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## A note from Miss Smith



The Summer Term has come around so fast this year, I can hardly believe it's already June! This time of year we begin to look ahead to the next academic year and start making plans for our fantastic learning adventures to come. This year, more than ever, it feels particularly exciting as we can begin to think again about school trips, residentials and all those enrichment activities our children have missed lately. Whilst preparing for the coming year, we also have to think about what school will look like; who will teach what class and whether any changes are needed to give our children the best possible education.

### Morning and End of Day Greetings

As you will all be aware, the new Senior Leadership Team at Bushbury have worked hard to ensure that there are plenty of friendly faces in the playground at drop off and collection to meet and greet our parents, as well as answer any questions that parents may have. We will also be trialling our School Captains on the gate with staff to meet and greet parents and show another friendly face to our children upon entering the school grounds. Here's a reminder about who our school captains are and a little bit about each of them.



Hi, my name is Danesh and I am your new school captain along with Phoebe and Chenae. I would describe myself as approachable, friendly, kind, and helpful. If you need anything or ever if you just want to talk just shout my name. I will be wearing the school captain badge and a yellow lanyard too. If you want to see me at lunchtime, I will usually be found playing football at the top of the playground. I love playing football and I have recently been learning the piano too. If you are feeling upset, don't hesitate to approach me – I am always willing to help.



Hi, my name is Phoebe, and I am grateful you chose me as your school captain. I will always be there if you need help or if you're feeling sad. I am always polite to everyone. I will try my hardest to make the school a better place for everyone and enjoyable too. I will make sure everyone will be treated equally and everyone will be respected. My hobbies include cooking and my favourite colour is light blue.



Hello, my name is Chenae and I'm your Vice Captain. Thank you to everyone who voted for me – I appreciate it very much. I am here to help and assist you whenever you need me. I promise to always set a positive example. My favourite hobbies are swimming, running, and playing the keyboard. When I grow up, I would love to be a doctor or nurse. I wish for us to be kind and respectful to each other. Let us all work together to make Bushbury Lane Academy an Outstanding school.



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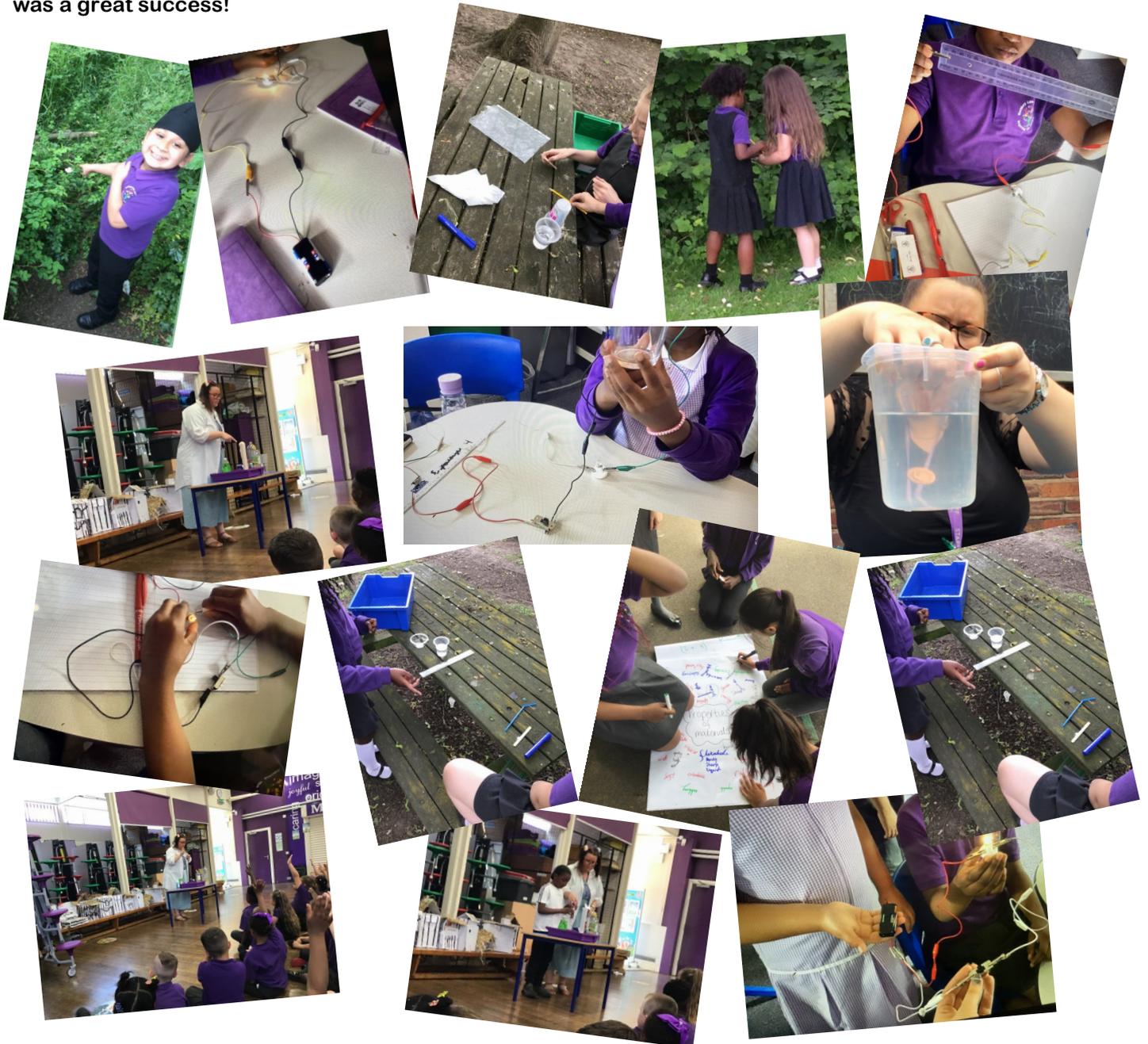
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## Science Week:

The children of Bushbury have all recently taken part in Science Week, where the focus word was 'movement.' Miss Peck, our school's science co-ordinator, kicked off the week with an exciting assembly, that included a range of science experiments, that the children thoroughly enjoyed being part of! Following on from this, each year group studied a different scientific strand from the curriculum and the word 'movement' remained at the focus of their learning journeys. From learning about plants in Year 1 to Electricity in Year 6, the children conducted a range of experiments and practical activities to facilitate their learning of Science in fun and engaging ways, whilst developing their enquiry skills and subject specific knowledge. It was fantastic to observe all of our pupils having real moments of awe and wonder within Science Week and overall the week was a great success!



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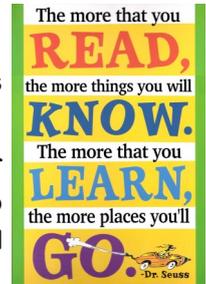


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## Reading at Bushbury Lane Academy:

At Bushbury Lane Academy, we value reading as a key life skill and believe that reading is pivotal for academic success, which is what we aspire towards for all of our children.

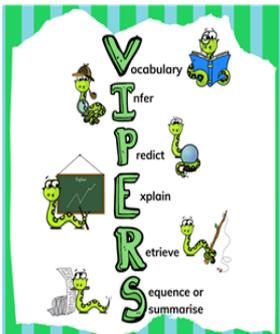
Reading is a top priority in our school and is an important driver throughout all areas of our curriculum. Ultimately through our reading curriculum, it is our intention for all our pupils to establish and appreciation and love of reading; develop their knowledge of the world around them; learn and utilise new vocabulary and enhance their comprehension skills.



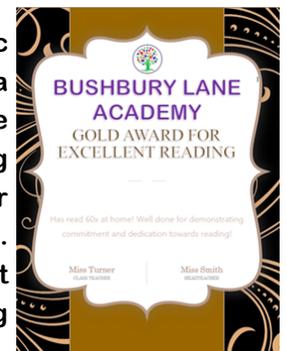
Phonics and early reading We teach early reading for EYFS and KS1 using the Read Write Inc scheme, which teaches children to read, write and spell with a focus on Phonics. We teach phonics in small group lessons, so that all children have access to teaching, which provides an appropriate challenge in relation to age related expectations. At the end of each half term, our children are assessed and following on from this are allocated groups, that match their ability.



VIPERS Reading skills for KS1 and KS2 are taught in whole class lessons, to allow all children access to the skills and knowledge contained in the National Curriculum. Reading lessons take place several times a week for the children at Bushbury Lane and are focused around an aged appropriate, high quality text- which changes every half term. Within the lessons, our pupils are given the opportunity to develop their reading fluency and comprehension skills and all children are given an equal opportunity to succeed against age related expectations. We teach reading through a 6 week reading cycle, where lessons focus on teaching the core principles of 'VIPERS'. (Vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summary). Each lesson has a reading skill focus introducing new learning or building on prior knowledge.



Reading often Regular reading for children has a huge impact on their academic progress and attainment. Our expectation is that all children read a minimum of 3x a week at home with a parent/carer and that reading is recorded in their reading diary. We will now be tracking how often the pupils are reading on a class interactive reading display and will be rewarding learners in whole school assemblies with bronze, silver and gold certificates linked to the amount of reading they are completing at home. Furthermore, parents and carers now have access to a 'Bushbury Lane parent prompt book,' which provides you with targeted questions to ask your children, whilst reading with them, linked to the VIPERS skills taught during school reading lessons.



Encouraging our children to read widely At Bushbury Lane, we want our children to read books from a range of genres and authors, in order to expose them to different text structures and a range of important themes. To encourage this, we have introduced 'Author study lessons' which form part of their reading journeys in school. Furthermore, we have introduced 'class reading spines' for each class, which include a list of high quality recommended reads that are age appropriate. The purpose of this is to challenge the children to read as many of the recommended books as possible, so that by the time they leave Bushbury Lane, they have read a wealth of high quality books. We have ensured that all of these books are available for the children in school and are really excited to get this challenge underway.

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## Important Dates for your diary:



**NOTE:** Diary dates are subject to change/cancellation dependent upon COVID restrictions at the time. Please also note some changes in dates in red.

**Thursday 1st July 2021 AM**

**KS1 Sports Day**

We really hope to be able to invite parents to our Sports Days—dependent upon COVID restrictions.



**Thursday 1st July 2021 PM**

**KS2 Sports Day**

**Friday 2nd July 2021**

**EYFS Sports Day**

**W/C Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Y6 to Y7 Transition week (see individual high schools for details)**

**Friday 9th July 2021**

**Move up afternoon (in school transition—children meet their new teacher)**

**Monday 12th July 2021**

**Nursery and Reception Graduation**

**Monday 12th July 2021**

**Summer Reports out to parents**



**Thursday 15th July 2021**

**Year 6 Prom**

**Friday 16th July 2021**

**Year 6 Leavers Graduation**



**Monday 19th July 2021**

**Dojo Party**

**Monday 19th July 2021**

**Year 6 Leavers Party (in school activities and treats)**



**Tuesday 20th July 2021**

**Summer Picnic Party for all children N-Y6**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

**Children break up for summer holidays (Normal time)**

## New Academic Year

**2nd - 3rd September 2021**

**September INSET DAYS**

**Monday 6th September 2021**

**Term begins for N - Y6 children**

**6th - 7th September 2021**

**Reception finish at 12.30pm (children stay for AM sessions and lunch)**

**Wednesday 8th September 2021**

**Reception start full school days**



# Are you, or anyone you may know, looking for a Nursery or Reception Class?



**Do you want an inspirational experience for your child in an exciting, vibrant environment?**



**Please pop along to our school office for more information or call 01902 556486**

**We have places available for September 2021**

