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Our school improvement focus

Over the summer holidays we carefully analysed the children’s results from teacher assessments and national tests in order to decide on our school improvement focus for this academic year. There is lots of ‘good news’ to share from the national tests (that we have to administer from the government) and we are performing better than the national averages in pretty much every measure and for all subjects. Our internal assessment information also tells us that children are making really good progress in school and that the focus from last year on ensuring the more able children are challenged is really starting to pay off. We had a big increase in children achieving ‘above expectation’ at the end of the academic year, because the teachers are planning and preparing harder learning for them in class.

Since assessment without levels was introduced a few years ago, we’ve used a new system in school that compares your child against the expectations for their age. This is known as ‘age-related expectations’ (or ‘ARE’, because teachers love a good acronym!). We split the school year into 3 terms and expect that children progress through a range of learning objectives so that by the end of the year they have a ‘secure’ understanding and range of skills to enable them to progress. If your child is in year 3, they will progress through 3 stages; by the end of autumn term, they should be Year 3 Emerging (Y3E); by the end of spring term, they should be Year 3 Developing (Y3D) and by the end of the summer, Year 3 Secure (Y3S). This is replicated in all other years, the only difference being the year group. For example, by the end of Y1, children should be Year 1 Secure (Y1S), or in Y6, Year 6 Secure (Y6S). The image below should help show the progression and we’ll give more information about our mastery curriculum next week, and how we measure and record greater depth.

	Key Stage 1						Lower Key Stage 2						Upper Key Stage 2					
	Year 1			Year 2			Year 3			Year 4			Year 5			Year 6		
	Au	Sp	Su	Au	Sp	Su	Au	Sp	Su	Au	Sp	Su	Au	Sp	Su	Au	Sp	Su
Expectations	Y1E	Y1D	Y1S	Y2E	Y2D	Y2S	Y3E	Y3D	Y3S	Y4E	Y4D	Y4S	Y5E	Y5D	Y5S	Y6E	Y6D	Y6S

One of our main focuses this year is to raise the achievement of boys in school. Whilst in general, the boys are not behind when compared to national, they are (on average) behind our girls (who tend to do extremely well at Chad Vale). We will be looking at different ways to help the boys achieve and attain more highly and we have looked at what works well in other schools, as well as trying to identify how the girls perform so strongly. We’ll keep you updated on the progress of this, but if you are a parent of a boy, there are 3 things you can do to really help (these strategies of course also help the girls!):

1. Read with your boys as much as you can and plan in some dedicated reading time each night.
2. Talk to your boys about what they have been learning in school and look at the school website to find out what topics are coming up.
3. Ensure that your boys always do their homework/home learning tasks and help them learn their times tables.

We’ll be sharing our other school targets over the next few weeks and are planning some changes in the curriculum to help the boys achieve even more. If you want any more advice, please do ask at your upcoming parents evening!

Diary Dates– please also check the online diary on our website

Wed 11 Oct 2017	All day	Year 6 Chad Trip to Lapworth Museum
Thu 12 Oct 2017	All day	Year 6 Vale Trip Lapworth Museum
Mon 16 Oct 2017	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Parents' Evening
Wed 18 Oct 2017	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Parents' Evening
Thu 19 Oct 2017	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Parents' Evening
Fri 20 Oct 2017	All day	Break up for Half Term
Mon 30 Oct 2017	All day	Back to School for Children
Tues 31st Oct 2017	8.30-10:30	School Nurse Drop-in sessions
Weds 1st Nov 2017	morning	Flu Jabs for R-Y4 children
Thur 2 Nov 2017	All day	School Photographs (individual/siblings)
w/b Mon 6th Nov 2017	TBC	Reception 2018 intake open afternoons
Wed 8th Nov 2017	morning	KS1 Into Film Festival Trip
Thurs 9th Nov 2017	morning	Y3 cinema Trip
Fri 10th Nov 2017	morning	Flu vaccinations for YR-4
Wed 15th Nov 2017	morning	Y5 cinema trip
Tues 21st Nov 2017	morning	Y2 trip to Pagoda
Fri 1st Dec 2017	morning	Y3 trip to St John's Church
Mon 4th Dec 2017	All week	Autumn Assessment Week Y1-6
Tue 5 Dec 2017	2:30pm – 3:00pm	Reception Nativity (Chad)
Wed 6 Dec 2017	2:30pm – 3:00pm	Reception Nativity (Vale)
Thurs 7th Dec 2017	All day	Y3 trip to Lapworth Museum
Mon 11 Dec 2017	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reception Christmas Workshop (Chad)
Tue 12 Dec 2017	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reception Christmas Workshop (Vale)
Fri 22 Dec 2017	All day	School Breaks up for Christmas
Monday 8th January	All day	School closed– Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9th January	All day	Back to school for children

CHAD VALE ARTIST IN RESIDENCE
ROYAL COLLEGE OF ART ALUMNA

TEREZA BUSKOVA

WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Beginning November 2017 Tereza Buskova (MA Fine Art, RCA) will be Chad Vale's artist in residence. After school she will deliver a series of workshops to encourage a fresh perspective on art. Each week the children taking part will explore the works of a different major artist to inform their creation of new piece in every workshop. This is a rare opportunity to have fun and learn under the tuition of a successful contemporary artist. The term time classes are kept small to allow Tereza to get to know all the children well.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Workshops start 15.30 and end 16.45
- Total number of workshops is 6
- Frequency of workshops is weekly
- Tuesday workshops for YEAR 3 & 4 begin 3rd of November and end 7th of December 2017
- Wednesday workshops for YEAR 1 & 2 begin 4th of November and end 8th of December 2017

PRICING

- £7 per class (1hour 15 min)
- All materials provided
- Payment in advance for total series of 6 workshops to be made at school office up to 1 week before the first workshop (Accepting cash or cheques to Tereza Hurlow)
- Limited spaces (13 children per class) first come, first served basis

For general enquiries & bookings by email tereza.buskova@network.rca.ac.uk or phone 07792825001



Could all parents please check for and treat any head lice– we have had a number of cases in school this week!