

Year 6

WOW – What a first term we have had in Year Six, and how time has flown!

We have absolutely thrown ourselves into our learning this term, and have produced some amazing work. Much of our English work this half term has been based around World War 2, from writing and recording our own versions of Kristallnacht, to poetry about plastic and its saddening impact on the environment, to writing diaries from the point of Bruno from The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, as well as a whole lot more!

As a class, we have read The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas, of which each child has had a copy, and the children have been thoroughly engrossed in the poignant tale of Bruno and Shmuel. The children have been absolute superstars at reading both in class and every night at home, and as we always say – Practice Makes Perfect & Persevere!

Our maths learning has focused on the four rules of number, place value and reasoning problems. The children have been busily practising their times tables using TTRS, to the point that we almost all know our tables off by heart, along with related division facts!

Learning about the 'Blitzed Brits' has been a real adventure and eye-opener for the children. Our class assembly was an absolute triumph – the children were fantastic – and we have learned all about WW2, from producing some stunning Blitz art, going on an amazing trip to the Holocaust Centre, to creating Airfix British and German fighters from the Battle of Britain.

All in all, a thoroughly enjoyable first term in Year Six. The children have definitely earned a very restful Christmas and New Year, ready for all that is to come in January! Well done, everyone!

Mr L Revell



What a brilliant start to the year we have had, learning all about different aspects of online safety at Bourne Elsea Park. We have recruited two new mini e-cadets in Reception, who are very excited to become part of our team. Over the autumn term, we have had challenges to complete! Our e-Cadet team have been working very hard to educate their peers about online safety. Key Stage 1 learnt how to search safely online and what words are important to use. During friendship week they also learnt how to be kind online and spot bullying behaviour. Key Stage 2 have explored the power of global online communities and how to behave appropriately within the communities. The eCadet team lead an assembly about kindness which promoted being kind online, particularly within online communities. Children also reflected on their own digital usage with a Key Stage 2 digital survey. We can't wait for Safer Internet Day next term which is on Tuesday 11th February 2020 and our workshops with One Day Creative. Have a safe Christmas. Miss A Worrall



The end of term is nearly here along with the dark nights and Jack Frost. We are managing to get outside briefly before fingers and toes start to go numb.

The children that are inside enjoy colouring, doing crafts and playing together. As Christmas approaches, the children will be making festive gifts for family and friends. Have a very Merry Christmas and New Year from everyone at Bourne Elsea Park Kids' Club.

Mrs J Clarke



Congratulations to Mrs Hildebrandt, Mrs Siddiqui and Mrs Munn for completing successfully the E-Safety Course with Family Learning. They are now aware of the implications of inappropriate on-line content, contact and conduct as well as how to safeguard their own and their families' digital footprints. The issue of 'screen time' was also covered and how to put measures in place as a family. If you're interested, please look out for news on future Family Learning courses running next term.

Sarah James (Family Learning Tutor)



It's been a busy but fun term for the PTFA with organising and running the Christmas fayre, the children's Christmas cards, ordering and wrapping the children's gifts from Santa and our final event the Christmas disco, I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for supporting all our events so far this term because it has enabled us to pay for a portable PA system, nativity costumes, some new equipment for Key Stage One and the books from Santa all which I know will benefit the school and children greatly. So before I sign off, on behalf of myself and the rest of the team, we hope you all have a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year

Mrs A Mortlock



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Autumn Term 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It hardly seems like 5 minutes since we welcomed everyone back from our summer holidays! There can only be one explanation for this—time flies when you're having fun! As ever, our immersive, creative curriculum has allowed children the opportunity to develop new skills, as well as providing them the opportunity to apply them. Thanks, once again, to a tremendous amount of hard work from our fantastic staff, every single topic and subject taught has had a 'Stunning Start', a 'Marvellous Middle' and a 'Fabulous Finale'. Here is a tiny glimpse of what's been going on:

You may have noticed a rather unusual door at the end of the KS1 playground part way through the term—this, with the obligatory accompanying video showing our staff's amazing acting skills, provided the children the opportunity to write an incredible piece of writing about what might have lain beyond...

The concept of Democracy plays a vital part in everything we do here at Bourne Elsea Park, not least on Democracy Day, whereby children elected not only new Student Councillors in every class, but also Collective Worship Councillors and Mini Police in Y5 and Y6. Speaking of the Mini Police, I'd like to take this opportunity once again to thank the huge number of Y5 children who put themselves forward for the role—it was an incredibly tough choice for the classes to vote for. I'd also like to give thanks once again to the Mini Police who marched in the Remembrance Day Parade in Bourne—you truly did us all proud, and the 'real' Police who were there remarked on your maturity and sensible nature!

It hasn't just been the children voting, however—thank you to everyone who put their names forward for and to everyone who voted in the governor election this term. Also, welcome to our new governors—Mr Kinch, Mr Farnaby and Mrs Fox—we look forward to you working together with us going forwards!

Our Enrichment days have again provided wonderful learning and teaching opportunities, whether they be theme days, visits outside of school, or visitors coming in to school. From the Choir performing at the Elsea Park Community Centre to the Cardiac Rehabilitation Group at their annual Harvest fundraising event, to the Workhouse visit, to the Peterborough Museum trip, to a Victorian Day in school, to a visit to the Holocaust Memorial Centre, to visiting the Delaine Bus Depot and classic cars, to Bikeability in school, to enjoying the panto at Bourne Abbey, there has been an awful lot of learning going on and much fun had!

We have also had our wonderful class assemblies, with Y6 sharing their learning about the Blitzed Brits in an entertaining, yet thoroughly thought-provoking and poignant way, and Y4 presenting Veni, Vidi, Vici—a slightly more gory and grotesque glimpse in to that particular fragment of British History, whilst at the same time asking the question 'What did the Romans do for us?', all the while reminding ourselves how lucky we are to live where and when we do!

Our final fortnight of term has been filled with Christmas celebrations! The Reception Nativity was a really special time and can always be relied on to bring a tear as parents and carers burst with pride at the occasion. The Carol Service in church is always a lovely way of remembering the true meaning of Christmas, and this year we were lucky to be joined by our incredible Y1 children! The children's wonderful acting, reading and singing really added to the special occasion. A massive thank you as well to Father Chris for leading the service. Thank you to all the parents, carers, family and friends who were able to share these special times with us all.

As we approach Christmas, we think about what is important—especially the opportunity to use the message of Christmas to spread love, hope, joy and peace around our school community as well as into Bourne and beyond.

In Bishop David's letter to the children he says "The simplest of gifts can bring the greatest pleasure. We need to look after our gifts. By doing this we show respect to the person who has given them and to each other."

I often say it, but the longer I am at Bourne Elsea Park, the more I believe it to be true—you, your children and our staff and governors truly are what makes our school so special. We will continue to fly high and work together, taking lessons from the geese, to ensure that 2020 is even better than ever. Have a truly lovely Christmas and a wonderful New Year! Thank you, Mr Sam Brunt, Head of School

A Christmas Blessing from Father Chris

O Lord, May we know the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child this Christmas. Amen.



Peace

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. John 14:27



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Bourne Elsea Park's attendance for the year so far is 97% – WOW!! We aim for at least 97% to ensure our whole school attendance is outstanding. We all have an important part to play in this. We will be drawing the 100% attendance hamper prize for our lucky families on the last day of term.



September saw the beginning of Student Council's new chapter when they campaigned to their classes before British Values Day. Using their Democratic right to have their voices heard, the whole school voted for their choice of candidate in the Polling Station before votes were counted and new members of the Student Council were announced, receiving their new badges from our Co-Chair of Trustees, Mr John Kirkman. Our new Chairperson and Secretary from Year 6, Bronte Wyvill and Tiana Marvel, have expertly led our councillors through our regular meetings to discuss suggestions from their classes and to plan important days such as Children in Need Day. They also began the term by celebrating the arrival of our fantastic Outdoor Learning area. An important role for the Student Council this year is to work with our Unicef Ambassadors to lead the school through the Unicef Outright Campaign, and on World Children's Day they presented a launch assembly encouraging their fellow pupils to take action, write letters to their local MPs and become Agents of Change for children's rights both locally, nationally and across the globe. Our councillors will also soon be launching a competition to name our new Student Council mascot. This is our WWF Polar Bear, who we now sponsor in order to support the invaluable work of protecting our world's most endangered species. I would like to thank them for their hard work this term and look forward to continuing with them to make our school the best it can be!



Miss S Davey

RECEPTION

What an amazing start we have had to our school life. It is incredible to look back to September and see how far we have come. The children are now independent and enthusiastic learners and are always ready to tackle every new challenge.

We have embraced our Superhero Me theme and taken part in lots of superhero inspired learning. We found out about all the different skills that superheroes have and tried to recreate them in our own way.

One of the highlights of the term was dressing up as a superhero and taking part in a superhero training camp. We learnt about the superhero skills of perseverance, strength, stealth and a little bit of magic! We have begun our reading journey and through the RWI program we are now confident with the set 1 sounds and beginning to use them to read and write simple words. Super impressive for our first 2 terms in school! The numberblocks have been helping us to find out everything we need to know (and more!) about numbers. Every week we have learnt a new number and found different ways of using numbers to help us with our growing mathematics skills.

We have embraced all the different weathers that have been thrown at us over the last few months. We can often be found in our wellies enjoying the rain and embracing the learning that goes with it!

One of the most wonderful learning experiences in school is making new friends. We have loved building friendships and embraced this during Friendship Week by interviewing our friends and finding out what they liked to eat and making individual friendship cakes. We have also enjoyed finding out about topical events over the last 2 terms and our classroom provision reflected these. We took part in lots of creative activities, from making poppies, to splatter painting fireworks, to autumnal printing. We have most certainly been busy!

As the term came to a close we were excitedly getting ready for our Christmas Nativity play. We all chose our own parts and adored wearing our costumes and singing the (very catchy) songs. What an amazing first 2 terms in school. We can't wait to find out what is in store next year!

Mrs W Campbell



Year One

These first two terms have raced by and I can't believe we're so close to Christmas already! Our fantastic Fairytale Day which kicked off our first topic seems like a lifetime ago. The children have been so busy since then and have achieved so much. I

really am so proud of every single one of them. Our English focus on traditional tales has seen us Fee Fi Fo Fum -ing, Huffing and Puffing and we've Run, Run As Fast as we can through our amazing adjective-led stories and creative recounts. We thoroughly enjoyed joining the Year 1s over at Bourne Abbey for the Pinocchio pantomime – Oh no we didn't; oh yes we did! In maths, the children have managed to successfully navigate their way through addition and subtraction problems, picking up lots of marvellous maths vocabulary along the way.

Professor Elsea the scientist has helped us to find out all about our bodies and our super senses and introduced us to 'proper' science experiments. One of the highlights of the year so far for me has to be watching the children signing 'Away in a Manger' in Makaton during the Christmas Carol Service. We have even added Makaton signs to our long list of ways to answer the register in the morning. It was a beautiful and tender sight. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year will bring but I'm sure there will be lots of fun and laughter along the way. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and to say thank you for all of your continued support.

Mrs A Simpson



Year 2

What a joyous journey we have been on over our first couple of months in Year 2! Our topic, 'Oh the Places You'll go' led us far and wide over Bourne as we learnt about our town's transport now-a-days at Delaine Bus Depot and in the past, with a trip to see Mr and Mrs Moody's vintage cars. We have loved exploring so many different texts surrounding our topic, our favourites being Mr Gumpy's Motor Car, Journey and of course the poem book 'You Can't Take an Elephant on the Bus!' The children all joined in learning the actions and words off by heart which culminated in a wonderful performance. The children wowed us with the design skills when they planned a new car for Mr Gumpy to carry the animals in. The thought and care that went into their designs was just lovely to see. They loved using the hacksaw to make their own working wheels. Finally they evaluated their work and thought about how they might improve it in the future.

In term two, we took a jump over the water to the Isle of Struay in our topic: "Isle go anywhere..." exploring island life through the Katie Morag stories. We've done some fantastic research on islands by using the iPads to explore Google Maps and zoom in to satellite images of the Isle of Coll, which is the inspiration for the Katie Morag tales. We've had great fun dressing up as the characters, hot seating in English; we've helped Katie Morag during Friendship week in PSHE and were able to link our Christian Value of Friendship in too. Our cross curricular learning has allowed the children to experience some real Scottish delights by baking their own porridges, learning a highland jig and designing and weaving their own tartan.

In PSHE we have begun learning about Zippy and his friends through a range of different stories and situations which has given us a great opportunity to discuss our own feelings. In RE we have been learning about Islam and the importance of belonging to a community and religion.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year, especially with your reading, spelling and fantastic take care homework. The Year 2 team wish you a peaceful, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Bradley



Year 3

WOW! What an incredible start to my first term teaching Year 3 at Elsea Park. My socks have been completely blown off by the children's determination and enthusiasm in all that we have done thus far.

Our first topic, 'Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs', dropped us into a world filled with tomato tornadoes and banana blizzards! We loved becoming extreme weather forecasters; writing scripts and performing weather reports. Not forgetting the messy but marvellous meatballs we cooked during our first week together!

We then got the chance to step back in time to Ancient Egypt, kicking off our 'That's Not My Mummy!' topic with a terrific tomb experience! Furthermore, the whole of Year 3 were extremely excited to welcome Partake Theatre – taking part in an ancient burial ceremony, exploring real

Egyptian artefacts and becoming completely immersed in the sights, sounds and smells of Ancient Egypt!

I am so proud of the breath-takingly brilliant 'Take Care' homework we have had this term, particularly the immense pyramids! I can't wait to see what comes in next!

Lastly, thank you for your continued support and patience whilst I have settled in to my first term here at Elsea Park. Myself and the Year 3 team wish you a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Miss N Orriss



Year 4

We have been especially lucky in Year 4 to be joined by so many new faces this term. We have been delighted to see how quickly they have all become very much integral members of Elsea Park, helped by the friendship and kindness shown by all of our children in welcoming them into the fold.

Every member of Year 4 has thrown themselves wholeheartedly into their learning and has developed the confidence and maturity to produce a knock out "Veni, Vidi, Vici" Class Assembly. The children amazed their audience with their acting and singing whilst showing off their knowledge of the Roman Empire and its legacies.

Year 4 have enjoyed cross-curricular activities within their Roman topic. An amazing museum trip engaged the class in a number of exciting activities, ranging from crafting a clay Roman mask to taking on the role of slave preparing for a Roman banquet and obeying the very strict orders of a Commanding Officer of the Roman Army!

In English, stories have remained at the centre of our learning. Children wrote their own versions of the *Romulus and Remus* myth whilst also learning about the eruption of Mount Vesuvius through the story of *Escape from Pompeii*. Meanwhile, in Geography, the class enjoyed learning about how volcanoes are formed and why they erupt, culminating in an exciting opportunity combined with their States of Matter Science topic, to create an exploding volcano for their take care homework project, which they then showcased to the school. In RE, they have explored the meaning behind different religious celebrations. Maths has focused on number, seeing the children use addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve problems linked to their topic.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in the new year to embark on our adventures with Ernest Shackleton in our topic, "Home is Where the Heart Is"!

Miss S Davey/Mrs C Evans



Year 5

What a brilliant start to Year 5 we have had. The Vile Victorians has been a fantastic first topic for us and we have learnt so much, including: social attitudes to the poor, the workhouse and Victorian schooling and servant life. We experienced first-hand what life was like as a child in a Victorian Workhouse during our trip to Southwell Workhouse. The children had an excellent time dressing up and getting into role as a real Victorian child. They experienced some of the difficult chores and even a workhouse school lesson. Last term we also took part in our Victorian school day and the children had lots of fun baking their food for our Victorian tea party. We have also developed our printing skills in Art, where the children created William Morris inspired designs. In DT, the children enjoyed learning about Brunel and his bridges. They then designed and created their own moving bridges out of wood. I have been really impressed with the take care homework which has been produced this term. It has been lovely to see the children taking pride in their creations and enjoying the topic. Thank you for all your support. The Year 5 team would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Miss A Worrall

