



Fortnightly Newsletter



7th June 2024

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term. The children have been full of news and stories about what they got up to over the week – Turkey appears to have been a popular destination!



You might be aware that I have been getting excited about the forthcoming Euros 2024 football tournament beginning on Friday June 14th! This is an excellent opportunity to broaden the children's knowledge of Europe whilst adding some excitement and interest to the competition. We had a very exciting 'draw' this week when everyone was matched with a participating country to represent. Your child does not need to know anything about football to take part – they simply have a country assigned to them and they will decorate a shirt of their team to be displayed on our 'Euro 2024 washing line' We will track the results of each match through the group stages and into the next rounds. Each shirt on our washing line will be removed once that country is knocked out. There will be small prizes for the semi-finalists, finalist, and overall winner! The final will be played on Sunday 14th July.

We enjoyed a wonderful assembly on Wednesday led by gymnast Sam Oldham – a team bronze and gold medal winner in the London 2012 Olympics Games. He spoke to the children about following their dreams, working hard and never giving up. We were then treated to some gymnastic tricks. As well as showing us some back flips, Sam walked on his hands over a long row of very brave children who were lying down! In the afternoon, our class took part in a gymnastic session with Sam – there are some photos on my class page of the school website.

In R.E. the children applied their knowledge of a baptism ceremony to create a special card that could be given to a family to acknowledge such a special event. To bring our unit of work on 'belonging' to a close, we will be designing our own special school badge next week to show that we belong to the school 'family' and what that means to us all.

In science the children have enjoyed looking at the life cycles of different animals and have produced some excellent, detailed drawings of the life cycle of a frog. Soon, we will be welcoming some caterpillars into our classroom and hope to watch them eventually become beautiful butterflies!

Maths:

We have been continuing to cover a range of concepts in maths – some has been revision of units that we worked on in the autumn and spring terms. Our main focus at the moment is to prepare the children for the forthcoming optional SATs which will take place in a few weeks from now. As mentioned previously, if your child is absent for any of these assessments, we will catch up with them on a different day.

English:

As well as spelling and handwriting and extra reading comprehensions, we have been enjoying our current focus text all about snow dragons. It is a non-fiction study and so far, the children have identified the main features of the text and have found and highlighted the title, sub-titles, sentence openers and adjectives as well as spotting the introductory and concluding sentences.

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.
- Open afternoon – Monday 8th July
- Please provide your child with a sunhat/suncream for outdoors in the hope that we may need them one day!!

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

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Gilbey