



Fortnightly Newsletter



21st June 2024

Your children have worked exceptionally hard over the last couple of weeks. We have been really enjoying the early stages of the Euros – our decorated football shirts are hanging along a washing line across the classroom for all to admire! I have been so pleased with how all the children have been interested in the Euros and I am pretty sure they have learnt a few new facts about their country and flag. Of course we don't know yet who are winner will be...



We are all supporting England as well as our own team!

We have an extremely busy few weeks coming up! (see important dates below) Lots of the children have been talking about the forthcoming village show next weekend and I am delighted to hear about their plans to enter one or both of the competitions that have been set for their age group. The show tent is my favourite place to visit on the day and I love to see all of the children's efforts on display. This year, the theme is 'Under the Sea' and the two categories for our age group are to make a sea monster model out of junk materials and/or four cupcakes with a sea themed decoration on top – I am looking forward to seeing what the children create!

Non-perishable items can be brought into school next Wednesday 26th June or all entries can be taken straight to the marquee on the day of the show.

In R.E. we have now come to the end of our unit of work on 'belonging' I was so impressed with the super class badges that the children designed to show that we all belong together. I gave the class some ideas at the beginning but as usual their finished badges were way better than anything that I could design!

In Design and Technology, we have started to look at machines and mechanisms. Our starting point has been to look carefully at a range of different machines and discuss why they are useful, the purpose of them, which parts move and how they can help people. The children really enjoyed this activity and were able to relate this information to their own bikes, scooters and roller skates!

In Science we have continued to learn about life cycles and food chains. The children were introduced to some new vocabulary – 'consumer' and 'producer'. Hopefully they may have spoken to you about what these words mean! We are delighted that our caterpillars are now settling into the new environment of our classroom and we will observe them closely over the next weeks as they eventually change into beautiful butterflies. This is perfect to reinforce our learning about life cycles and we are very grateful to Mrs Mackie (mother of Matilda) who kindly provided the caterpillars for all three Key Stage 1 classes.

Maths and English:

We have spent the last couple of weeks preparing the children for their SATs which have now become optional for all Year 2 children. The decision was made that all schools in the Aspire Trust would go ahead with these assessments as it was felt that the outcomes would provide us with useful information moving forward. We have tried to keep this as low key and relaxed as possible for the children and they may not even know that they have completed them! I am very proud of each and every child in my class – they all performed to the very best of their ability which is all we can ask!

To reward the children for all their hard work, we enjoyed a wonderful morning up on the field yesterday. We were able to complete lots of forest school activities – the children found a range of minibeasts and also completed a nature treasure hunt in groups of three. Halfway through the session, all the children enjoyed a biscuit picnic in the shade of the trees. We even saw a deer wandering about near the playpark!! In the afternoon, we enjoyed our class concert and it was wonderful to see the children taking part with such confidence! We were treated to magic tricks, jokes, singing, dancing, puzzle solving and facts about cricket!

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. As always, I am quite happy for children to record their own home reading into their diary under your supervision if this is easier. I am also happy for children to read their own books from home or the library if they wish to, I will continue to be checking diaries every Friday and will award stickers as a reward for regular reading. If books need changing in between your child's nominated book change day, they will need to let me know and I can organise an extra book.

Additional Information:

- P.E. – Children will require an indoor kit for both Tuesday and Friday sessions – we now have P.E. with Gordon again on a Friday on the school hall.

- Non- uniform day – Friday 21st June (in exchange for a tombola donation)
- Story Cafe – Friday 21st June 8am
- Key Stage 1 Sports Day – Wednesday 26th June (afternoon)
- PTFA BBQ – Thursday 27th June 5.30pm – 8pm
- INSET day – Friday 28th June
- East Bridgford Village Show – Saturday 29th June
- Open afternoon – Monday 8th July
- Race for Life – Tuesday 23rd July (morning)

Please keep checking my class page of the school website for all information, photos and updates.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Gilbey