



# ★ Newsletter ★

15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

We have enjoyed another extremely busy couple of weeks! Our visit to Perlethorpe Environmental Education Centre last Thursday was a fantastic way to consolidate the children's learning and further develop their understanding of what it must have been like to be a school child in the Victorian era. The 'Victorian' teacher took us into his school room and checked hands and teeth before lessons began! During the classroom session, the children enjoyed Victorian games and a lesson in the 3Rs using slate boards and ink pens. There was also an opportunity to explore the local area as well as visiting the local church which was built in the Victorian era. We are now coming to the end of our topic 'School Days'.

Our R.E learning is now well underway and we have introduced the children to our topic of 'belonging.' We have thought about what it means to belong to different groups and the children have enjoyed sharing their own experiences of groups they belong to; rugby, football and dance classes were particular favourites! We have started to think about how we can also belong to the church and how we traditionally welcome new members of the church family through Baptism. Thank you to those of you who brought in your baptism photos. From this, we created a font and candle out of plasticine.

It was such a shame that parents and carers were not able to join us in St. Peter's church to celebrate Harvest with us this week. The children had worked so hard to learn their perform pieces. Year 2 was a poem and song about the life of a farmer and year 1 sang about a little mouse. They all performed brilliantly in both the rehearsal on Tuesday and in the actual service itself yesterday. This was led by Reverend Ruth Colby and she was so impressed with the children's efforts. Please find all the recordings at <https://www.eastbridgfordstpeters.co.uk/harvest-service-2>

The children were very excited to learn that we have an ex-Strictly Come Dancing celebrity Robin Windsor visiting our school next week. We will be taking part in a dance workshop next Tuesday with Robin and he will also be popping into our classroom to answer any questions that the children might want to ask him. No dance experience necessary, just lots of energy and enthusiasm! The children will need their PE kit for this day.

## Baker's Basket

For the first time this year, the Baker's Basket has gone home with a very excited owner. When the basket comes home, this is a time for your child to explore and research new tastes along with encouraging them to

speak in front of the whole class. Each child in the class will take the Baker's Basket home to enjoy for around a week. Full instructions will come home with your child when it's their turn. Whatever you make, however you present it, it's about having fun and enjoying being CREATIVE!

### Maths:

Year one have continued their learning on place value by using language such as equal to more/greater, less/few. We have then moved on to greater than and less than signs where the children know the difference between them ( $<$   $>$   $=$ ) and are able to compare numbers. Both concrete and pictorial representations have been used to support and embed the children's learning.

Year two have completed their place value block where there were some very pleasing scores at the end of the block assessment. The children have been comparing objects and numbers by using greater than and less than symbols. We have also revised counting up in 2's, 5's and 10's and used this knowledge to explore numbers and multiple patterns. We have also been learning how to count up in 3's.

### English:

We loved our text *Once Upon an Ordinary School Day* by Colin McNaughton and finished our learning by completing a book review and designing our own front cover for the text. We have now moved onto thinking about Harvest and what we are thankful for. The children wrote the own chorus for one of our whole school songs 'Beautiful World'. We have now redrafted and decorated them. The children have produced work to be proud of.

### Homework:

We are really enjoying spending time sharing the super pieces of homework each Friday – the children are very proud of their efforts and it is lovely to see so many different activities being completed off the grid. Please only send the homework book into school on a Friday so that we can make sufficient time to look at it properly.

### Reading:

The children are becoming very organised and are remembering to bring their diaries into the classroom on Friday mornings to have their reading checked without me having to remind them! As always, all children with three or more pieces of reading evidence in their diary, will receive a sticker and a house point for their efforts. We are really trying to promote the importance of reading and develop a love for books at this early age. Thank you so much for your continued support with this.

### Additional Information:

- P.E. days will continue to be Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor tennis) next half term and the children will need appropriate outdoor kit as the weather turns colder.
- Parent meetings via Teams are next Tuesday and Thursday. By now, you should have received an invitational email for your selected day and time. As all meetings are set to last for ten minutes, please join the meeting a couple of minutes before your allocated appointment so that we can begin on time – thank you! Please let me know if you would like an additional email address adding. If you still haven't made an appointment, I have a couple of slots left. If you are unable for whatever reason to make an appointment on these days, I can arrange a mutually convenient date after half term.

Thank you for your support and kind comments this half term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing half term break and look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Miss Fisher 😊