Ark John Keats Academy

Newsletter

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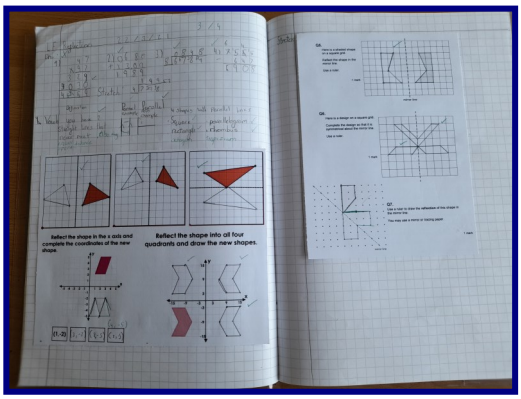
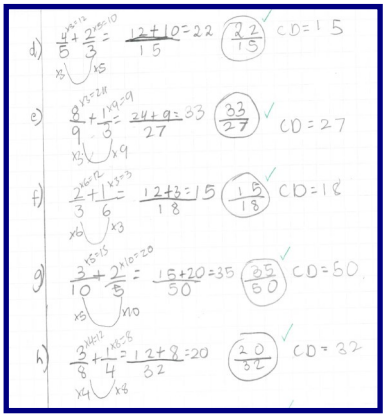
Our Wonderful Scholar Work!

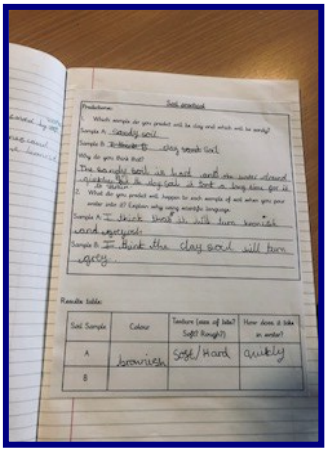
Year 6 have been making fantastic progress with coordinates and shape. Here are pictures of some beautiful work from James, Lily and Jada. Along with the whole of Year 6 they have been working really hard to improve their shape transformations and mathematical vocabulary. Their translations and reflections have really strengthened plus their use of a ruler has made their drawings more accurate. I've also been very impressed with their use of language in verbal answers during our lessons. Well done Year 6!



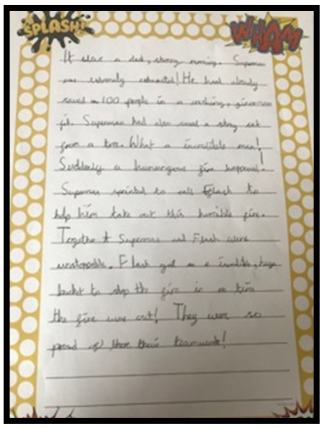


In Maths in Year 5, scholars have been learning how to add fractions with different denominators.

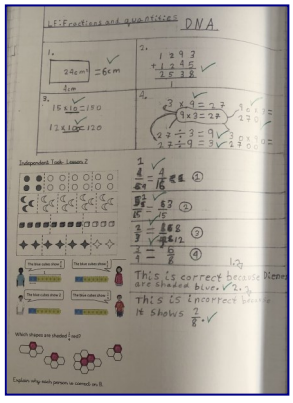
In Year 3, science they have been learning about soil and its properties. The scholars have really enjoyed this learning and doing practicals has really helped them to imbed their knowledge.



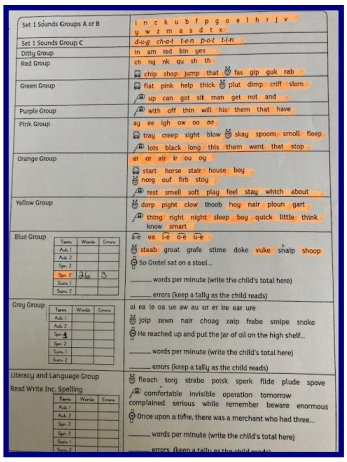
In Year 2 this half term we have looked at the scholar's writing to see what grammatical features they can include to make their writing exciting. We can see the scholars are using adverbs, adjectives and exclamation sentences too!



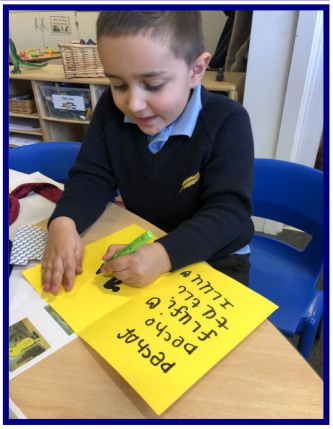
Reception have been working really hard on our independent writing in Gray class this week! Nik made this wonderful card for his three pets at home called Pecho, Fluffy and Turtley! Amazing use of phonics, Nik. Well done.



In Year 4 scholars have been learning about fractions and quantities. Fractions can be so tricky to understand, however our Year 4 scholars showed great tenacity in tackling all these tricky questions and made progress with their understanding throughout the week.



Year 1 have had a busy few weeks! After an initial phonics assessment scholars have been assigned their new phonics groups and are enjoying practicing what they learnt during remote learning. The scholars love to share their learning from lockdown!



After the Easter holidays, each year group will be completing the **Healthy Me** unit through their Jigsaw lessons. There will be lots of discussions around healthy choices including food, exercise, staying safe plus how we look after ourselves and our minds. The older pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 will also learn about substances that can affect our health such as smoking and alcohol, managing stress, celebrating inner strength, body image and how the media or other influences can have an effect.

Our scholars have really enjoyed our Jigsaw lessons and have continuously impressed us with their discussions, empathy and care for one another. Please encourage them to share conversations with you at home and if you have any questions about our lessons or what we are covering please speak to your child's Head of Year and they will be happy to help.

School Summer Uniform

Children will be expected to wear the correct uniform after the Easter holiday.

As summer approaches all Scholars will be allowed to wear their summer uniforms after the Easter holiday.

This is a reminder of our summer uniform:

Summer Uniform:

Light blue school shirt with buttons and a collar.

Navy shorts; navy skirts or a navy pinafore (no summer dresses).

Blue or black socks (no white/multicoloured socks).

Black school shoes (no trainers or boots)

Jumper (with or without sleeves) and a school blazer.

School Tie

Navy, Fuchsia or black hair accessories (long hair must be tied back)

Summer P.E Kit:

Blue P.E shorts and a white collared P.E shirt with the school logo. Plimsols or black trainers.

Click here to see photos of our uniform: https://arkjohnkeats.org/sites/default/files/Uniform.pdf

Parent Meetings—Please Read Carefully!

The school will close early on **26th April & 29th April** for teachers to have the opportunity to meet with parents through Microsoft Teams. These meetings will be arranged soon and you will receive an invite through the email account we have for you on our system. Make sure that you check your email account and junk mail for an email from AJK. On the dates mentioned above, scholars will need to be collected at their usual collection gates between **13:00-13:15** on both these days in order for parents and teachers to meet virtually. **The Nursery will however remain open for both the morning and afternoon sessions on the 26th April as well as the 29th April, and will have their normal collection times.**

Important Reminders

Last Day of Spring Term:

1st April at 15:15

First Day of Summer Term:

20th April

!!!Homework Champions!!!

There has been some great homework this week in Years 2-6. Remember that we're aiming for 5 minutes of practice each day on DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish, DoodleSpell and TT Rockstars (Years 3-6 only)! Please make sure that you have read the email sent earlier this week about changes to our homework rewards and consequences.

This week, our top classes for homework are:

DoodleMaths: Somerville
DoodleEnglish: Jemison
DoodleSpell: Jemison
TT Rockstars: Zephaniah

We've also had some amazing individual efforts this week. The scholars below have earned the most stars on DoodleMaths.

Al-Kashi: **Muhammad**; Blackman: **Anjelika**; Bose: **Adnan**; Carroll – **Briana**; Dahl – **Annabel**; Darwin – **Leo**; Harrison – **Lemuel**; Hubble – **Darcie**; Hughes – **Amelia**; Jemison – **Khalid**; Latimer – **Kymani**; Potter – **Helin**; Somerville – **Tashifa**; Zephaniah – **Mason**

Sibling drop off

Children need to bring a book to read/paper and pen to write/ draw with so they have something to do during this time.

This Week's Attendance

EYFS

1st: Bond—98%
2nd: Murphy—96.20%
3rd: McKee—95.40%
4th: Sharratt—94.70%
5th: Gray—94.30%

KS 1

1st: Seuss—97.90%
2nd: Hughes—97%
3rd: Harrison—93.70%
4th: Donaldson—92%
5th: Ahlberg—90.30%
6th: Dahl—84.30%

KS 2

1st: Somerville—98.70%
2nd: Al-Kashi—97.70%
3rd: Jemison—96%
4th: Latimer—95.40%
5th: Zephaniah—95.30%
6th: Blackman & Darwin —94%
7th: Bose & Hubble —93.30%
8th: Carroll—90.70%
9th: Potter—90.30%

Well done Bond, Seuss & Somerville Class!