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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Welcome back after half term, we hope you had a lovely week.

We started the week with presenting 165 100% Attendance certificates for Spring 1. Pupils that received these enjoyed their reward event on Tuesday. Let's see if we can give out even more for Spring 2! Our attendance remains strong at 97.3%, still placing us as number 1 in the Ark Network. Thank you for your support with attendance- when your child/ children are here every day it makes such a difference to their learning, progress, feeling settled and sustaining friendships.

We have lots of exciting events coming up over this half term- make a note of the key dates later in this newsletter.

Next week we are celebrating World Book Day. Pupils are invited to come dressed as their favourite Book Character for the day, and bring their favourite book from home with them- there is no charge for this. Reading is our number one priority at Kings Primary and lots of our pupils are doing lots of reading at home- as well as in school. Keep it up!

In Reception, a potential 11 'new pupils' arrived on Monday! We have 11 eggs from the farm which we are incubating and watching every day to see when they hatch into our chicks! We will add some photos onto our Twitter feed on their progress @ArkKingsPrimary

Year 3 are continuing with their swimming each Wednesday for the rest of the year. After 6 months of lessons they are making very good progress and we hope that over the next few months they will be achieving more and more swimming badges. Keep going Year 3!

Sport Relief Charity Day will be with us soon- Friday 13th March 2020. We will be doing lots of Sporty events at Kings Primary on that day- details to follow.

Reminder: if your child is too unwell to attend school please ensure that you phone the school office before 9.00am to let us know. If we haven't heard from you, we will phone you and text. If we don't hear from you within a short time, we will conduct home visits. This is part of our safeguarding procedure- we want to know you are all ok, safe and well.

Coronavirus: there has been a lot in the news regarding Coronavirus. We are following all guidance from the Department of Health. Currently there are no immediate risks to pupils at Kings Academy. If anything changes then we will let you know. General guidance from the Department of Health is included later in this newsletter.

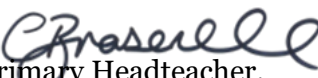
We sent out a note regarding nut allergies in school this week. Please support us by ensuring that you do not send any products into school that contain nuts. Thank you.

Inclement weather: as we head into the latter part of winter, there a few forecasts of snow beginning to appear. We will always do everything we can to keep our school open every day throughout the winter. If you are unsure of a school closure please check by phoning 0121 458 5380 or looking on our website www.arkkingsacademy.org or on our Twitter feed @ArkKingsAcademy

Next week is Parents' Evening for Years 1-5- most meetings are taking place on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 in Upper School Hall 3.30-6.00pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,


Primary Headteacher.

Coronavirus Advice from the Department of Health:

- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately
- wash your hands with soap and water often – use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell
- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- If you have any concerns phone 111.

Uniform:

Please ensure that all uniform items are named- especially jumpers and ties.
P.E Kit- please ensure your child's PE kit is in all school every day. Thank you.

Viking Day:

On Viking day, we did a range of activities. We started by looking at what Viking shields are made of and learnt that the middle of them is called the boss. We painted our own shields to use in a battle between 4G and 4H. We made a single formation fighting wall and a double formation fighting wall.

We acted out the formation of a Long ship and learnt that the dragon on the front of their ships were there to scare the enemy.

We had a look at a timeline going from the Celts to the modern day, and what eras came in-between, holding stone age stones and dressing up as the people from each era.

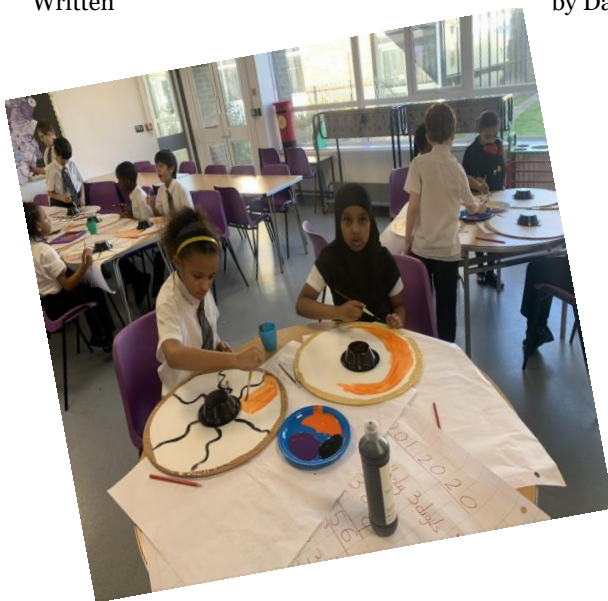
We learnt where the Viking food and drink came from such as pigs and cows, as well as grinding barley to make flour for bread.

For learning about what the Vikings wore, we looked at sheep and rabbit skins to see what their coats were made of. We had a look at mystery items like Viking helmets, spears, swords, axes and bow and arrows.

From looking at fact boards we answered questions about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings, such as how they traded and how they travelled from place to place.

Written

by Daniel, Lacey and Bilal



Teamwork Programme:

Some of our Year 5 children recently took part in a TeamWorx programme. This programme has been designed by West Midlands Police to support children in their formative years to develop a range of key skills that will prove invaluable in later life. The aim of the TeamWorx programme is to encourage every child to be the best they can be and develop the characteristics and skills that will help them succeed in life.

The children took part in a variety of activities including martial arts, horse riding and conservation work with the National Trust which will help them learn to be considerate when working as a team, developed confidence and self-esteem, resilience, personal responsibility and communication.

Well done to the students that took part in this course, all of whom had an amazing time trying new activities for the first time. As well as taking away lots of great memories they were all presented with a certificate of achievement by a West Midlands Police Inspector.

We will continue to work in partnership with the police and offer this opportunity to other students in the future.



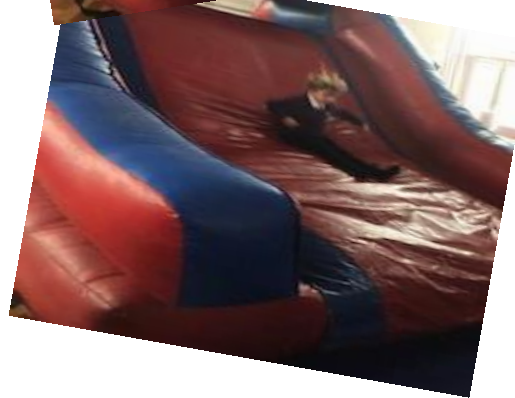
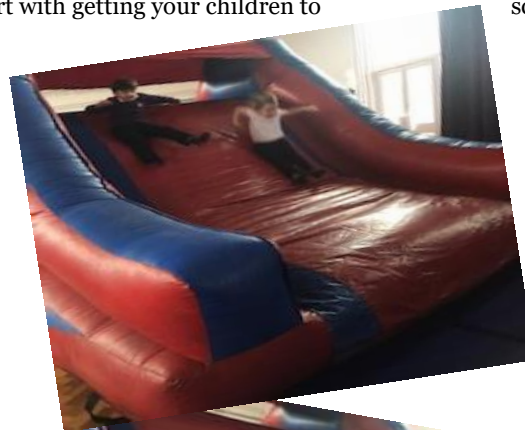
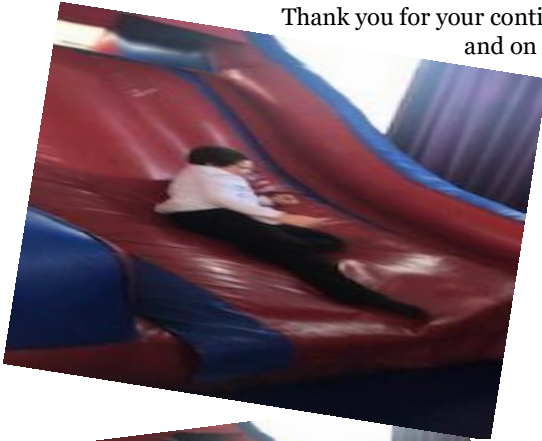
100% Attendance Reward:

Well done to all our 100% winners for spring 1. We had a record number of children achieve this award for Spring Term 1.

Children enjoyed their time on the inflatables!

Thank you for your continued support with getting your children to
and on time.

school every day

**Key Dates for your diary:**

Tuesday 3rd March 2020 – Parents evening years 1-5 3.30pm-6.00pm

Thursday 5th March 2020- World Book Day

Friday 6th March 2020 N-Year 2 Reading morning 8.30-8.50am

Friday 13th March 2020- Sport Relief

Friday 13th March 2020 N-Year 2 Reading morning 8.30-8.50am

Thursday 19th March 2020- Year 3 Class Assembly 9.00am

Friday 20th March 2020 N-Year 2 Reading morning 8.30-8.50am

Monday 23rd March- Year 3 trip to Cadbury World

Friday 27th March 2020 N-Year 2 Reading morning 8.30-8.50am

Thursday 2nd April- Year 4 Class Assembly 9.00am

Thursday 2nd April 2020 Fun Time Theatre reward event- whole school

Thursday 2nd April 2020- Easter Eggstravaganza 3.15-4.15pm

Friday 3rd April 2020 N-Year 2 Reading morning 8.30-8.50am

Friday 3rd April 2020 Break up- End of Term 12.45pm.

Monday 20th April 2020- ALL Pupils Return for Summer Term

