



*'Be safe, be kind.  
Listen and think a lot.  
Be your best!'*



# The Perryfield Post

## Year 1 Fossil Hunters

Last week Sapphire and Emerald classes had the most wonderful morning learning all about fossils from Ivan the Palaeontologist. He taught them all about how fossils are formed and then they were able to excavate some fossils of their own. The children found bones, teeth, claws, an egg, fish and a spike from the tail of a Stegosaurus.

Our creative curriculum has certainly fully engaged the children's interest. The Year 1 children thoroughly enjoyed it and have produced some fantastic work from this visit, including making their own fossils!



## Goodbye Mrs Lee

Mrs Lee, one of the Learning Support Assistants in Ruby class will be leaving Perryfields Infant School at half term. Mrs Lee has been a valued member of staff for several years and I would like to take this opportunity in thanking her for all

her hard work in supporting the children with their education. I am sure that you will want to join me in wishing her all the best of luck in her chosen change of career as a Call Handler for the Ambulance Service.



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### Dates for your diary...

- 9th Feb—Sapphire class assembly 9.15 a.m.
- 9th Feb—FIPS meeting at 2 p.m.—everyone welcome
- 9th Feb—Last day of the half-term.
- 12th—16th Feb Half Term holiday.
- 19th Feb—Children back to school.
- 19th Feb—Spelling Workshop for parents 2.15 pm
- 20th Feb—Chinese New Year afternoon in class - parents welcome 2.00 pm to take part in art activities
- 28th Feb—Book Fair in school
- 1st March—World Book Day (details to follow)
- 6th Mar—Year 2 Gym competition 9.30-11.00am
- 12th Mar—Science Week (details to follow)
- 16th March—FIPS meeting at 2 p.m.—everyone welcome
- 23rd Mar—Emerald Class Assembly—9.15am
- 26th & 28th Mar—parents consultation evenings.
- 29th Mar—Last Day
- 30th Mar—Easter Holidays
- 16th Apr—Children back to school





## *The Big Question*

### **Core Value—enthusiasm!**

On Tuesday this week it was Safer Internet day. Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people and inspire a national conversation.

It involves lots of people getting involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

We have been discussing what we use the internet for. The children were extremely enthusiastic

about this subject and said that the internet was used for watching TV shows, playing games, watching online videos, finding out things, talking to friends and homework.

All of the children agreed that the Internet can be loads of fun! Through regular E-safety training and discussions in school we have been learning the possible dangers of using the internet. The BIG QUESTION this week is:

### **So how can we use the Internet for all the fun things but still stay safe?**

Please discuss this further at home.

## *Spelling workshop*

On **Monday 19th February at 2.15 pm** Mrs Fairbanks the school's Literacy leader will be holding a Spelling Workshop. This is an ideal opportunity to come into school before the end of the day and explore helpful spelling resources and ask any questions linked to this subject. We have already sent home an email about changes to our whole school spelling homework. Hopefully you've noticed a change in this homework and had a chance to look at the Common Exception words that were also sent home. Everyone is welcome to the spelling workshop and I look forward to seeing you there.

### *Useful websites*

Please take time to look at these two useful websites.

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

[www.wordsforlife.org.uk](http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk)

There is information on starting school, reading, maths, fun ideas for learning, ebooks for all stages of reading, recommended texts, free resources and milestones.

### *Looking ahead*

At Perryfields Infant School we continue to think of fresh ideas to fully engage the children with their learning. The final term we always ensure that we all go on a whole school trip.

As a team we look at the areas of the curriculum that we need to cover and then think of a suitable trip to reinforce this learning.

After much discussion we have decided to call the summer term theme 'Coast to Coast', and to engage the children's interest the whole school will be taking a

trip to Walton-on-the-Naze on Tuesday 22nd May. We will be comparing terrine and marine life, fossil hunting, rock pooling and creating beach art. We will require plenty of parent helpers too. More information will follow nearer the time.

