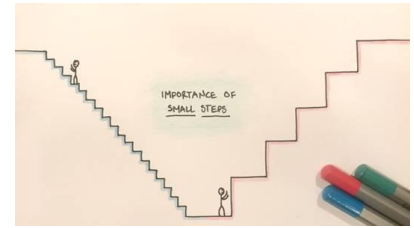




Dear Families,

We have had a really good first week of the summer term. The children are feeling refreshed after the holidays and are very focussed in their classrooms.

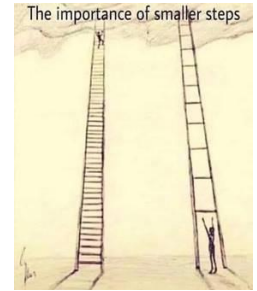
In assembly, we have been talking about steps to success and fulfilling our goals for the end of the academic year. We focussed on small steps to achieving a target rather than big, unmanageable steps. We use these pictures to illustrate this. The children thought carefully about how to break things down to help achieve your targets.



As the warmer weather approaches please make sure children still bring school sweatshirts/cardigans and coats as appropriate. The weather is very changeable and we spend lots of time outside. Please remember that trainers should only be worn with PE uniform. Also remember that nail varnish and jewellery, other than stud earrings that a child can remove or cover for PE, are not permitted.

Have a lovely weekend.

Emily Newton, Headteacher



COVID Update

As we enter the summer term and the final relaxation of the remaining COVID-19 restrictions, we wanted to inform you of the local and national guidance that we will be following in school:

- Children and adults who are unwell should stay at home until well enough to return to school. In particular, **those with a high temperature must not attend school.**
- If someone is experiencing **mild** symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough, they can attend school if otherwise well.
- Any children who have a positive COVID-19 result will be asked to stay at home for at least 3 days after the day they took the test - for adults, 5 days is expected. After this they can return to school when well enough, provided they do not have a high temperature.
- School will continue to promote good hygiene and ventilation to reduce transmission.
- We encourage anyone eligible to have the COVID-19 vaccination and boosters to take up this offer. This has now been extended to children aged 5+. If you wish to book a vaccination or would like more information you may find the following links helpful:
 - *Kingston Vaccination webpages for details of local vaccination clinics and pop ups:* <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/vaccine>
 - *South West London CCG vaccination webpages for details of vaccination clinics and pop ups in South West London:* <https://swlondonccg.nhs.uk/covid/>
 - *SWL COVID-19 vaccination advice line:* 0203 880 0338 for anyone who is hesitant about having COVID-19 vaccination or would like further information on COVID-19 vaccination.

Nursery Places for September 2022

Our nursery classes (Klee) are currently allocating places for September 2022. The children in Klee benefit from having a classroom and an outdoor learning environment especially designed for our young children, and is staffed by a dedicated team who are Early Years specialists. This team includes a qualified nursery teacher and nursery nurses. If you have a child who will be 3 years old before September, or know of any 3 year olds, please contact the school office for an application form and to arrange a visit to King Athelstan's nursery.



School Clubs

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up for clubs. Places are still available in the following:

- Monday - Y2-4 Dance
- Monday - Y5-6 Cricket
- Friday - Y3-6 Gymnastics



If you would like a place in one of these clubs, please email a request to

admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org and we will let you know. All clubs commence in the week beginning 25th

April, and all after-school clubs run from 3.15-4.10pm.

Healthy Snacks/lunch

Children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to school to eat at break time. A piece of fruit or vegetable (carrot sticks or something similar) is ideal. Children are not permitted to have crisps or chocolate bars. Remember to book school lunches for your child - we had several children without lunch this week and had to ring families to ask them to bring in lunch as we were not able to provide enough food at short notice. You can book lunches right up to the end of term in July. Please be aware that we are a nut-free school. Thank you.



Achievement Assembly



Achievement Award

Kusama Reception - Poppy

Nelson Reception - Joe

Van Gogh Y1 - Jessica

O'Keeffe Y1 - Alex

Hockney Y2 - Harrison

Matisse Y2 - Fatima

Cassatt Y3 - Harry

Da Vinci Y3 - Alice

Mehretu Y4 - Tanmay

Wiley Y4 - Kerem

Dali Y5 - Alma

Warhol Y5 - Hamdan

Kahlo Y6 - Khaled

Riley Y6 - Adam

PE KS1 - Nadia in O'Keeffe Y1

PE KS2 - Grace in Mehretu Y4

Well done everyone!

Times Tables Tournament!

There was a ferocious Times Table Rock Stars battle over the Easter holidays! The winners were:



1st place: Dali Y5

2nd place: Wiley Y4

3rd place: Matisse Y2

It is highly encouraged that children practise their times tables regularly, in short bursts, to help improve and sustain their fluency. We hope that everyone enjoyed the battles over Easter, and well done.

TTRS Maths Achievement this week:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jensen	Daniel	Inci	Max	Oliver	Yahya	Elliot
Joshua	Ari	Rowen	Oscar	Tanmay	Lillie-Mae	Maximus

House Points

Congratulations to **Yellow House, Cambridge**, who are this week's winners with 32 points! Red House came second, Blue third and Green fourth. Well done everyone!



Villers (21)



Dawson (29)



Cambridge (32)



Hawks (26)

Dates for the Diary

APRIL	
Wed 27	Nelson Class Assembly 9am
Fri 29	PCSA Y3 Cake Sale

JUNE	
Wed 8	Y6 Kids Out to Chessington
Fri 10	Y6 PGL Trip
Wed 15	Kusama Class Assembly
Wed 15	Y5 trip to Holly Lodge
Thur 23	Sports Day
Fri 24	INSET Day
Tue 28	Y6 trip to Imperial War Museum
Wed 29	Y2 trip to Hampton Court

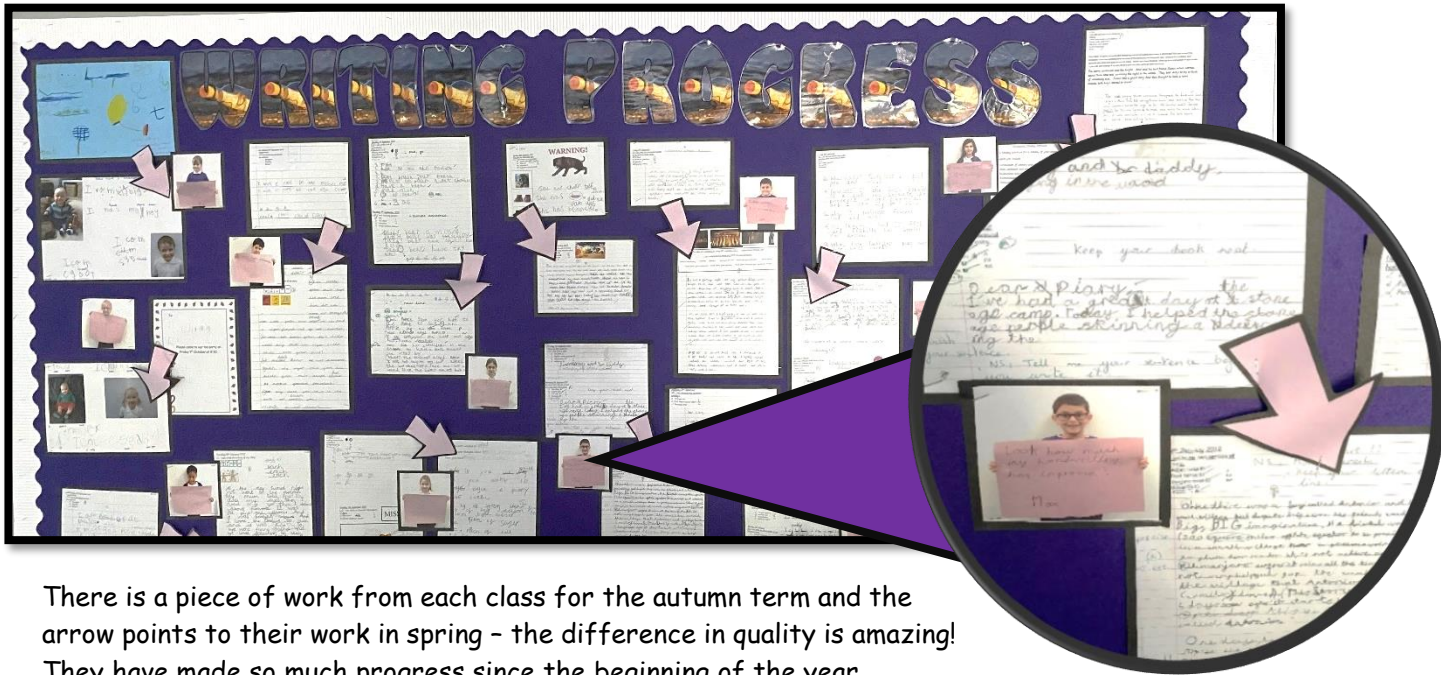
MAY	
Mon 2	Bank Holiday - school closed
Thur 5	Police to visit Reception
Fri 6	PCSA: red, white and blue crazy hair and hat day and donations of chocolate for Jubilee Garden Party
Tue 10	PCSA Bags2School - car park
Fri 13	PCSA: wear red, white and blue t-shirt and donations of bottles for Jubilee Garden Party
Mon 16	Y6 Bikeability
Thu 19	National Outdoor Classroom Day
Fri 20	PCSA: wear red, white and blue socks/tights and donations of cakes for Jubilee Garden Party. Tokens on sale for Jubilee Garden Party
Fri 20	Firefighters to visit Reception
Sat 21	Jubilee Garden Party!
Wed 25	Y3-Y4 Tennis Competition
Thur 26	School Council Trip to Parliament

Class Assemblies 2022	
All are at 9am. Please wait by the main school office door after drop off. Thank you.	
Wed 27 th April	Nelson Class, Reception
Wed 18 th May	O'Keeffe Class Y1
Wed 15 th June	Kusama Class, Reception

Spotlight on Reading and Writing

The English curriculum at King Athelstan is all based around engaging picture books, thrilling novels and amazingly rich texts full of wonder, excitement and high-level vocabulary! At every level we develop our reading and writing skills, preparing us for our future learning, with reading in particular supporting our wellbeing and mental health.

Here is our writing progress display:



There is a piece of work from each class for the autumn term and the arrow points to their work in spring - the difference in quality is amazing! They have made so much progress since the beginning of the year.

Summer term in **Nursery and Reception** sees the children becoming so much more independent. They are more confident with reading and writing now, and so choose to do these activities more frequently, showing off the skills they have learnt.



In Year 1, we are really focusing on our phonics knowledge; we have finished learning new sounds from the Year 1 curriculum and have started recapping sounds already learnt in Reception and Year 1 so that we are extra secure with both reading and writing these digraphs and trigraphs. We have even been putting our phonics skills to the test in our writing lessons too!



In Year 2, we are exploring the story 'Shark in the Dark' by Peter Bently. In the story the fish school together to create a giant whale to scare the shark - below you can see Hockney giving this a go before they wrote some instructions about how to do this as a team! The children have been writing letters and menus for the shark too.



In Year 3 we have just finished reading *The Worst Witch*, by Jill Murphy. We LOVED this book and in the last few days we have been able to read it outside in the lovely weather! In English we are using WALL.E as a stimulus for writing which links to our topic of 'Do Machines Dream of Electric Sheep?'



Our topic in **Year 4** is 'Tales of the Barely Believable'. We are reading the book 'Don't Disappear' by Chelsea Clinton. This has inspired us to write about endangered animals. This term we are also excited about reading *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo!

In Year 5, we are reading *Rooftoppers* by Katherine Rundell - we have only just started the book and are very excited, as the first line of chapter 1 starts with: "On the morning of its first birthday, a baby was found floating in a cello case in the middle of the English Channel" - what a thrilling opening!



A special mention has to go to Francis in **Year 5** Warhol Class this week - she is the first child in the school this year to receive an *advanced pen licence*, which is a fountain pen - well done Francis!



Last term in **Year 6**, we learnt how to write holiday brochures - these were sent off to Audley Travel Agents, who were amazed by our 'turn of phrase' and ability to write with such purpose. The Audley team read all of the leaflets and voted for winners in each of these categories. There will be a video presentation for the winners and we will announce them in next week's Digest.

