first visit to [Trinity garden](#) on Wednesday.

We are also tentatively planning some parent activities: mums' fitness is back in May and we have a parenting course planned for June. Take a look at our website and twitter to see more about what's planned and what we've been up to.

We have some important dates coming up this term, including Eid Parties and Learning Review Meetings - we'll let you know more details and timings next week.

Best wishes,
Sue Ramsay, Headteacher

School will be closed on...

Bank Holiday Monday 3 May and **Election Day** Thursday 6th May

SUPERKIDS!



Lavender: Renico Reception: Ethan

Year 1: Ibrahim and Imtissam

Year 2: Lashaya and Khalid

Year 3: Ayan and Malachi

Year 4: Lilja and Muna

Year 5: A-Ziah and Mohammed H

Year 6: Mawahib and Faizaan

This week we explored a new book about how we are all different and had some fantastic discussions about this. We practised asking each other questions to find out information and used communication boards to help us with our answers. As mathematicians we explored fractions, looking at finding half of a whole. At home, please practise using the words 'whole' and 'half'.

Lavender

Reception

We had an excellent first week back! All the adults have been so impressed with our sensible and positive approach to our learning. We began learning about Spring and growing, thinking about what a seed needs to grow. We heard the stories of 'A tiny seed' and 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. In maths we learnt about numbers 11 and 12. Help at home by being number detectives - look out for 11 and 12 around the house or when you're out – door numbers etc. Can you count out 11 and 12 small objects or toys? Use your 10 frame. How many more do you need to add? Please add a photo to Tapestry.

Year 1

We have been very busy learning about our new book 'The Snail and the Whale.' In maths we used number lines and thought about the order. We looked at groups of different animals and how we can sort them. You can help at home by counting forwards and backwards to 20. Please read a book asking and answering questions about the text.

Year 2 We had an exciting first week being scientists – busy planting, identifying and observing plants around the Hannah More microhabitat (the playground). We recapped odd and even numbers and practised partitioning numbers up to 20. At home please make sure you read a levelled book with your child every day – it is so important for your child's learning across all subjects. Can you find the time to practise counting in twos in both even numbers and odd numbers?

Year 3

We have had a brilliant first week back! We started our new book 'Leon and the Place Between' and wrote setting descriptions of a circus; explored characters' feelings and wrote instructions to make a magic wand. As mathematicians we looked at time. Please help your child learn the 4 and 8 times tables. Please continue to encourage your child to read every day in a fluent voice.

Year 4 We had a busy but lovely first week back! We started our new Jigsaw Relationships lessons, which we enjoyed. Studio Meraki visited us on Wednesday to do paper sculptures – we really enjoyed being so creative! It was an athletic day on Thursday with swimming and PE and on Friday we had steel pans! Please practise times tables with your child – particularly 6s, 7s, 8s and 9s.

Year 5

Year 5 are excited to be back in school and got busy straight away with our new topics. In Enquiry we were Geographers and learnt all about climate and physical landscapes in our Twin Cities - Beira and Tbilisi. As authors we started reading 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' and we are loving it so far! Please encourage your child to read at home every day. Work on adding and subtracting 6 digit numbers.



This week we began our new text 'The Arrival' – it is a graphic novel with no words and children have been challenged to comprehend the story. As mathematicians we learnt to plot and read coordinates and in the zone the children recognised equivalent fractions. Our enquiry is 'How does light travel?' and we spent this week exploring light with torches, lasers and mirrors. Please encourage your child to keep reading for pleasure at home!

MORE 4 KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

	Outdoor activity	Indoor activity	Snack
Monday 26	Parachute games, visiting theatre workshop!	Play dough K'nex building	Bean on toast with cheese Fruit + veg sticks
Tuesday 27	Ball games Scooter ride	Craft activity from Colourful Minds	Fish fingers and chips Fruit + veg sticks
Wednesday 28	Trinity garden visit		Cereal bars, fruit and veg sticks
Thursday 29	Playground games, bikes	Fruit kebabs	Pasta with tomato sauce Fruits + veg sticks
Friday 30	Tinkering with tools	Hair styling Cars	Crackers with cheese Cucumber, carrot, tomato



**visiting
Trinity
Garden every
Wednesday
this term!**

**RUNNING AFTER SCHOOL
EVERY DAY UNTIL 6PM
£8.50 PER SESSION
BOOK YOUR SPACE
ONLINE**

**If you've never booked
your child on to More 4
Kids, you can try a free
trial session!**

Lots of children have loved trying out
More 4 Kids for free and we look
forward to seeing them again for more
fun afterschool activities!

Speak to the office if you'd like to try a
free More 4 Kids session.



We're taking part in the Royal Mail Stamp Design Competition!

Please read the letter [here](#) for more information.

This letter has been emailed out to you as well.



6 week course coming soon!

We are planning to run this brilliant 6-week parenting course on **Thursday mornings** from June 10th. The tutor will deliver the sessions by Zoom, but there will be a chance for a group of parents to get together to learn in a group - or you can join in at home if you prefer. More information coming soon!

I want less back-chat in my house!

How can I set up routines that actually work?

How can I make bedtime less of a struggle?

What can I do about my fussy eater?

I want homework to be less of a battle!