

#### FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2020

It seems that Summer has returned – even to Whitemoor! Our children have had lots of opportunities to get outside and enjoy the lovely sunshine, let's hope it continues.

I know that Covid 19 is at the front of everyone's mind so I wanted to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to keep your children safe at school.

Hand washing takes place at regular intervals and the classroom and other areas are cleaned regularly throughout the day.

I have to congratulate the children on how quickly and sensibly they have adapted to the new routines, school may feel a little different in our 'Bubbles' but there is still lots of fun and learning taking place!

### Class 1

We would like to say a big well done to all of the reception children. This week has been the first week eating lunch in the hall and their first full day in school. Well done to all of you!

### Class 2

After a fun week of bubbles last week, Class 2 have enjoyed getting started on this term's topic – The Great Fire of London. We have learned what London was like in 1666 – pretty dirty and smelly – and talked about how people lived and travelled over 350 years ago! We found out that the fire started in Thomas Farriner's bakery and spread quickly because of the wind and the construction of the houses. We are writing a newspaper front page to share the news!

### Class 3

In science, class 3 have been learning all about classification. They discussed the various characteristics that each group had and categorised them. Mr Gray has been so pleased with the level of enthusiasm and hard work that the children have shown this week. They are trying their very best and he is very proud of them all .

# Class 4

Class 4 have settled in so very well to being back at school full time; I am extremely proud of them all!

We have started our topic 'Ancient Greeks and Romans' and have already been busy with map work. In Science we are starting to understand classification of living things and drawing detailed pictures of animals. We have written about our favourite books in English and in Maths we are working hard to get to grips with place value.

We have also spent time talking as a whole class about how we feel about being back and school and recognising that we are all feeling a little tired after the second week!

However, all the children have shown enthusiasm for learning whilst here and have surprised themselves by how much they remember form earlier in the year.

Well done Class 4, and I am looking forward to another great week! Shout out to Charlie, who has worked so hard to settle in, not just coming back after time away from school, but coming back into a completely new school. Well done Charlie...you are a star!!

## WAFA Update

For all the new parents reading this WAFA stands for Whitemoor Academy Friends association. We are a group of parents who raise money for trips and extra resources needed at the academy. This usually includes the Christmas Fayre, Easter Egg hunt, Summer Fayre and Spooky disco.

This may well take a different form this year for obvious reasons but we are still looking for parents who can help – for various reasons we are now down to one person running the show and this means the group will fold without more support. If you are able to help in any form then please let us know.

You can do that by e-mailing <u>wafacornwall@gmail.com</u>, speaking to Holly Hocking (Mum to Owen in Class 3 and Angus Class 2) or messaging on the Facebook page – Whitemoor Academy Friends Association. Many thanks, Holly