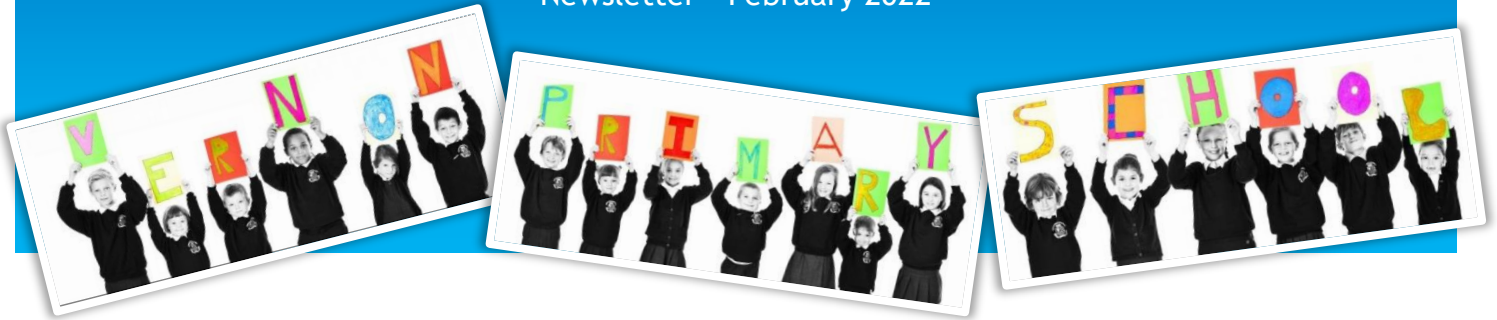




Vernon Primary School

Newsletter - February 2022



Welcome!

It has been an interesting start to the first half term of 2022! We are very glad to see restrictions lifting so we can enjoy some of the activities we have missed over the past few years.

Y5 and 6 started the term with a fantastic trip to the Lowry theatre to see The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. I thoroughly enjoyed supporting with this trip and we have pre booked tickets for the children for next Christmas. Y3 have visited Roman Chester and all of the classes have visited Poynton Library. Thanks to all the parent volunteers who have helped with the trips. I know the other classes have exciting trips planned for next half term and beyond.

The children were very excited that we were able to hold our first PTA disco for over two years! There was a great turnout and we are already looking forward to the next one. Thank you to the volunteers who organize and run these events.

I would like to thank you once again from the whole Vernon team for your continued support over this half term.

Mrs Carvell

Library Visits

Every class in the school has enjoyed a visit to Poynton Library this term. The librarians welcomed each class and gave them a tour of the library, showing them how to borrow, renew and reserve books. They explained how the books are stored and how to find books that the children might enjoy. The children were then given the opportunity to explore the library and borrow a book using their own library card. The librarians shared a story at the end of the session and answered questions from the children. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed visiting our local community library and it was a wonderful opportunity to enhance the children's love of literature and reading.



Reception



It has been a busy term in reception. We have celebrated 'Chinese New Year' with dragon dancing, holding chop sticks, making lanterns and trying to copy Chinese script. We have been making binoculars to watch the birds in our local area. The children's interest in birds has really flown!!

We are delighted with their progress and achievements this term. Mrs Brammar and Mrs Wilson have been so impressed with the level of writing, reading, mathematics and individual achievements.

Year 1

Year One have been enjoying the 'Monarchy Mayhem' topic. Our English and Maths have been themed around stories such as 'The Queen's Hat' and 'The Queens knickers'. We have also learnt about the past and present British monarchy which included producing timelines and learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. They also took part in a drama session exploring the sights, sounds and feelings experienced by Samuel Pepys (famous diary writer) at the time.



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We incorporated this into our music lessons and children have composed their own music as a group which has been amazing. Children have loved creating their own templates and printing in art and in Science, we investigated materials and their properties to decide which would be best for new royal knickers.



Our royal dances in PE have been skillful and imaginative. We are looking forward to visiting Staircase House and our royal ball day next term.

Year 2

Year 2 have been weather reporters this week just in time for storm Dudley and storm Eunice! They have planned and created their own weather report based on recent weather forecasts, they then performed these to the class.



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Year 3

This term year 3 went on an exciting visit to Roman Chester! We discovered how Roman soldiers lived and worked and even took part in a march through the town with our own shields! With the help of our archaeologist tour guide we investigated how Romans lived their day to day lives even down to how they went to the toilet! It was an amazing day and the children were a credit to Vernon on their first outside visit since reception, well done year 3!

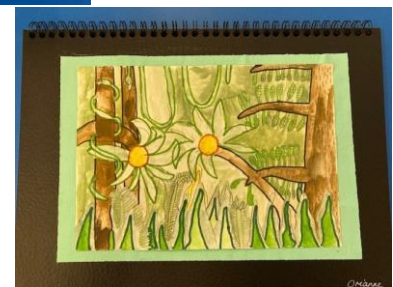


Year 4

The children in 4S have been walking to Poynton Leisure Centre each week for their swimming lessons. The children have really enjoyed developing their swimming skills.

For their last session this week, each child took their pyjamas to practice water safety. The children had time at the end to play on the floats as a reward for all of their hard work. Well done 4S!

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard to produce their Henri Rousseau inspired artwork this term. They used their sketching techniques to create their own jungle image in the style of Rousseau, adding watercolours to enhance it and fine felt tips to draw attention to intricate details.



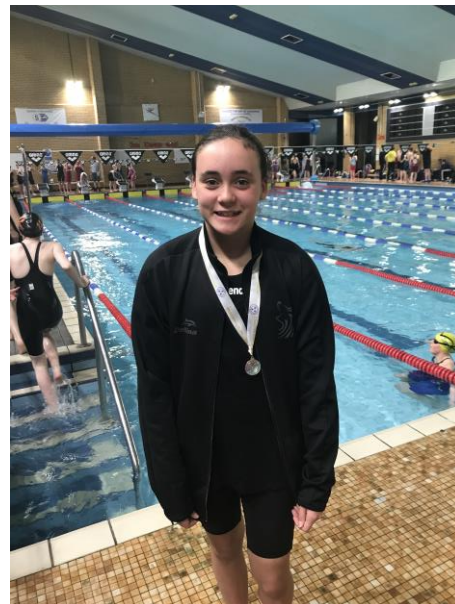
Year 5

Year 5 have been learning all about the Victorians and what life would be like for them during this time. No one fancies being a chimney sweep or working in any of the local cotton mills and factories! During art lessons they have been studying the works of William Morris and the Arts and Crafts movement. They have created some fantastic designs which have then been printed. They have also used these designs on fabric using batik techniques.



Exciting News!

Megan Ormiston in Year 6 has been celebrating her swimming achievements in the Cheshire County Swimming Championships. She won a silver medal in 50m butterfly, came 5th in 100m Individual Medley, 5th in 50m backstroke, 6th in 100m backstroke, 6th in 100m breast stroke and came 9th in 50m freestyle. Well done Megan!



Year 6

The children enjoyed a fantastic Sportshall Athletics Event at Poynton Leisure Centre. They took part in two track and two field events each. Vernon came 3rd overall out of the 9 primaries across the area competing and were all given a bronze medal. The highlight was the track evening where we picked up 1st place in several events. Very strong running from Lilly West, Isaac Hoyles and Lachlan Edgar who competed well in a strong field.

We are all looking forward to a summer of more competitions and opportunities for all our children.

Please keep the good news coming in so we can share what our fabulous children have been getting up to outside of school.

email admin@vernonprimary.cheshire.sch.uk and we will share them in our next edition!

Collins E Library

Just a reminder that our Collins E-Library is still up and running to enhance and enrich reading opportunities within and across the school - there are over 1000 books available to read online for all ages and abilities. The eLibrary is proving integral to our new Phonics programme, 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' as it provides all the reading books for every phoneme within the digital library. If you would like a reminder of your username and login, please contact the school office.



Diary Dates

Month Year	
Mon 21 Feb	Back to school
Thu 3 Mar	World Book Day
Fri 4 Mar	PTA Book/Uniform Sale
9-10 Mar	Parents Evening
10-11 Mar	Y6 Bikeability
Fri 11 Mar	PTA Donut Sale
21 Mar	School Class Photos
24-25 Mar	Y3 Residential
Fri 1 Apr	Last day of term

Housekeeping

The School Spider app and the school website is updated daily with news, info from school and surveys for classes. If you are struggling with spider, please come and see a member of the office team who will be happy to help. You can now report absences through the app as well as on the phone, emailing or in person. Please let us know if your child is going to be absent from school and also if there are any changes to the normal pick up arrangements.

We have received a number of complaints from local residents about parking on Clumber Road and Brookside Avenue. Please consider our neighbours when you are parking your car at drop off and pick up.

Google Classroom

Teachers are continuing to update the google classroom feed for each class with sneak peeks at what has been going on in school. We hope you enjoy this insight into Vernon life.