



Colmers Farm Primary School WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating another special week at our
nurturing school



Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have had a good week.

On Tuesday this week, Colmers Farm had a Curriculum review from the MAT. This involved looking at the topics that we teach in our history and geography lessons and looking at how these are explored further in our writing, reading and art lessons. This review went well with lots of very positive comments including some about the engagement of children in other lessons, children's learning behaviours, the positive impact of our focus on oracy and the quality of our artwork.

In this day and age, children more than ever need to be able to demonstrate a range of e-safety skills. With laptops, tablets, games consoles and mobile phones and more time than ever being spent on these, children have greater access to the internet than ever before. Keeping children safe online is vital and one way to do this is by ensuring that you and your child know about the CEOP button (Child Exploitation and Online Protection), which can be found on our school website. This site provides games and other resources for children and their parents which can be used to educate your child about e-safety issues. It can also be used by children and parents to report incidents of online abuse or the way someone has been communicating online. Please explore this resource with your child.



We also spend time at school developing children's e-safety skills and I saw some fantastic work from 6G this week on this subject. The children spoke passionately about why e-safety is important and they could talk confidently about strategies they could use to stay safe online. This led to me giving away lots of my special headteacher stickers.

This week, I got to spend some time with Miss Kelly in our EYFS area. The children were so delightful. We saw lots of enthusiastic children who were eager to join in with activities and who co-operated and respected one another. They also interacted with us so well. This was wonderful to see. A big thank you to our EYFS team who have made this space such a vibrant and rich learning environment.

Friday's NSPCC Number Day was a huge success at our school. It was great to see all our children wearing numbers and having even more fun in their maths lessons than normal (if that is possible). I was also amazed, once again, at your generosity with the food items brought into school which we will donate to B30 Foodbank. This will help so many families who rely on this service. Thank you everybody for your generosity.



I hope that you have a great weekend.

Mr Williams
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Monday 6th February
Y6 trip to Symphony Hall
Year 5 Maths Workshop

Wednesday 8th February
Year 1 Maths Workshop

Thursday 9th February
Year 2 SATs Workshop

Friday 10th February
Reception Maths Workshop

Wednesday 15th and Thursday
16th February
Parents' Evening
SEND Parents Meeting

Friday 17th February
Valentines lunch meal

Friday 17th February
Last Day of Term

Monday 27th February
Children return to school

Tuesday 28th February
Year 6 Reading Workshop

Thursday 2nd March
World Book Day

Do you have a safeguarding concern about a child?

Contact:

safeguarding@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org

Alternatively contact
Birmingham City Council
Children's Trust on 0121 303
1888

Emergency out-of-hours
number: 0121 675 4806

What's new on our website?



Sorry, there is nothing new this week. Please remember to view our Twitter page

Medical Appointments

If your child has an appointment during school time, please provide the school with evidence of this appointment. We would also ask that if your child has been in hospital during school time, you send in a copy of the discharge papers to school. These can all be emailed in to enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org or shown to the school receptionist. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Change to Calendar - Monday 27th February

The school is now open on Monday 27th February and children will be expected in school on that day. Apologies for any confusion caused.








Parent's Evenings

Parent's Evening meetings are now open and ready to book on Arbor. Please do sign up for your child's Parent's Evening to meet your child's teacher and to discuss their progress. If you have any problems booking, please call the office who will be happy to help.



e-safety – Staying safe online

<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #FF69B4;">S</h1> <h3>Stay Safe</h3> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> 	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #008000;">M</h1> <h3>Don't Meet Up</h3> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p> 	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #0000FF;">A</h1> <h3>Accepting Files</h3> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> 	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #FF4500;">R</h1> <h3>Reliable?</h3> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p> 	<h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: #FF0000;">T</h1> <h3>Tell Someone</h3> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> 
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Pupil e-safety challenge



I post a picture of myself online. A few weeks later, I feel embarrassed about the photo and delete it. Will anybody still be able to see it online after I've deleted it?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No



This week's answer = B. When you post photos or comments online, they can be very difficult to get rid of. Inappropriate images and comments online can cause problems for you years into the future. Always think carefully before you post anything online.

Happy Birthday Messages

For next week, we would like to wish a very happy birthday to:

Archie	RG	5	Fatima	RL	5
Alivia	RT	5	Jack	1W	6
Wanny	4G	9	Jake	4G	9
Kaiden	4G	9	Charlie	5T	10
Kennedy	6D	11	Miracle	6G	11



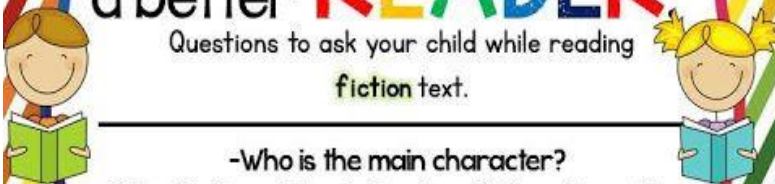
Please follow us on Twitter!

Our Twitter feed is where we celebrate the wonderful learning we see from our pupils everyday!

@Colmers_FarmPS



Help your child become
a better **READER**
Questions to ask your child while reading
fiction text.

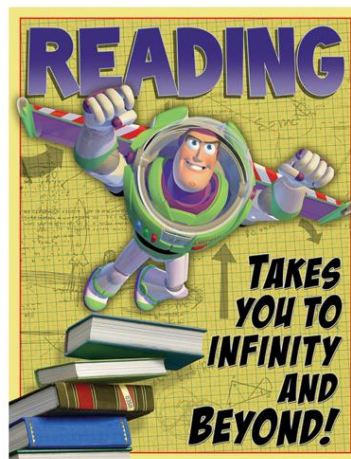


- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?


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READ, READ, READ!
Reading is a key skill which is so important to any child's development at any age. Please try to listen to your child read at least once a day (for 10-15 mins ideally). It's also great for children to listen to you reading aloud as well.

As you know, our children in Years 1-6 have access to thousands of books online via myON. If you need help accessing this, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.



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Questions to ask your child while reading
nonfiction text.



- What is the main idea of the text?
- Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
- What did you learn from reading the text?
- Are there any words that you do not know what they mean?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were there any features (diagrams, charts, pictures) that were important?
- Where could you find out more information about this topic?
- What questions would you ask the author about this topic?
- What would be a good title for this text?
- Can you think of another book that you have read about this topic? How was it similar? How was it different?
- Did you like the text? Why or why not?

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Questions to ask your child when listening to them reading.



Accelerated™
Reader

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	6G	235,605
2 nd	4G	172,812
3 rd	5T	117,210
4 th	5M	114,734
5 th	6D	67,501
6 th	4L	43,781
7 th	3F	24,259
8 th	3J	20,295

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Timothy (4G) 87,539
2 nd	Stefania (6G) 74,480
3 rd	Rocco (6G) 55,365
Highest score this year	
Timothy (4G) 230,226	

Spelling Shed 

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	4L	207,507,482
2 nd	6G	160,427,583
3 rd	5T	148,990,817
4 th	5M	74,146,762
5 th	4G	40,111,902
6 th	1K	9,360,366
7 th	6D	8,600,116
8 th	3J	6,847,500
9 th	2B	4,804,494
10 th	3F	3,718,842
11 th	2P	1,478,532
12 th	1W	930,438

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Isabella (4L) 143,475,720
2 nd	Poppie (6G) 91,835,457
3 rd	Zeyad (5M) 46,255,620
Highest score this year	
Isabella (4L) 143,475,720	

Mathletics

	Class Name	Number of Points
1 st	5T	18,000
2 nd	6G	16,570
3 rd	4G	13,158
4 th	5M	9,970
5 th	3F	8,990
6 th	4L	5,870
7 th	6D	4,127
8 th	2B	2,764
9 th	3J	1,380
10 th	2P	758

Last week's top scorers	
1 st	Poppie (6G) 3,840
2 nd	Ryan (5T) 3,650
3 rd	Stefania (6G) 3,630
Highest score this year	
Khaleesi (3J) 10,100	



TIPS TO BUILD EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE IN KIDS

Spend quality time with kids.
When they feel loved and supported, children develop emotional strength.

Talk about feelings so your child learns to share their worries and fears with people they trust.

Instead of rushing to solve problems, give kids time to work things out themselves.

When children experience failure or disappointment, it's important to praise their effort and encourage them to try again.

Acknowledge your own mistakes to teach kids that mistakes are essential for learning and growth.

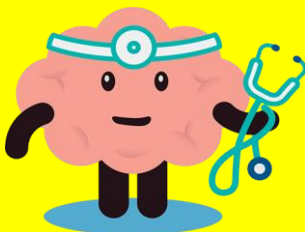
If your child can't find a solution to a problem, use gentle questioning to guide them towards it.

Ensure kids are eating well and getting enough sleep and exercise.



What should I do if I have any concerns about my child's mental health?

Please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of our school's pastoral team (Mrs Taylor, Miss Evans or Miss Storer).



This Week's Hot Chocolate Winners

Congratulations to all of our hot chocolate winners this week. They are:

Dylan	RG
Nate	1K
Aisha	2B
Kaydi-Anne	3F
Timothy	4G
Emilie	5M
Ayan	6D



This week's congratulations assembly recipients

Well done to:

Esshac	RG	Hunter	RL	Adriana	RT
Darcie-Leigh	1K	Jack	1W	Owen	2B
Makonnen	2P	Kaylica	3F	Noah	3J
Cayleigh	4G	Isabelle	4L	Demi-Lee	5M
Henry	5T	Sophia	6D	Riley	6G



You have all demonstrated the key quality of resilience this week.

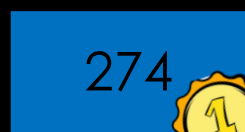
This week's house point results



Farah



Thompson



Daley



Ennis-Hill

School Uniform

At Colmers Farm Primary School, we place a high priority on our children wearing the correct school uniform. Please note that our children are not allowed to wear trainers in school unless this is short term with prior agreement.

For details about our school uniform requirements, please see the uniform section on our school website.

Thank you for your support with this.

Help with School Uniform



Rubery Community Swop Shop is a fabulous organisation which helps families by providing pre-loved school uniform, PE kit and footwear to them **FOR FREE**. Please visit www.ruberyswopshop.co.uk or ruberyswopshop@outlook.com for more information.

Help for all families in Birmingham



Food & Energy



Youth Support



Domestic Abuse



Emergency Funding



Money & Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's Support



School Uniforms & Clothing



Parenting



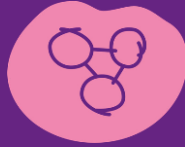
Special Needs & Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual Health



Mental Health



Play

Birmingham
Children's Partnership



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