

ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS



THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ST PAUL'S WALDEN PRIMARY
SCHOOL



A MESSAGE FROM MRS ADSHEAD

I hope that you all have a very happy bank holiday weekend!

We have been very impressed with the standard of presentation of pupils work in both English and Mathematics, since the start of the new term. We have selected some to share with you in this newsletter. The determination and perseverance of the pupils in Year 1 and 2 has been lovely to see. I am sure that you will agree their hand writing is very good.

Your child will be bringing home their school report today, should you have any questions regarding your child's education then please contact the class teacher.

From today you will be able to login to your Arbor parent account either via the app, or via the website where you will be able to book your parent consultation appointment. These will once again be virtual meetings and the link to the meeting will be sent out by the class teachers prior to the meeting. Should you have any issues booking your appointment or if you have lost your Arbor login details, please contact the school office who will be able to assist you.

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Remember!

A PERSON
WHO NEVER
MADE A
MISTAKE,
NEVER
TRIED
ANYTHING
NEW

Albert Einstein

BOOSTER SESSIONS

We would like to remind everyone about the Booster Sessions that are taking place for each year group. These sessions are tailored to specific areas of learning that require extra practice and teacher input. At present these are running for the Summer term only and is an ideal opportunity to support your child's progress through the curriculum. Teachers are giving up their time and they are being offered free of charge in the hope that as many pupils as possible will attend. At present we have been disappointed with the low attendance at these session. If you require further clarification about what is involved in the sessions please email the school office and the class teachers will be happy to help you.

The timetable for the sessions is as follows:

Monday: Year 1, 3 and 5, Maths session

Tuesday: Year 2, 4 and 6, Maths session

Thursday: Year 1, 3 and 5, English session

Friday: Year 2, 4 and 6, English session

Should you need a copy of the original letter please refer to the 'letters home' section of our website.

DATES TO REMEMBER THIS HALF TERM

Friday 30th April

Monday 3rd May

10th - 14th May

17th & 19th May

24th - 28h May

School Reports will be sent home

Bank Holiday - school closed

Mental Health Awareness Week

Parents Evening

Mock SATs Week



LEARNING IN THE WILLOWS

The Willows have been learning lots of different skills in their class, book making, den building, role play activities and bug hunting to name just a few of the great things that are going on in Reception!



LEARNING IN THE ROWANS

The children have been reading and writing about bats in their English lessons. They have written about how bats hunt for food in precursive handwriting. We have all been amazed by the beautiful handwriting from our Year 1 and 2 children. Great work everyone!

Monday 26th April

Bats

1. Bats need to eat and drink as well.
2. Bats drink nectar and sleep in trees.
3. They hang on trees and huddle with their babies.
4. Bats eat insects and drink water.
5. Bats that live in hot places eat fruit and drink from flowers.

Henry C
Monday 26th April

Bats

1. Some bats hibernate in gaps between walls.
2. Bats that live near lakes usually fly over them.
3. Some bats can grab a moth between their wings and throw it into its mouth.
4. Bats often get cold and they go somewhere to curl down.

Monday 26th April

Bats

Ivy

1. They can hunt at night and eat bugs.
2. Fruit bats eat sweet fruit and drink sweet juices.
3. Some bats grab bugs and flick it in their mouths.
4. Bats that live near lakes scoop fish.

Monday 26th April

Bats

Joshua

1. They can hunt at night and are nocturnal.
2. They squeak and then the sound wave bounces back.

LEARNING IN THE OAKS

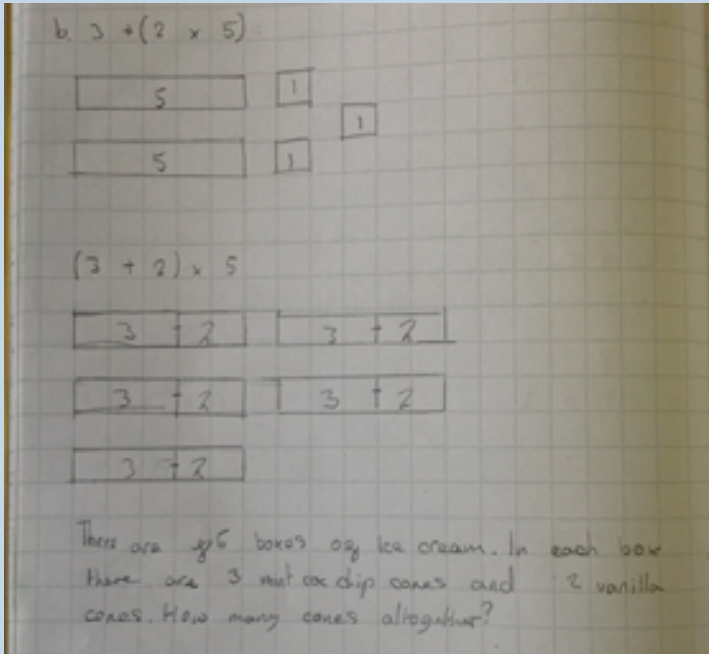
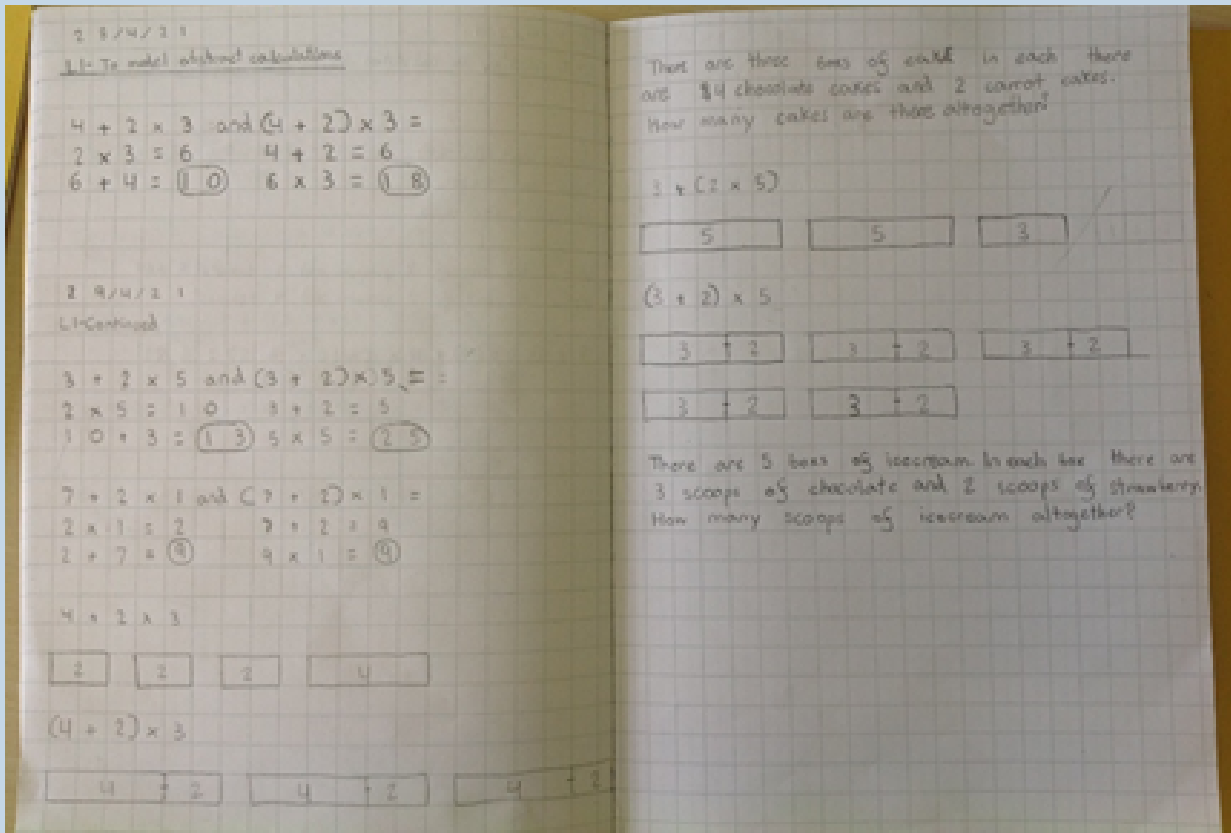
Oaks Class have been learning to write biographies over the last two weeks. Pupils have researched a variety of people including members of their own family! This week, Oaks worked together to complete a piece of shared writing learning about the life of Michelle Obama.

"I have learned Michelle Obama was the first African-American first lady" - Elana, Year 5

"Michelle Obama is a lawyer, activist and feminist icon" - Tayler, Year 6

"Michelle Obama set up a fund to help African girls get an education and helped over 63 million people." - Rosie, Year 5

In Maths, Oaks Class have started to think about the rules that tell us the order to complete operations when working out equations. We have started by creating our own word problems to match bar models. Here are 2 examples, well done everyone.



TERM DATES 2020/2021

Summer Term 2021

School starts: Tuesday 13th April
Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
Last day of term: Wednesday 21st July **finishing at 2pm**
Inset Days: Monday 12th April & Thursday 22nd July
Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May

TERM DATES 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021

School starts: Thursday 2nd September
Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th October
Last day of term: Tuesday 21st December **finishing at 2pm**
Occasional Day: Monday 22nd November
Inset Days: Wednesday 1st September & Friday 19th November

Spring Term 2022

School starts: Thursday 6th January
Half Term: Monday 14th to Friday 18th February
Last day of term: Friday 1st April **finishing at 2pm**
Inset Days: Wednesday 5th January

Summer Term 2022

School starts: Wednesday 20th April
Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
Last day of term: Friday 22nd July **finishing at 2pm**
Inset Days: Tuesday 19th April & Monday 6th June
Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

For general enquiries, report of an absence or to inform the school of pupil collection arrangements please contact the school office by email:

admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk or telephone on: 01438 871241.

The office is open between the hours of 8:30am and 4pm during term time only.

FARMVENTION COMPETITION

Farmvention competition Herts Showground have asked schools to share a link to <https://www.farmvention.com/> (where farming meets invention) which is a national STEM competition run by NFU Education and aimed at children aged 5 – 14 (school years 1 - 9) in England and Wales.

This year, the challenge is all about the problems that climate change creates for British farmers and how they are fighting it to become climate superheroes. There is a host of amazing prizes for the winning schools. Winners will present their ideas at a prestigious event at the Houses of Parliament and win £1,000 for their school to spend on STEM or outdoor learning equipment! All entrants will become certified 'farmventors' and receive a reward pack including a certificate and mini prize. Entries for the competition close on **Monday 31st May 2021**.