



King's Academy Binfield

Dare to be Remarkable



29/04/22

Head of Primary News:

Dear Parents and Carers,

The students have returned to school ready and eager to learn! This term is one of the most important of the year as so much learning takes place. There will be statutory assessments taking place over the terms such as Year 2 SATs, the Year 1 phonics check and the Year 4 multiplication check. Team leaders will be sending home further information about these assessments prior to the children starting. Please speak with your class teacher if you have any further questions following these letters.

There will be trips taking place this term and we are extremely excited about the Year 4 residential in July. If you have not received a letter about a class trip for your child, this will be out to you very soon!

Summer term curriculum letters will be coming out to you on Monday. These letters are full of information about the learning that will be taking place in your child's class this term. Please also head to the website for further information which can be found under the 'primary curriculum' tap.

Thank you all for your generous donations for Ukraine. They have been collected today and will be driven to Ukraine to those in need.



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Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

J Tate

Jacqueline Tate

Head of Primary



Diary Dates

- **Monday 2nd May:** Academies closed (bank holiday)
- **Wednesday 25th May:** Year 3 trip to London Zoo
- **Monday 30th May - 3rd June:** Half Term Break
- **Tuesday 14th June:** Year 3 trip to Pizza Express
- **Tuesday 21st June:** KAO open afternoon 4pm - 5pm (more info to follow)
- **Thursday 23rd June:** KAB open afternoon 4pm - 5pm (more info to follow)
 - **Monday 4th July:** KAO Sports Day (more info to follow)
 - **Tuesday 5th July:** KAB Sports Day (more info to follow)
 - **Wednesday 6th July:** INSET Day
- **Tuesday 19th - 21st July:** Year 4 residential to Runway's End
 - **Friday 22nd July:** Last day of Term

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Ruby Word of the week (last week): Life Cycle
Word of the week: Chrysalis

Ruby Class have been excited to start their new topic 'The Circle of Life.' We have been reading one of our favourite stories 'The very hungry caterpillar' and a new book called 'Ben plants a butterfly garden' which have both sparked great enthusiasm around the life cycle of a butterfly. The children have learnt a fun new action song called 'A tiny caterpillar' to help them understand the life cycle. We have been extremely interested in the arrival of 10 tiny caterpillars in our class! We are going to watch them grow and observe the different stages of the life cycle until we can release the beautiful butterflies into our garden.

We have been learning about shapes and have explored them in many different ways. We have been drawing around shapes, making shape pictures and playing shape games. The children have been terrific at thinking of different objects in the environment that are different shapes too!

Ruby Class have started getting changed into their PE kit for PE lessons at school and Miss Greaney and Mrs Woad were very impressed with their independence and willingness to try. Well done Ruby Class.



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Emerald
Word of the week (last week): Metamorphosis
Word of the week: Invertebrate

Emerald Class are enjoying their new topic of 'Nature Rocks'. Last week we learnt all about the lifecycle of a butterfly and the incredible process of metamorphosis that takes place! The children did a wonderful job building a bug hotel in our garden and have really enjoyed seeing which minibeasts have been coming to stay! Thank you for all the wonderful donations you brought in to help us create such a fabulous hotel! In maths, we have been learning about ways to make 10 and we enjoyed using beads and pipecleaners to make caterpillars which helped us find those number bonds to 10. On Friday afternoon, we spent some time learning about St George's Day (which took place on Saturday 23rd April). The children heard the story of George and the dragon and had fun retelling it using toys. Some children decided to make shields and swords too!

Last week, we also had a very EGG-citing delivery of some eggs and an incubator! They have come from a local, free range egg farm where the chicks will return to live a happy life once hatched. The children are very excited for the eggs to hatch and our 21 day countdown has begun!

This week, we are learning more about minibeasts and have learnt how minibeasts are invertebrates. We've been naming and sorting minibeasts and enjoyed reading Superworm and spotting the minibeast characters in it. We even received a letter from Superworm himself, informing us that Wizard Lizard was on the loose again and the children made some fabulous WANTED posters to help track him down!



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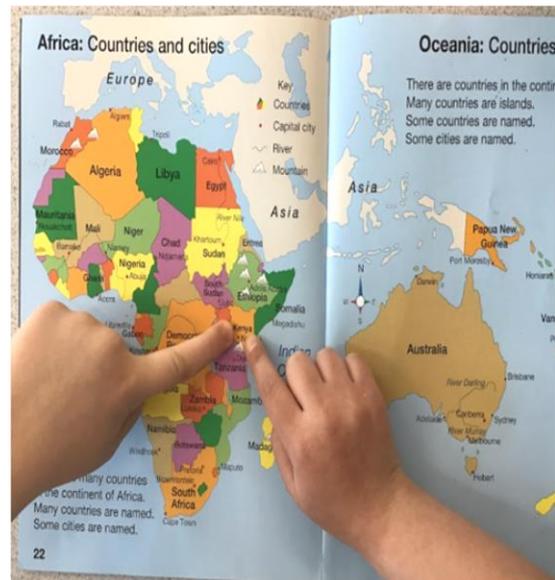
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Opal
Word of the week (last week): repetition
Word of the week: significant

What a wonderful couple of weeks year 1 has had! In English, the children have been learning all about Winston Churchill. We have been learning a text about Winston Churchill and looking at some important features in an information text. Everyone is very excited to learn about some other significant figures next week. In Maths we have been practising counting up in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have started to learn about arrays and how to use one as well as sharing out a group of objects equally.

In Science this week, we started our new unit all about the seasons. We went outside to look for signs of Spring and thought about what is different between Winter and Spring. We have also started our new Geography unit where we are comparing the UK and Kenya. We began our unit by going on a plane journey to Kenya! It was a bumpy plane ride but we made it and have enjoyed starting to learn all about Kenya. The children were able to find Kenya as well as the UK in an atlas.

This half term, we are so lucky to have 2 wonderful PE lessons with specialist coaches. The children have really enjoyed both gymnastics and cricket lessons so far. In Music this week, the children blew me away with the musical language that they were using! They really have shown that they understand the vocabulary that has been taught to them so far this year. Myself and Miss Begbie were also so impressed at how well the children are playing the recorders now. What a fantastic couple of weeks!



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Topaz

Word of the week (last week): disheartened

Word of the week: delectable

The children were inspired by the *Day the Crayons Quit* by Oliver Jeffers and imagined that all the glue sticks in our classroom quit. They wrote some hilarious and very rather grumpy letters in character as the glue sticks. We are now using a beautiful picture book called *the Antlered Ship* as inspiration for some story writing. The children have made maps of the adventure their characters will go on and designed their own ship. They have come up with some fantastic ideas for winged ships and clawed ships and horned ships.

In Maths, we have been measuring in cm and m. The children are also solving length and height problems that require them to use all of the knowledge of calculation to be able to answer the questions. I am incredibly impressed with how hard they have been working and their enthusiasm to be challenged.

Yesterday the children were researching the oceans of the world, mapping where they are and finding out facts about each. In P.E. they are exemplary, recently one of the P.E. teachers (who comes to teach gymnastics) commented on what a lovely and hard working class they are. She was highly impressed with their listening skills. In science we have started a new unit of work on living things and their habitats. We did a first lesson sorting objects into the categories of living, dead, never been alive and looking at the mnemonic MRS GREN to help learn the life processes. Below are some photographs



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