



# Mrs Mastrocola's Weekly Digest

## Issue 21 - Friday 25th February 2022

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school after the half term! We have had a full variety of weather this week! Fortunately, the hail stones and rain yesterday eased and the sun came out today. We had a busy start to the new half term with Van Gogh's wonderful class assembly, Year 6 going on an educational visit to Kew Gardens and the relaunch of our Big Outdoors Project - a special newsletter about this is below.

We are continuing with our 'PRIDE' values this term to develop character strengths. In this week's Monday assembly, Ms Govan marked LGBT+ History Month with an assembly about Catherine Duleep Singh. This amazing woman was discriminated against for being female, for her skin colour and for her sexuality but she campaigned for women's rights and, along with her partner, she helped Jewish people escape Germany to safety at their own risk. She also has local links, having stayed at Hampton Court Palace! We discussed how we celebrate and respect diversity, as well as the importance of being brave enough to be yourself.

We have lots of other learning planned at King Athelstan this half-term including a special Super Learning World Book Day event, on **Thursday 3 March**, to celebrate 25 years of the event. Children may come to school dressed as a famous book character or wearing their pyjamas and should bring in their favorite bedtime story. Details of the day are in the letter about World Book Day sent out on 3rd February.

Fortunately, lots of sunshine is forecast over the weekend. Do enjoy it with your family.

Many thanks for your support,

Best wishes,

Lucy Mastrocola, Acting Headteacher

### Spotlight on Year 5

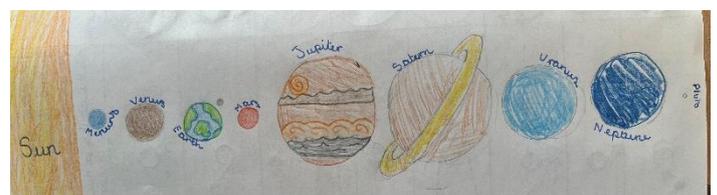
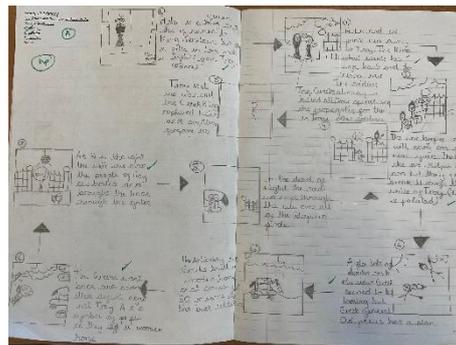
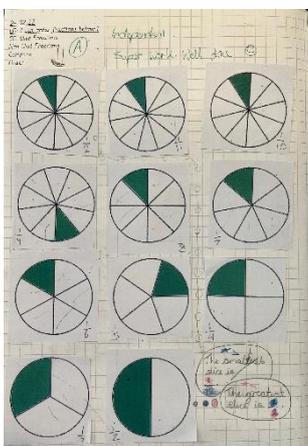
This week in Year 5 we have been immersing ourselves in the myth of Perseus and Medusa. Following this, we have become authors, scribing our own stories of how Perseus will end up defeating the terrifying gorgon. In reading this week we have continued on with our class reader, 'Skellig', and have been finding out more and more about the mysterious creature in Michael's derelict garage.

Our maths learning has involved ordering

fractions and recognising jumps within a sequence in order to continue this ourselves.

As scientists we have been looking into the order of the planets and have created our own mnemonic to remind ourselves of this. We have also drawn a diagram to remind ourselves of the correct order. As historians we have been learning the story of the Trojan War, writing diary entries from the point of view of the

participants and have been considering whether this story has any truth.



## School Website

Over the past few years our subject leaders have been very busy developing our school's curriculum to ensure we are giving the best education to all of our children. More recently, we have revamped and updated the school website to ensure parents and carers have all of the information they need about the curriculum, inclusion, ethos and year groups at King Athelstan. Please visit our website:

<https://www.kingathelstan.kingston.sch.uk/> to find out more about how children learn, what they have access to and our rationale for our curriculum intent. Click here to learn more about:

- [Our Curriculum](#)
- [Early Reading and Phonics](#)
- [Our Ethos and Values](#)
- [Inclusion](#)
- [Year Groups](#)
- [The Big Outdoors Project](#)

## Twitter

Don't forget that the school Twitter account can be found here: @KingAthSchool. We post lots of pictures of events and the excellent learning happening across the school. If you haven't already, please do add us, like our posts and re-tweet items, especially the Big Outdoor Project news.

## Google Classroom

Please check Google Classroom every week to find out what spellings/phonics your child needs to learn and to find out what they have been learning in class that week. You will also find updates about Super Learning Days (like World Book Day) and class assemblies. Van Gogh Class wonderful assembly from this week has been uploaded and is worth a watch!

## Assembly by Van Gogh Class Y1

We were really excited to be doing our first ever assembly this week. The weather theme was chosen because we spent a good amount of time learning about this and wanted to show you what we knew. We enjoyed practising our songs, learning our lines and to finally get to perform our show to you all! Thank you for coming and we hope you had a brilliant time.



### Early Morning Interventions

Thank you for your understanding around having to cancel early morning interventions over the last weeks before half-term. We are now able to resume these from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**, and to start new ones for Reception (letters to those invited to attend have been sent out). Please wait at the KS1 blue gate which will be opened at 8.15am, and at the EYFS entry gate where a member of staff will meet the Reception children.

### Messages to the office

Please continue to send any information, such as change of person collecting your child, to [admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@kingathelstan.rbksch.org) or [messages@kingathelstan.rbksch.org](mailto:messages@kingathelstan.rbksch.org), **stating your child's name and class** so that the messages can be swiftly passed on. Thank you.

### School Lunches

On Monday after half-term, there were 35 children who did not have any lunch booked. Our kitchen cooks meals to order and always cooks a few spare for emergencies, but it was very difficult for us to provide that many. As we cannot guarantee to provide meals to children not booked in, we will ask families to bring in a packed lunch if their child/ren's lunches are not booked on ParentPay. You can book lunches well ahead, so please try to do this to avoid such problems. All school lunches need to be booked on ParentPay before 7am on the day required. If you forget, please always contact the school office before 9am and we will do our best to add the booking.

### Book Bags

Please remember that children should **only** be bringing a book bag to school, and their lunch bag if necessary. Please ensure all items have your child's name on. We do not have space for backpacks or other items (except for Y5 swimming bags). Book bags should not have lots of key rings and toys attached - these make it difficult to fit into children's trays, are also a distraction and should be left at home.

### Parent/Carer Consultations

The spring term Parent/Carer Consultations take place in the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> February for children with SEND Plans, and the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> March for the rest of the school. These are very important and we expect to meet regarding every child. The meetings will once again take place virtually via SchoolCloud- please refer to the letter for details and how to book. Due to the high number of COVID cases this half term, we were unable to invite families into school to look at their child's books as planned. However, we will invite families in on 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March for a 'Book Look' - please see the letter about this and book a slot on the Google form. Thank you.



### YMCA Easter Camps

Wild Play Days is back for The Easter Holidays 2022 from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April. We have a great space at the [Hawker Centre, Kingston!](#) This Easter we are back with our popular Wild Play Days! Children will be involved in a range of outdoor and indoor activities such as small team games, den building, camp fire, mindfulness, arts and crafts, soft play and lots more. There will also be sports and lots of other fun activities incorporated into our daily timetable. We have an experienced staff team who will work with children in their bubble group. The booking system is now live via [Magic Bookings](#) (and we accept childcare vouchers). Please note you cannot book directly at the Hawker Centre via phone or in person. All bookings are via Magic Bookings. Any queries about WPD or booking system should be emailed to [info.childrenswork@ymcaspg.org](mailto:info.childrenswork@ymcaspg.org). The cost is: **9-5pm £170 per week (Single days are available)**. For extended hours between 8.30am - 5.30pm, these can now be added via the Magic Bookings system **8.30-5.30pm £190 per week**.

## House Points

The winners of the weekly House Competition this week are: **Yellow House, Cambridge**, on 34 points, followed by Green House on 29, Red just behind on 28, and Blue House on 27.



Villers (29)



Dawson (28)



Cambridge (34)



Hawks (27)

## Achievement Assembly

Well done to the following children who received their certificate of excellence this week:



## Achievement Award

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Kusama Reception - Izzy

Nelson Reception - Jensen

Van Gogh Y1 - Ayan

O'Keeffe Y1 - Rory

Hockney Y2 - Rhys

Matisse Y2 - Jaazib

Cassatt Y3 - Ava

Da Vinci Y3 - Frankie

Mehretu Y4 - Manon

Wiley Y4 - Ollie

Dali Y5 - Harley

Warhol Y5 - Donya

Kahlo Y6 - Conor

Riley Y6 - Nishka

PE KS1 - Joseph, Van Gogh Y1

PE KS2 - Ilyas in Mehretu Y4

And well done to Ms Hosseinian, Mrs Bradley and the whole of Van Gogh Class for their fantastic assembly!

## Maths Achievement

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Dónal	Erin	Zakariya	Himden	Joshua	Jake	Brad
Serah	Lorelai	George	Oscar	Tharul	Hayden	Zyer

## Dates for the Diary

MARCH	
Tue 1 -Thur 3	SEND Parent/Carer Consultations
Wed 2	Mehretu Class Assembly 9am
Thur 3	World Book Day
Fri 4	Y3 trip to RHS Wisley
4-8	Science Week
Mon 7	Parent/Carer Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
Wed 9	Parent/Carer Consultations 4-7pm
Wed 9	Kahlo Class Assembly 9am
Thur 15	Y3-6 Gymnastics Competition
Wed 16	Matisse Class Assembly 9am
Mon 21-Thur	Y5 Bikeability
Wed 23	Cassatt Class Assembly 9am

APRIL	
Fri 25	Y3 trip to Chessington Zoo
Fri 1 April	Break up one hour earlier for Easter
Tue 19	Children return to school
Wed 27	Y4 trip to Thames Young Mariners
Wed 27	Nelson Class Assembly 9am

Class Assemblies 2022	
All are at 9am. Two people may attend for each child, Please wait by the main school office door after drop off. Thank you.	
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Mehretu Class Y4
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Kahlo Class Y6
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Matisse Class Y2
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Cassatt Class Y3
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Nelson Class, Reception
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> May	O'Keefe Class Y1
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Kusama Class, Reception