



East Sheen Primary School

Headship Headlines October 2019



Y6 Geometry and jelly tots!

New School Year

This is the first Headship Headlines of the school year and already so much has happened! We have welcomed our new Reception children and their families and are delighted with how quickly the children have settled into school routines. They have already enjoyed an outing to Palewell Park for a teddy bears' picnic and baked jam tarts for the Queen of Hearts! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us throughout the school.

We have been visited by our School Improvement Partner, Cathy Clarke, and set targets for the year ahead. Our focus, as always, will be on maximising progress for all children. Our progress scores for last year are most impressive and well above average in Reading (3.8) Writing (3.1) and Maths (5.1). Average progress has a score of zero and any positive result demonstrates that children in that school are making better progress than children nationally. Our high scores show that children are making exceptional progress at East Sheen Primary School in all three areas tested.



Y4 Science investigation



Y6 at the British Museum

Curriculum

Many of you may know that the OFSTED inspection framework has changed this year and there is a strong focus on the broader curriculum. We have always taught all the national curriculum subjects in a structured, progressive way, using trips and theme days to enhance and celebrate what the children have learnt during a sequence of lessons. We use our Thinking School tools to deliver this curriculum. Parents of children in Year 5 have already had the opportunity to attend an assembly where they heard what their children have learnt about Vikings during their history topic this term. Year 6 children have visited the British Museum to add to their knowledge of Ancient Egypt. Year 3 have been using Roald Dahl texts to inspire their writing and enjoyed dressing up to celebrate the author's birthday, while Year 4 have been looking at the impact of World War 2 on East Sheen and visited a local air raid shelter. Year 2 enjoyed the experience of making their own pizzas at Pizza Express, which supports their learning about food and inspires their instruction writing. Year 1 also enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic and will be visiting the zoo in November to increase their knowledge of animals, which is their topic this term.

Y3 Roald Dahl celebration



Y2 at Pizza Express



Wellbeing

We were proud to achieve the Wellbeing Award for Schools in September after a rigorous assessment of how we support the positive mental health of all in school. The assessor was very complimentary and was particularly impressed by how well our children answered her questions. Wellbeing remains at the centre of our school ethos and we continue to be part of the NHS pilot for supporting mental health in schools. Psychologist Fran Jones works with staff, children and parents to deliver the programme.

Reception chasing bubbles



Safeguarding

Children In Year 6 have completed their bikeability programme where they are taught how to ride safely on roads and the NSPCC delivered assemblies to the children to raise their awareness of how they can keep themselves safe. Year 3 have started their swimming lessons and have impressed the public with their beautiful behavior on the bus.



Reception teamwork



Reception exploring numbers and patterns

Staff Training

We continue to follow a comprehensive CPD programme. Staff have had training on Safeguarding, the new OFSTED inspection framework, supporting children with low mood and anxiety, staff wellbeing, GDPR, curriculum design and will be enjoying a shared training day with other local schools on 4th November where a wide range of subject training and middle leader training is on offer. We also participate in all the AfC network meetings to share good practice.