



July 2021



## Mawsley C.P School

### Summer 2 End of term Newsletter

#### ***A message from Miss Harris...***

It has been an academic year like no other and every member of our school community has demonstrated our school values in abundance; Courage, Determination, Excellence, Equality, Friendship, Inspiration and Respect.

In meetings this week, we have been reflecting on the year and feel incredibly proud of how, as a school community, we have not only weathered the storm but also moved forward as a school collectively and united.

Staff, children and parents have gained, in the past 18 months, skills they did not know they needed or possessed, shown a level of resilience they may have previously never called upon and been creative in extraordinary ways.

I could not be more proud to be a part of this school community and work with the incredible staff, children and parents that grace our gates every day.

Thank you to the fantastic staff team for their hard work, calmness and the encouragement they have shown the children and each other.

Thank you to our fantastic children, who with smiles on their faces, have demonstrated our school motto 'Be brave, be kind, be yourself.'

Thank you to our Governing Board for their support throughout the ever changing guidance.

Thank you to you, our parents, for your support and kind words. Partnerships are important and through this, we achieve great things.

Have a wonderful summer!

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September is a training day for staff. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

On current guidance, we are planning to revert back to our usual school day hours of 8.40am – 3.15pm.

More information regarding arrangements for September will be emailed prior to the autumn term starting.

#### **Friend of Mawsley School (FOMS)**

Since 2017, FOMS has raised nearly £60,000 which has paid for The Cabin, playground equipment, an outdoor classroom, laptops, iPads, outdoor musical equipment, outdoor shelters for parents, library books, garden fencing and last year's Christmas Pantomime. Every year it also funds the Year 6 Leavers' Party.

At the FOMS AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 several committee members will stand down. Without a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, FOMS cannot legally continue. If it closes, next year's Circus will be cancelled as would FOMS' accounts with the School Lottery and Amazon Smile. These three activities alone are due to generate about £10,000 next year. So, if you value the contribution FOMS makes to school please come along to the AGM and volunteer your help.

For more information email [friends@mawsleyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friends@mawsleyschool@hotmail.co.uk)

### Year 3

The Year 3 team have been so pleased with how well the children have worked this term. We have been asking and answering lots of questions during our Geography sessions, which have been all about coasts, both in the UK and abroad. We have taken a special interest in the effects of climate change on coastal erosion, and the children have spoken passionately about the little changes we can make in our own lives to help our world to heal. We have been impressed with the level of maturity that has shone through during our conversations and lessons.

In Maths this term we have worked hard on improving our knowledge of multiplication and division and more recently, mass. The children made some excellent progress in their maths work and were able to use inverse operations to check their answers. We found reading intervals on scales a little difficult at first, but once the children worked out the trick, they were able to achieve their full potential!

In English lessons we have really enjoyed creating our own coastal towns. We have used two driver texts this term; The Mousehole Cat, and Town is by the Sea. The children really enjoyed these stories, especially the beautiful imagery in The Mousehole Cat. We have focussed on writing information texts this term and have worked up to this by creating diaries, postcards, maps and news reports all about our newly created towns.

We have also loved discovering and investigating plants in Science. We created observations to understand what plants need in order to survive, and even managed to bring them back to life when they looked a little worse for wear after our investigations! We are ending the term this week learning about music from the 1990s and have especially enjoyed creating our own Britpop bands!

Finally we would like to say a big thank you to the parents and carers of our Year 3 children. We have had a rollercoaster of a year but your support has been amazing throughout.

### Reception

We have been making the most of our last term in reception by ensuring we have lots of fun with our 'Let's Pretend' topic. Some of our favourite activities have been: Dinosaur small world; superhero dressing up; making treasure maps; cutting flowers and grass to make potions; and robot nuts and bolts pictures-to name but a few!

A real highlight was our visit from Jungle Dave, which everyone enjoyed immensely. We saw two snakes, a gecko, a male and female cockroach, a bearded dragon and a hedgehog called Terry who did a poo on the floor!! Dave was really impressed with all of our animal knowledge and our brilliant, sensible behaviour and listening skills.

We also enjoyed our first sports day experience. All the staff were so proud of how well we all joined in and that we were able to show every single Mawsley value in all the events.

We would also like to thank Miss Frost and Mr Walton for buying us some new, funky bikes and scooters. These all need pedalling in non-traditional ways, such as from a lying position. They also provided us with lots of different brushes to use in the outside area. All of these are to help with our gross motor skills to make sure we are not only brilliant at PE, but also to strengthen our core muscles, to help us write. We have had great fun trying them all out in the outside area and at playtimes.

### Year 1 and 2

Wow! We have had such a busy term learning so many new things. In our science work we have been learning about habitats, mini beasts, food chains and growing food. Lots of us were really inspired when we were asked to design an allotment and came up with some great ideas. In our Geography work we have learnt all about the weather and even became weather presenters for an afternoon! Some of us thought that this was a great career to have so we will be looking out for some familiar faces on the BBC weather in a few years' time. In our English work, we have been looking at the weather stories by Sam Usher. We used the plot of his story called 'Storm' and innovated our own stories about the weather. We were all really proud that we became story tellers.

Sports Day was a day of great excitement for us. For some of us, it was our first ever experience of it. Whilst we were a little disappointed we didn't have an audience, we all showed the Mawsley values and made some great memories with our friends. Some of us even discovered sporting talents we didn't know we had.

We have ended this term with some assessments and all of the Phase 2 staff are so proud of the children. They have shown resilience and determination to be the best they can be. Despite the challenges Covid has thrown our way, our children have really shone and made us all smile.

All the staff in Phase 2 would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for supporting the reading, spelling and maths homework this year. Your support has really made a difference and we can really see the children's confidence blooming when they come into school having practised at home. We couldn't do it without you, so thank you!

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### Year 4

We have had a fantastic last term in year 4 and really could not be any more proud of all the children have accomplished ,not only this term, but in what has been a difficult year for everybody. They have shown determination, amazing resilience and have developed some super strong friendships this year.

This term the children have become volcano experts and have written some great persuasive brochures. They have loved writing their own 'Goldilocks and the three bears' stories in French and were fascinated at just how loud they could be in our sound experiments! Answer- very loud! In wow week we designed our own music videos inspired by the 1980's and developed our printing skills.

The children achieved fantastically well in their end of year assessments and we are so happy they will be in a strong position when they start year 5. We would like to thank all of you parents for how brilliantly you have supported your children's home learning this year and the support and understanding you have shown for the school. It has been a privilege to have taught such a wonderful group of children and there are sure to be tears on the last day (from the teachers!)

Year 4 Team

### Year 5

Year 5 have loved the last few weeks as we have finally started our swimming lessons! The children have been brilliantly behaved and have loved every minute so far, developing important life skills.

Back in school you may have heard the drums beating as we have also started our musical enrichment programme by learning the Samba drums and performing as a group. Miss Harris is definitely glad that we are now based in the cabin, and not next to her office anymore!

Finally, we have recently undergone our assessment week where all the children are given their end of year assessments in reading, maths and English. We are so proud of the maturity and attitude the children have shown - and we are very pleased with our results. A difficult year is ending so positively for all involved and we thank everyone for all your efforts!

### Year 6

Wow, what an amazing last term we have had for our Year 6 children. Despite the long days for our children and a difficult year with closures, the children have continued to work relentlessly and astound us with their improvements as learners and great young people. The highlight of the Summer Term has to be the trip to the Frontier Centre, particularly the high ropes and raft building activities, which were both amazing. It was brilliant to see the whole year group mixing together to play and take part in the activities, which we all loved.

Back in the classroom, the children have made phenomenal progress in all of our core subjects and have worked tirelessly each and every day. The biggest area of improvement is within our children's writing within descriptive stories and persuasive texts this term, as they have really stepped up and got to grips with the rigours of a packed writing curriculum.

Another particular highlight was the children's final Mawsley Sports Day, which the children seemed to really enjoy, cheering one another on and trying their best. Finally, we have had two big focuses within our PSHE lessons, which are Health and Wellbeing and Secondary School Transitions. The children have shown great maturity and had excellent discussions within these lessons, allowing them to consider life at secondary school and even living a healthy life beyond that.

The children fully deserve their upcoming party, assembly and then their holiday as they have worked brilliantly this year and every member of our staff is proud of each one of them!

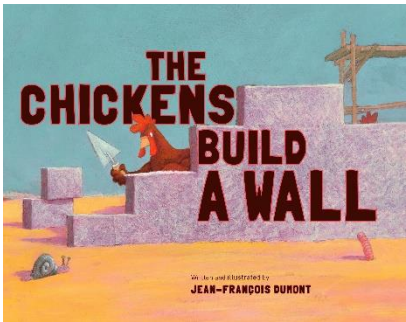
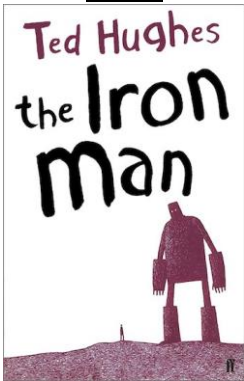
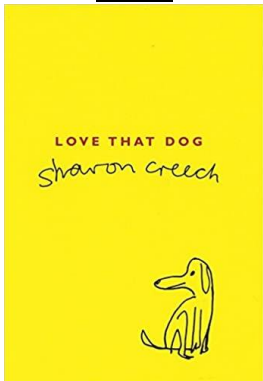
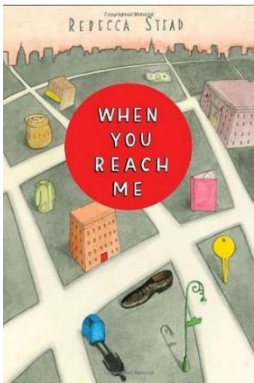
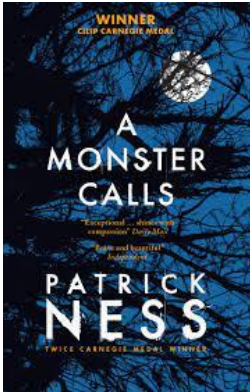
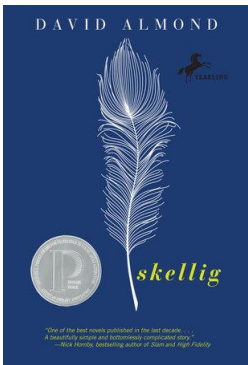
## English News

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Children have been busy showing off their reading and writing skills this half term, as they completed their last Talk 4 Writing units and their final hot writes, as well as finished their class stories.

Class stories are so important, as the teacher models expression and intonation, as well as how to deliver meaning and a desired effect on the listener through carefully chosen words and phrases. This in turn, develops children's vocabulary skills.

These are the class stories that our children have been recently enjoying:

<p><u>Year 1 and 2</u></p> 	<p><u>Year 3</u></p> 	<p><u>Year 4</u></p> 
<p><u>Year 5</u></p> 	<p><u>Year 5</u></p> 	<p><u>Year 6</u></p> 

I hope that the enjoyment that children have found in these stories recently, will inspire them to find more amazing texts in this year's Summer Reading Challenge: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> You can enter online or at Kettering Library. I would love to hear any recommendations when we return in September! Mrs Tedore.