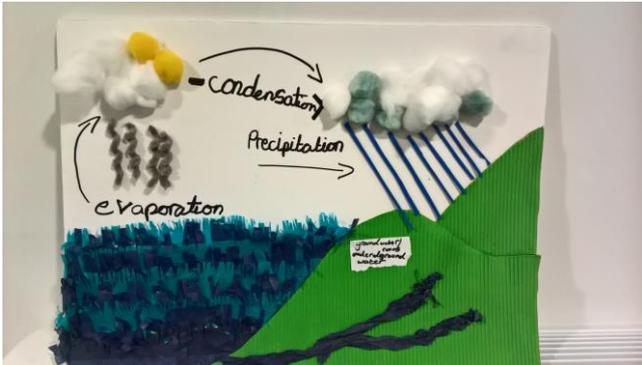




From Mrs Silke

Dear Parents and Carers,
We have had a successful first week back despite the windy and blustery weather!
It has been lovely to see the children bringing in their home learning, which will be celebrated in assembly next Friday.
Year 6 have been scientists and geographers during the holidays and have been learning about the water cycle as you can see below.



Homework at Ark Oval

Following feedback from parents, we will be reviewing the homework policy so that it is more manageable for you and your children. The first change we will make is that we will send out the home learning project work 3 weeks before each holiday. This is because we recognise that some families may be away for the breaks or young children may be too tired. Before we review the policy we would like your feedback in terms of the quantity, and type of homework your child is given, so that we can take your views into account, alongside those of the teachers and children. Please send your comments with a note of your child's name and class by email to office@arkovalprimary.org

Philosophy for Children(P4C) is coming to Ark Oval

I am thrilled to inform you that we will be introducing P4C to Ark Oval in the new academic year. This is an inspiring approach to learning that I introduced in my school in Wandsworth. It teaches children to how to talk and listen to others in a kind and caring way. It shows children how to work as part of a team, as well as being able to think about and share their own views with others. It enables children to make choices, be creative and think about their own questions to talk to others about. Once all the staff have had training in September, this approach will be embedded in teaching and learning across the school. We will be able to share more information with you at the parent information evenings at the start of next term.

Spirit Value Focus for next week: Thankfulness

Green dojos and spirit awards will be given next week to children who show that “We are thankful for the opportunity to transform our dreams into goals.”

Examples of how thankfulness can be demonstrated are as follows:

We are thankful for our rich and diverse school community and show this by valuing everyone regardless of race, gender, faith, or ability. We take time to show appreciation through events, celebrations, rewards and praise. We are thankful for support and seek opinions of others. We listen and respond to advice to help us achieve our goals.

Building Works Update

During half term, the old office area, in the old building was converted into a classroom. During the Easter break, the internal works will be completed and a new ICT suite installed on the top floor.

Work is progressing well with the multi-use games area, which we also expect to be completed in early May.

Fun Clubs

I am pleased to report that we will be resuming these after Easter, when we have recruited the staff to run them. There will be a range of creative and sporting opportunities. Information about these will be sent out before the end of term, along with details about costs and how to pay using parent pay.

With best wishes

Ali Silke

Principal

Our SPIRIT value of the week last week is

Integrity

The following children demonstrated this value this week and each received a certificate in assembly.

Swansea	Alexandros Brett-Crowther
Warwick	Chase Kilby-Whelan
Bath	Ferdows Habibullah
Manchester	Vihaan Srivastava
York	Maya Dupuy Rahman
Roehampton	Lassak
Exeter	Timi Badejo
Liverpool	Kaizar Kesler
Winchester	Kruz Field
Canterbury	Mandrake De La Vega
Brighton	Orges Kukaj
Dundee	Kyrese Syrus
Durham	Edison Kordhaku
Aberdeen	Deividas Odnolko
Glasgow	Milosz Mikolajczyk
Westminster	Kyle Lewis
Oxford	Vaishnavi Banduru
Cambridge	Kashaye Francis

This week's attendance awards

From Monday 20th to Friday 24th February 2017

The highest attending class in KS1

(including EYFS) is: **Winchester**

The highest attending class in KS2 is: **Dundee**

These classes get to display the attendance cups proudly in their classrooms for all to see until Friday 3rd February 2017

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES FOR THIS TERM

INSET DAY

School closed for staff training

Friday 17th March END OF TERM

Friday 31st March 1.15pm

FIRST DAY BACK AFTER THE EASTER BREAK FOR CHILDREN AND STAFF

Tuesday 18th April