

# Year 6

We have had an absolutely amazing start to the year. Everyone has settled back into school life brilliantly and we have enjoyed 'honking' together as a bubble to help each other through these different times.

We have absolutely thrown ourselves into our learning this term, and have produced some amazing work. All of our English work this term has been based around World War 2, from writing diary entries, creating some exceptional newspaper reports all about a 'Gerry' plane crash to poetry for Remembrance Day. As a class, we have read Letters from the Lighthouse, of which each child has had a copy, and the children have been thoroughly engrossed in the poignant tale of Olive and Cliff. The children have been absolute superstars at reading both in class and every night at home, and as we always say – Practice Makes Perfect.

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! We even won our most recent TTRS battle– get in!

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

All in all, your children have thoroughly enjoyed this term, as much as I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching them – I must say your children are an absolute delight to teach! The children have definitely earned a very restful Christmas and New Year, ready for all that is to come in January!

Have a very Merry Christmas

Mr Revell





## Bourne Elsea Park Church of England Primary Academy

*Striving for Excellence, whilst Caring for All, in a Loving and Caring Christian Environment*



Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a brilliant start it has been to another exciting school year at Bourne Elsea Park. We are so proud of how well all of the children have settled back into the new 'normal' of school life. As ever, we are incredibly grateful for all the support we have received from our parents and carers. We really appreciate your feedback and will continue to review our practices and procedures regarding COVID 19.



In September, Bourne Elsea Park grew in size with the introduction of our two new Year 5 classrooms. We also commissioned artist, Chris Green to create an incredible Roald Dahl inspired mural across the entrance to the new area of school. It really does have the 'WOW Factor!' and will hopefully inspire the children in their love of reading for many years to come. The school environment looks stunning with our staff creating the most imaginative and creative displays to showcase and enhance the children's learning.

Even though we are not able to take children out on visits at the moment, it hasn't stifled our creative approach to teaching the curriculum! We have had a WWII Day in Year 6, A Roman themed day in Year 4 and A Victorian Day in Year 5 (this was a particularly terrifying one!). There has been a poetry day, a visit from some spectacular classic cars and switch off fortnight. And where do we start with the productions? Although it was not quite the same not having parents and carers in to watch these, we have had some incredible performances. Both Year 4 and Year 6 produced the most amazing productions as well as our harvest service. This new virtual way of presenting has also enabled us to continue to deliver daily collective worship and we've even been fortunate enough to take part in Microsoft Teams assemblies with past and present Olympians with the help of our PE partners, Inspire +.

Christmas has looked a little different this year, but hopefully just as special. The children produced a magical performance which we were thrilled to be able to share with you and we hope you will treasure this for many years to come. As well as the WOW factor, our youngest children once again showed they have the 'ahh factor' with their virtual nativity. I am sure there was not a dry eye in the house as you viewed this incredible performance from home. We hope this will be something for you all to treasure for many years to come. We were also led by Father Chris in our Christmas Service virtually from Bourne Abbey Church which our children were able to watch in their class 'bubbles'.

At this time of year there is usually a letter from the Bishop of Lincoln to the children. This year I am excited to share a special virtual Christmas letter. You can view this on the Diocesan website.

It goes without saying that our children have been at their resilient best since September they have showcased their 'SMARTS' and flown higher as geese than ever before and been real 'Agents of Change'. One of the best examples of their sheer brilliance came during the term when two of our Year 6 UNICEF Ambassadors, Lucy and Callum, commented: "One person can turn into a class, a class can turn into a school, a school can turn into a community. By working as a team, we can have a faster and bigger impact." How fitting that two of our Christian Values for the term have been Friendship and Respect.

As the first term draws to a close we would like to thank you all for being part of our school family, wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and leave you with John Wesley's words...

*Do all you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you ever can.'*

We look forward to seeing you in 2021.

Mr Peter Bellamy, Acting 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.



### ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Thank you for your support with attendance during COVID 19 times. 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 family on the last day of term. The children who have 100% attendance for the autumn term will also receive their bronze certificates.

### Green Flag Eco Award



The children and staff have continued their work to save the planet this term focussing on the following five Eco School topics: Energy, Waste, Water, Transport and Biodiversity. In September, we launched our sustainable and active travel initiative through the use of Travel Tracker. Additionally, we are pleased to announce we have seen an increase in the number of sustainable and active journeys made to and from school. As part of this, the children have enjoyed earning a badge each month for completing an active journey each week. Our Eco Warriors were also busy during November taking part in Switch Off Fortnight. This campaign encourages children to take an active role in reducing their energy usage both in and out of school. And of course, We are thrilled to announce the renewal of our Green Flag award!! It is safe to say the future at Bourne Elsea Park looks green!

### Wellbeing

This term at Bourne Elsea Park has seen the launch of our focus on Mental Health & Wellbeing for both pupils and staff. The children excitedly arrived in school one ordinary Monday to find new mindfulness activities. Video messages and collective workshops from Mrs Friel and Mrs Campbell (our wellbeing first aiders) were shown to each class with ideas of how to practise mindfulness in school.

This focus links well to our new #Healthy, Happy, Active initiative, with our Sports Council leading the way to improving all our lifestyles through curriculum linked challenges with support from Inspire +.



2020 hasn't been the year we all were expecting. Unfortunately our fundraising and events haven't been able to run like they normally would but hopefully with the arrival of 2021 things will be able to start getting back to some kind of normal. Due to the restrictions this year and needing to find new fundraising ideas we are excited to have signed up to Amazon Smile and also a few local companies have also tried to help us fundraise with offering a virtual book fair, Zany Pig also offering a discount to parents and also money for the PTFA if you placed an order. Throughout the year we have also had the school lottery running and we have been able to purchase First News for the children, a new reading scheme to help them with their learning as food for the children's Christmas parties. Before I sign out on behalf of myself and the team we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.



Mrs A Mortlock

### PE

WOW! What a term it has been for PE at Bourne Elsea Park Primary Academy. Not only have we had loads of new PE equipment purchased for our school, which has made our PE lessons so exciting, we have also had new playground equipment that has enabled us to keep, Healthy, Happy and Active during break times. Even more amazingly, we have also had Olympians and Paralympians deliver virtual assemblies to us. We have been incredibly lucky to have these inspiring assemblies delivered by Olympic swimmer Lizzie Simmonds, and Paralympians Sam Ruddock and Jonathan Broom-Edwards that have enabled us to learn how to strive towards our goals, keep motivated in times of difficulty and always believe in ourselves.



Mr Revell



Student Council embarked on their exciting journey back in September when they each campaigned to their classes as a lead up to Democracy Day. The whole school used their Democratic right to have their voices heard by selecting their choice of candidate in the voting box before votes were counted and proud members of the Student Council were presented with their new badges. Being led by our new Year 6 Chairperson, Ruby, councillors have met regularly in our new socially distanced meetings to discuss suggestions from their classes and to plan important days such as Children in Need Day on which we successfully raised over £300! They have shown great enthusiasm in supporting the ECO team in their successful bid for The Green Flag award and have been joined by our UNICEF ambassadors, after our fantastic World Children's Day, to discuss ways in which we can move forward as a school in our Outright Campaign to focus on improving our modes of transport to school and the bicycle facilities around the Bourne area. The Council have continued to listen to the ideas of their peers on how to improve the school and lead them in new initiatives and charity days. 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 Davey



## RECEPTION

What an amazing start to our journey through Bourne Elsea Park. It is incredible to look back to September and see how far we have come. COVID did not stop us settling into school and finding our feet. The children are now independent and enthusiastic learners and are always ready to tackle every new challenge.

We have loved our Superhero Me theme and taken part in many superhero inspired learning opportunities. 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 took part in Superhero boot camp and all ended the day with a certificate to prove we had the skills to be a superhero! We have begun our reading journey and through the RWi program we are now confident with the set 1 sounds and special friends and are confidently using them to read and write simple words. The numberblocks have been helping us to find out everything we need to know (and more!) about numbers. We have been exploring and developing our mathematical skills with the first set of numbers and have amazed our teachers at how much we have learnt.

We have embraced all the different weathers that have been thrown at us over the last few months. We are most definitely not afraid of the rain and whilst everyone else is sheltering inside we can usually be found in our wellies enjoying the rain and embracing the learning that goes with it! We have also enjoyed finding out about topical events over the last 2 terms and our classroom provision reflected these. We took parts in lots of creative activities from making poppies, to splatter painting fireworks, to autumnal printing. We have most certainly been busy! As the term comes to a close we are excitedly getting ready for our virtual Christmas Nativity play. We all have loved wearing our costumes and performing on the stage and we hope the nativity brings some Christmas cheer to our families at home.

Mrs Campbell and Mrs Simpson



## Year One

Wow - what a fabulous fairytale beginning to Year 1! The children have absolutely blown us away with their enthusiasm and hard work at the beginning of an unusual school year. They settled back into school so well, making that important transition from Reception to Y1, with an eagerness to learn and shine. They have been so sensible following our new routines, it's hard to believe that they are still in the first third of their Y1 journey. They wasted no time sharing their incredible imaginations with us as we have produced some truly wonderful writing based on The Gingerbread Man and their own versions of The Three Little Pigs. The children have baked delicious gingerbread men and created bridges for The Billy Goats' Gruff - we think we may have spotted some flourishing architects in our midst! In maths, we have got to grips with addition and subtraction to 10 and in science we have found out all about our senses and different materials and their properties. Thank you for all your support with stunning homework tasks, home reading and spelling. We really appreciate you time and efforts. Have a relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all again in January, ready for our next adventure 'Into the Unknown...' Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the Year 1 team!

Mrs Trafford and Mrs Evans



## Year 2

What an incredible journey we have been on over the first couple of months in Year 2. Our topic, 'Oh the Places You'll go' led us far and wide as we learnt about our town's transport now-a-days as well as comparing this to transport in the past. We were lucky enough to have Mr Moody visit us at school so we could get a closer look at one of his vintage cars. The children were amazing at comparing old and new, thinking carefully about how and why those changes may have happened. 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. In DT I was wowed by the children's 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. During Friendship week we helped Katie Morag to come up with effective solutions to problems, linking our PSHE scheme Zippy's Friends and our Christian Value of Friendship 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 RE we have been learning about Islam and the importance of belonging to a community and religion. In our Geography learning we have been exploring our own community and local area, using Google maps to explore the physical and human features in Bourne and around school. Between the rain showers we took a walk around the school grounds to discover what is beyond our fence.

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. I am so proud of how the children have come back to school as though school was never closed. The Year 2 team wish you a peaceful, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Mrs Bradley

Mrs Bradley



## Year 3

WOW! What an incredible start to our first term in Year 3. My socks have been completely blown off by the children's determination and enthusiasm in all that we have done thus far. Their resilience and strength of will to succeed has been a true testament to their character and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

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 persuasive letters to Sir David Attenborough and performing weather reports.

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! The class were extremely excited to take part in an action packed day of building pyramids, creating collars and scribing hieroglyphics! Not forgetting meeting Cleopatra who looked suspiciously like Miss Orriss!

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

Lastly, thank you for your continued support and patience whilst we have settled back in to a school routine. Myself and Mrs Morris wish you a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Miss Orriss



## Year 4

Wow! Just wow! When I look back at our first term in Year 4, I am just left speechless. After ending Year 3 in such peculiar circumstances, the children have begun their time in Year 4 with extraordinary amounts of determination, perseverance and a real passion for learning. Each time a new challenge has been presented to them, they have worked together to encourage each other and support each other in their learning. When mistakes have been made, they've laughed together and learnt how to avoid these slip-ups in future. They all now know the key to being a Maths genius is accuracy (Miss Ockwell's 2nd favourite word!), and to be a truly phenomenal writer, they know they need accuracy AND a phenomenal use of language (no prizes for guessing Miss Ockwell's 1st favourite word!).

Highlights for the class would have to be; creating our own Roman army, preparing tasting and combining the ingredients for our pauper's pottage, and of course... preparing, rehearsing and performing our class assembly, The Rise of The Roman Empire and The Day Pompeii Perished. The children absolutely loved having the opportunity to share their learning with their parents and carers, and we hope you enjoyed watching it as much as the class enjoyed making it.

We hope you are able to enjoy this slightly unusual festive season and that you manage to get a good rest. Here's hoping 2021 brings some of the 'old normal'!

Merry Christmas one and all.

Miss Ockwell



## Year 5

What an exciting term it has been in Year 5 - we are delighted that our year group has now officially grown in size to two, almost complete classes and everyone has settled in brilliantly.

Although unfortunately we were unable to visit the Southwell Workhouse, our Vile Victorians has been a fantastic first topic for us and we have covered so much, including: the lives of the rich and poor, housing, the workhouse, Victorian schooling and servant life. We were able to bring the experience alive with our fantastic Victorian School day giving the children the chance to experience first-hand what life was like for a child in a Victorian schoolroom. The children had an excellent time dressing up and getting into role as a real Victorian child, roleplaying some of the discipline and learning from a Victorian classroom. This included paying a penny to enter, hand checks, fitness drills, singing the national anthem, writing on chalkboards and the dreaded dunce hat! We do not expect they will want to swap to this type of learning on a regular basis but they joined in enthusiastically on the day! As part of Black History Month, the children also learnt about the life and contributions of Mary Seacole. Later in the term they excelled themselves in DT when learning new designing, sawing and construction skills in order to create bridges in the style of Brunel. We 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 this term. The Year 5 team would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Miss Davey and Mr Waterhouse



### Article 12:

Every child has the right to say what they think should

