

Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

12th February 2021



Hello everyone

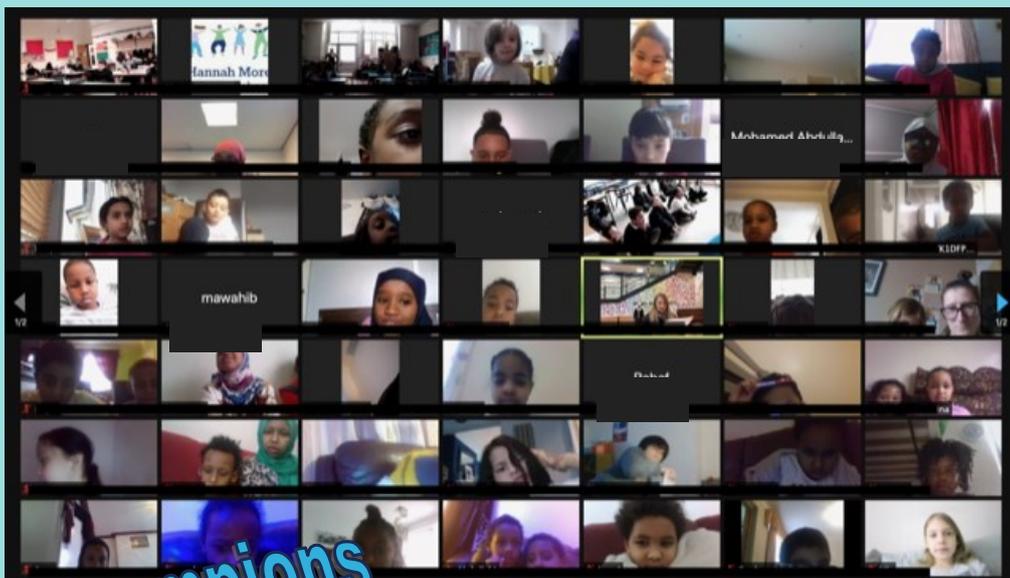
Today marks the end of term 3; we now have a half-term break until learning starts again on Tuesday 23rd February. We have been so impressed by everyone's engagement in their learning and we hope you take a rest from this next week. Teachers are also in need of a break, so they may not be answering emails until we are back in school.

We have had some questions about when all children can return to school. Unfortunately we do not yet know - we must follow government guidelines. As soon as we know more we will inform you by text and email. We have also had some questions about free school meal vouchers; these are being posted home this weekend to eligible families. If your child is eligible for means tested free school meals AND they are working at home, they will get more vouchers after half term. There have been some admin issues that have slowed the delivery of these - we are sorry for the delay.

Thank you to those people who came to swap books this week; we hope this will encourage everyone to keep reading over half term. Thanks also to parents who joined home-learning zoom meetings and made some very useful points.

Best wishes and stay safe,
Sue Ramsay,
Headteacher

Very well done to this term's home and school Learning Champions. It was lovely to see so many of you at this morning's assembly! We will post the medals to the home learners.



Term 3 Learning Champions



School Learning Champions

Lavender - Renico
Reception - Iman
Year 1 - Sara
Year 2 - Manuela
Year 3 - Hamze
Year 4 - Laila
Year 5 - Yusra
Year 6 - Osman

Home Learning Champions

Reception - Maahir
Year 1 - Ramzi
Year 2 - Juelz
Year 3 - Isse
Year 4 - Narmin
Year 5 - Lorenzo
Year 6 - Carlo

This week we were fantastic mathematicians, identifying one more and one less with numbers up to 100! In English we learnt how to extend our sentences to include more information and practised using capital letters and full stops in our writing. Help at home by watching the videos on the Lavender Class Blog page and practising counting up to and back from 100 in tens and ones! Remember to log on to your Epic books account – there are loads of books for you to read and listen to over half term!

Lavender

Reception

As mathematicians we learnt about 6, 7, and 8 and practised splitting them into groups. Home learners had fun going on treasure hunts to find different amounts of their toys! We also enjoyed the story of Simon Sock and found pairs of things at home. We learnt more digraphs **th ng** and **ai**. Look out for them in your books. **Have a lovely break together. Read stories, enjoy your walks and talk about what you 'notice' and have a good rest! You have all worked so hard, thank you for all your support at home. Please show us your learning on Tapestry!**

This week we enjoyed writing and posting letters. In maths we learnt to make numbers to 50. We also worked hard to improve our handwriting and thought of ways to be kind and careful friends. At home, keep reading the books on Bug Club. Can you count to 50 and back? If you are at home, remember to write the letter to your friend at school and pop it in the post box (see today's blog update for more information). Please have a rest! You too parents!

Year 1

Year 2

This week we were engineers. We built final models for Traction Man's playground! As writers, we have been amazingly creative and made our own Traction Man sequels. In maths, we finished learning about division. **Please make sure your child is reading 5 times a week on bug club. Let us know if you need help logging in.**

Year 3

This week we wrote our own facts about Alfred the Great. We also sculpted some excellent Anglo-Saxon warriors from clay. As mathematicians we have been measuring! **Please make sure your child is reading 5 times a week on bug club. Tell us on google classroom if you need more books.**

Year 4

This week we designed guitars as artists – what a creative bunch we are! As authors, we explored a short story called Happy Endings and the children in school got a chance to work on Chromebooks. We are becoming more confident with fractions as mathematicians this week too! **Help at home by practising times tables as much as possible and reading together with your child. Don't forget to do lots of activities on your Bug Club and TT Rockstars!**



It's Half Term!

Year 5

This week we continued to learn about fractions. We used visualisation to show that we understood a poem about Africa; we also created information on droughts and how to preserve water. As artists we looked at the work of Van Gogh. **Have a go at some of the extra art, computing and exercise assignments over the holidays and keep reading on Bug Club.**



This week we continued to learn about percentages and dividing using the bus stop method both at home and in school. We finished our novel Floodland and finally found out if Zoe ever found her parents. This week our art project was to create a zentangle doodle design – ask your child to show you their work. This activity is really good for practising fine motor skills and mindfulness. **Make sure you keep everyone active over half term – go for walks and try online classes. Ask your child to read each day and try some zentangle drawing.**

Our new play area!

In school this week we have heard a lot of drilling, banging and sawing going on outside year 1. This is because the area is getting a complete makeover, thanks to some very generous individual donors. You can see a plan below - and some

pictures of the work in progress. TouchWood Play are a specialist natural playground company who create beautiful playgrounds and adventure play areas. We anticipate this work will be finished over half term!



TouchWood
OUR WORK IS PLAY

Local support and services

We know how hard life is at the moment but there is help and support. Here are some ideas...

COVID-19 Vaccine Webinar

Do you have questions about the COVID vaccine? This webinar which answers a whole range of questions about the vaccine, including: Is it safe? Do I get to choose which vaccine I have? Why have the vaccines been approved so quickly? [Click here to watch it in full](#)

Avon Fire and Rescue Service

Firefighter Recruitment events for potential women and BAME candidates

Avon Fire & Rescue Service are hosting workshops about becoming a Firefighter. Workshop for women who are interested: 15 February 6.30pm [Find out more](#) .Firefighter Workshop for BAME applicants, 1 March 6.30pm [Find out more](#)

Food Support

The Food Club provides access to quality food, as well as tips and recipes. Members pay £1 per year and can buy a box of food worth £10-15 for just £3.50 each week. To join you must live or work within 15 minutes' walk of the Settlement Site in Barton Hill. Please email gabrielle@bartonhillsettlement.org.uk or call the Settlement and ask for Gabrielle. 0117 9556971

Physical and Mental Health Support

Social Prescribing - Link Workers can support you to improve your physical and mental health through community activities. You must be 18 or over and registered with one of the following GP surgeries: Charlotte Keel , Fishponds Family Practice, Lawrence Hill Health Centre, Montpelier Health Centre, Old School Surgery or Wellspring Surgery. Speak to your GP to be referred.

Finances, Business, Careers and Legal Support

BOOST Finance offers advice on benefits, debt, housing, employment, legal issues and more. If you would like to book an appointment call Lisa on The Settlement Site number 0117 9556971.

Parenting support and services

Barton Hill settlement offer family play sessions with access to garden space; telephone 1-1 support and more. Phone 0117 9556971 or email: shann@bartonhillsettlement.org.uk There is also a new zoom parenting course in February - call Jonothan on 0777 9086892 if you are interested.