

Newsletter



Friday 20th September 2024

Dear families,

It has been another lovely week at Place Farm this week. We are seeing children becoming more and more familiar with the new routines, new year group expectations and the quality of work that children are producing so early into the new school year has been particularly pleasing.

This week, information was shared about our enrichment clubs for the half-term. These will be starting from next week. If you did not get a chance to sign up for a club that your child wanted to attend, there will be another opportunity for next half-term.

At the end of next week, class teachers will be sharing their 'Meet the Teacher' videos. These will be shared on ClassDojo. These videos will give you an outline of what to expect this year for your child in their new year group.

Within this weeks newsletter, you can see a snapshot into the writing that has been produced in Years 1-6 as well as some information around our upcoming Harvest Festival and how we will be supporting the Reach Haverhill charity. We have also added some further information to our 'Celebration Assembly' section of the newsletter with a focus on attendance.

If you have any questions relating to your child, or key messages for your class teacher, please do contact them via a message on Class Dojo, or using admin@placefarm.org.uk.

Wishing you a great weekend,

Kind regards,
Mrs McConnell
Head of School



Upcoming dates:

September

Tues 24th Sept: Y6 Knife Angel workshop at St Mary's Church

October

Mon 7th Oct: Parents Evening (more information to follow)

Tues 8th Oct: Parents Evening (more information to follow)

Thur 17th Oct: Harvest Festival Assembly for children (further information below)

Mon 21st Oct: Flu vaccinations (more information to follow)

Thur 24th Oct: Autumn term disco (more information to follow)

Mon 28th Oct – Fri 8th Nov: Half-term break

November

Wed 13th Nov: Vancols individual student photos (more information to follow)

December

Fri 6th Dec: Flu vaccinations (more information to follow)

Mon 9th Dec: Carol Concert at St Marys Church (more information to follow)

Fri 13th Dec: Christmas in a day (more information to follow)

Tue 17th Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)

Wed 18th Dec: EYFS and Yr1 Nativity (more information to follow)

Fri 20th Dec: School term ends

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to everyone who received a certificate in celebration assembly this week. We had lots of children receiving their coloured certificates today.



We also had pupils celebrated for the Summer Reading Challenge and achievements in ballet.



We are also continuing to celebrate maths achievements on tt rockstars. This term, we are presenting certificates to the child in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 who achieved the most coins in their year group, as well as certificates for the three children who had the biggest increase in their times table recall speed. We also celebrated the problem-solvers of the week in Year 1 and Rainbow class.



Times table knowledge and fluency are so important in many areas of maths. Please continue to encourage your children to use tt rockstars at home. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.



Attendance

In celebration assembly each week, we also celebrate the classes with the best attendance of the previous week. Attendance is vitally important to a child's success both in school and in later life.

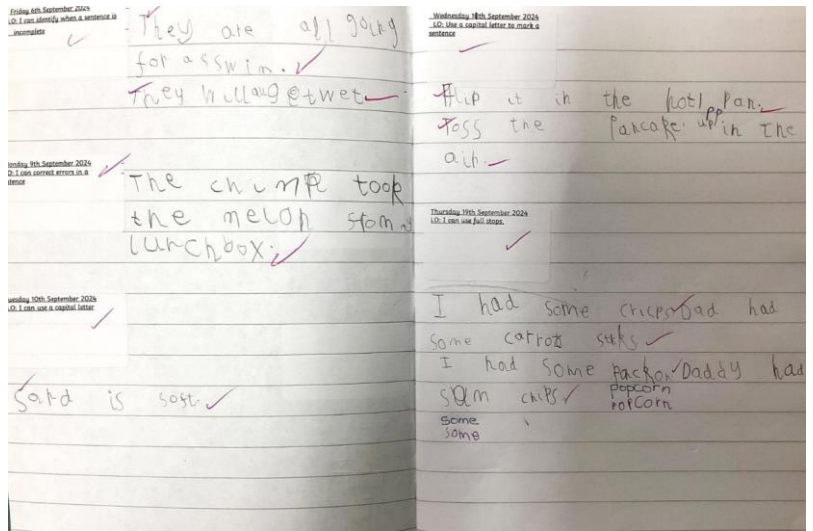
In 3rd place we had 1ED with 98.2%
In 2nd place we had 4RG with 98.4%
In 1st place we had OAP with 100%

Our whole school attendance was 95.3%

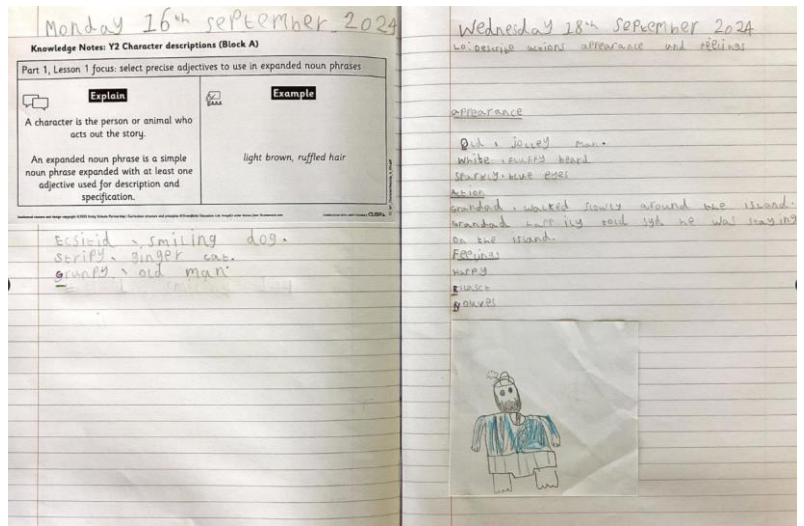
Writing at Place Farm

Please see below for a snapshot into the writing that has been taking place across Place Farm over the last week.

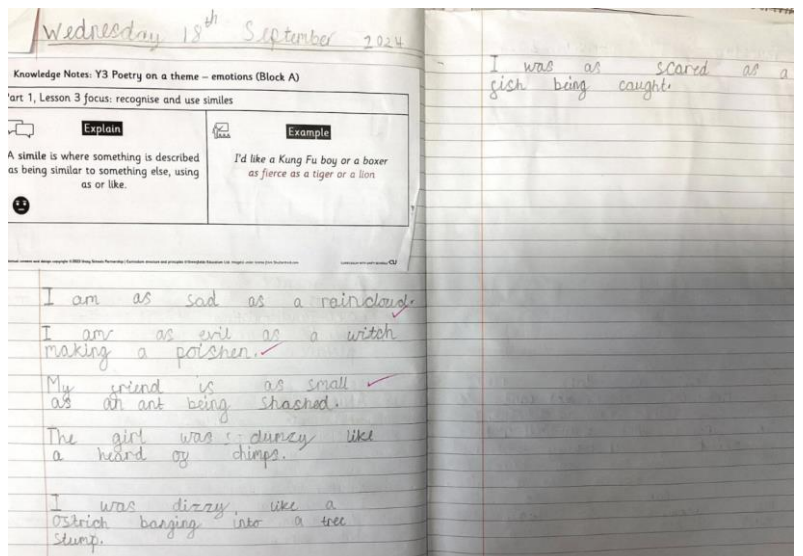
Year 1 have been working on their basic sentence composition.



Year 2 have been working on writing a character description.



Year 3 have been learning how to write a poem on the theme of emotion.



Year 4 have been learning how to write a persuasive advert.

Wednesday 18th September 2024

Knowledge Notes: Y4 Persuasive writing adverts (Block A)

Part 1, Lesson 3 focus: identify and use rhetorical questions as a device to enhance direct reader address

Explain	Example
A rhetorical question is ...	Or do you SHOUT IT OUT SO EVERYONE CAN HEAR?

Would you talk to people you don't know?
 Would you arrange to meet up with a stranger?
 Would you click links that you don't know of?
 How would you deal with online bullying?
 How would you react if a stranger asked for your address?
 Challenge
 Yes because they would have a good think about the questions.

Thursday 19th September 2024

Knowledge Notes: Y4 Persuasive writing adverts (Block A)

Part 1, Lesson 4 focus: use presentational and organisational features to emphasise specific information

Explain	Example
Organisational features are used to ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is this really going to just one person? Can I totally trust this person? Is this something I should be saying anyway? Would I want there to be a permanent record of me saying it?

For when you are using a sharp knife remember to think:
 Always remember to hold the knife by hand
 When you have knives never mess around!
 You always cut on a cutting board!
 Will you cut with the sharpest knife?
 When you cut always keep your fingers behind the knife!

Quiz
 1. True ✓
 2. CD ✓

Year 5 have been writing a letter of application for a job linked to their reading book, 'Shackleton's Journey'.

Monday 16th September 2024

LO: To structure a formal letter of application

Introduction	Carine Carver
Personal Qualities	Interested in animals independent, calm and caring. Funny and sociable
experience and qualifications for	looked after a dog for a year. Completed a pet care course. Walked dogs.
Benefits.	Good cook and able to help others. Trustworthy. Good at job aid.
Conclusion	Prepared for dogs, well experienced. Growth mind-set.

Tuesday 17th September 2024

Place Farm,
Lamps Road,
Haverhill,
CB9 8HF

Ernest Shackleton,
Cobble Street,
Pensington,
London,
E2 8PM

Tuesday 17th September 2024

Dear Mr Shackleton,

I am writing to apply for the role of Carine Carver to come aboard Endurance.

Independent, calm and caring. I have all the needed experience. Although it may be tough, I have the resilience to keep going. However, I know going to the Antarctic is very important and to have a Carine Carver on board would be a big help. In addition, I am funny and sociable so if you and the crew are bored, I am always happy to help.

Not only do I have the personal ^{at the time} ~~at the time~~ I had walked two dogs

Year 6 have been writing an autobiography as if they were the artist, Frida Kahlo.

Monday 16th September 2024

LO: I can plan an autobiography in note form

Structure	My text
Introduction: Describing a piece of art	What do you think when you look at a piece of art? Do you think wow or what is that?
Childhood: Facts	My childhood was full of challenges. I stayed inside. I engaged time with Dad. Side effect of Polio - one leg shorter than the other. Bullied at school. Continued to have hopes and dreams (doctor).
Later in life: Key events	A girl 16 - bus accident. Spent lots of time in hospital - boring! Dad made special easel for her to paint laying down. That's where my love of art came from. Months later, met Diego Rivera - painter. Married but family didn't like him.
Conclusion: Inspirational message	My life has had twists and turns. Challenges have not stopped me. Never give up, follow your dreams. It's happiness not fame that matters.

Tuesday 17th September 2024

I can write an autobiography.

Frida Kahlo

What do you think when you look at a piece of art? Do you think wow this is mind-blowing or what is this? If you chose the just, we would get on very well. But if you chose the second - I love a chance to talk and change your mind. To me, art is beautiful and art is my whole world.

My childhood was filled with challenges and sorrow. I got Polio at only six years old (a life-threatening disease). This meant I spent most of my time inside. However, I did get to spend a lot of the time with my Dad. Sadly, I had one leg shorter than the other and it caused me to get bullied at school. On the bright side I didn't give up and stayed hospital 19924

When I was sixteen, disaster struck again because I was involved in a bus accident. This meant most of my time was spent in hospital, which you could imagine very mind-numbing. On the bright side, my Dad created me a special easel could use while I layed down. This is my adoration for art came from.

Harvest Festival



We are supporting Reach Haverhill again this year with a food collection for their Harvest Festival in support of our local community

In preparation for our Harvest Festival Assembly, on Thursday 17th October, we will be collecting donations for Reach Haverhill. Please see the poster below for the items that they require for this year. Please could any donations be handed to your child's class teacher between Monday 14th October and Wednesday 16th October.

Thank you in advance for your support of this cause.

Harvest shopping list 2024

Just one or two items from the list would be greatly appreciated!

<input type="checkbox"/> Squash	<input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits
<input type="checkbox"/> Custard	<input type="checkbox"/> Tinned fruit
<input type="checkbox"/> Sugar 1kg	<input type="checkbox"/> Jam
<input type="checkbox"/> Pudding (rice or sponge longlife)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rice
<input type="checkbox"/> Crisps/crackers	<input type="checkbox"/> Noodles
<input type="checkbox"/> Potatoes (tinned/mashed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tea
<input type="checkbox"/> Fruit juice (long-life)	<input type="checkbox"/> UHT milk
<input type="checkbox"/> Coffee	
<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate treats	

NOT needed:

Beans	Tinned fish	Deodorant
Pasta	Tinned meat	Shampoo
Cereal	Soup	
Dog / Cat food	Tinned tomatoes	
Washing up liquid	Shower Gel	
Pasta sauce	Toilet roll	

www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/harvest

The logo for Reach Community Projects, featuring three stylized human figures in blue, green, and red, with the text 'Reach Community Projects' below it.

SEND Parent Padlet:

<https://padlet.com/lkidd11/parenting-padlet-hgdrprcnhl3ene5>

Please use this link to have an explore of our new SEND Parent Padlet, which contains lots of information resources and links to provide you with support and advice. There are links to local groups, SEND resources and parenting tips.

Year 6 Parents

Communication has been sent this week to all year 6 parents about applying for your child's secondary school placement with Suffolk Admissions. This was emailed earlier this week. This opened on 12/9/2024 and will close on 31/10/2024. Offers confirming placement allocations are sent on 03/03/2025.

If you need any help or advice, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via the admin email address – admin@placefarm.co.uk or by phoning on 01440 702836.

Uniform



It has been so lovely to see the children looking smart and professional in their Place Farm uniform. Just a reminder that children can wear the summer uniform until October half term. All uniform expectations are published on our school website (see link below).

PE uniform consists of:

- Either a plain white polo shirt/plain white t-shirt or **polo shirt with school logo** from supplier.
- Blue shorts
- Blue jogging bottoms (optional instead of shorts)
- Trainers
- Blue socks (optional)

<https://placefarm.org.uk/uniform>

Year 6 SATS week

For reference – Year 6 SATs week this year will be week commencing Monday 12th-15th May. This is the week that pupils in Year 6 across the country will be sitting these statutory assessments.