



★ Newsletter ★

12th May 2023

Another two weeks have flown by! This last fortnight has been a strange one with two bank holiday Mondays to confuse us all!

We were so lucky with the weather last Thursday morning which enabled the whole school to take part in the one mile run around the big field. Every child put so much effort into their running so that they could be part of the event.

Last Friday was also an exciting day as we celebrated the coronation of King Charles III. My classroom was a sea of red, white and blue with some very creative and colourful outfits on show! Most children enjoyed a lunch of fish and chips (very British) and we completed a Union Jack collage of the new King's silhouette to mark the occasion.

In science, we are continuing to enjoy our topic on plant parts. As well as planting some tomato and fast-growing flower seeds. The children have also enjoyed observing different plants and have written descriptions of what they could see.

In art, the children have enjoyed looking at different views of streets and avenues and have also drawn pictures from memory of a variety of different buildings. From this, we spent a wonderful afternoon looking at a specific 'street view' piece of artwork by our focus artist James Rizzi. The children are really excited to make their own version of this.

In R.E. the children have produced some wonderful chalk pictures to reflect their understanding of the Pentecost and we have also sequenced the main events of the story.

Despite lots of revision and practice for year 2 in preparation for our forthcoming SATs (which will take place over the next two weeks) we have still managed to complete lots of other topic work. I have tried to make our year 2 revision as enjoyable as possible - your children have

been fantastic in their approach. They do know that something different will be happening next week but we intend to make the experience as relaxed as possible to get the best out of your children!

Maths and English:

Year 1

In maths we have completed our topic of learning, Multiplication and Division. Here the children learnt how to count in 2's, 5's, and 10's, recognise and make equal and unequal groups, and create arrays. We also looked at doubling numbers. After completing our end of unit assessment I am pleased with the progress the children have made.

In English we have continued our talk for writing text, Kassim and the hungry fox. Here the children have learnt actions for the story. They have also been looking at adjectives to describe the characters and have invented their own versions of the story where we changed the main character and other characters that they met. Next week we will be writing our final versions of the story.

Year 2

We have spent the last two weeks revising and completing past papers in preparation for SATs. As mentioned earlier in this letter, the children have been fantastic and to my knowledge have not complained about the repetition of it all each day. We are definitely looking forward to getting back to normal after half term.

Homework:

It sounds like lots of children already have an idea for their creative piece of homework and some have already started! As mentioned in the information that was sent out a couple of weeks ago, we would like their artwork to be returned to school on Friday 26th May and look forward to sharing and celebrating their achievements across Key Stage 1 and also in an assembly.

Reading:

Please continue to encourage your child to read at least three times a week and continue to sign it in the diary pages of their planner – I really appreciate your support with this. I will continue to be checking diaries every Friday and will award stickers as a reward for regular reading.

Additional Information/Useful Dates:

- P.E. – Children will require an indoor kit for Monday and an outdoor kit for Friday sessions – we now have P.E. with Nick again on a Friday. (Weather permitting)

- As the weather can be very unpredictable at this time of year, I would advise warm outdoor P.E. kit for the next few weeks for our Friday sessions.
- Weeks beginning 15th and 22nd May – Key Stage 1 SATs.
- Wednesday 24th May – whole school and class photographs.
- Friday 16th June – PTFA Father's Day breakfast bags
- Wednesday 28th June – Key Stage 1 sports day (from 1.15pm)

Have a great weekend!

Miss Fisher 😊