

★ Newsletter ★

8th March 2024

There were some wonderful costumes and pyjama outfits on show yesterday to celebrate World Book Day. The children enjoyed singing a song about books in assembly and we also marked the occasion by sharing books with a friend or teddy, a book cover quiz and drawing characters on PurpleMash.

On Monday afternoon of this week, we welcomed Dennis from the RNLI into school to talk to the children about the very important work of the Lifeboat institute. This was the perfect day for him to visit as March 4th marked the 200th anniversary of the RNLI. He spoke to us about the many different types of lifeboats (I never knew there were so many!) and their locations around the coastline of the UK as well as how to keep safe in and around water. As always, the children listened intently and asked and answered lots of questions.

In R.E. the children have talked about the things they like to do to relax and rest just as God did on the seventh day of the Creation. From this, we have talked about how the Shabbat is a special day for Jewish families, beginning on a Friday night and lasting for 25 hours. The children found this very interesting and could make comparisons to their own lives. We will now move on to the story of Easter.

In Science, we have enjoyed categorising a variety of different materials from around the classroom and have talked at length about their different properties.

Our work in design and technology is progressing well. We have now built a prototype frame of a beach hut using art straws and masking tape. We chose if we wanted to work in pairs or independently as it was a very fiddly job. The next steps will be to design our actual beach hut that will be created using junior hacksaws and square dowsing!! Wish us luck!

In music, we are continuing to enjoy music that evokes different moods by listening to different tempos and reacting to this by moving our bodies in time to the pulse and rhythm.

Maths:

I am so pleased with how hard the year one children have worked on their addition and subtraction unit. The children completed unit with different methods to subtract, related number facts and missing number problems. We completed an end of unit assessment which showed how well they progressed.

Year 2 have been continuing to work through our unit on multiplication and division – lots of activities using the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, repeated addition and recently we have used practical apparatus to understand basic division and how this is linked to multiplication. The practise at home is really helping!

English:

I was so pleased with how well the children wrote their own sets of instructions to complete our most recent talk for writing unit. After spending time highlighting all of the features required to write a full set of instructions, the children were challenged to write their own set for 'How to Trap a Wolf', taking care to remember all of the different features and language required. We have now started a new fiction unit using 'Jack and the Beanstalk' as the model text. So far, the children have drawn story maps and written a range of descriptive sentences to describe the appearance and personality of the giant.

Finally, thank you so much to all the year 2 parents for returning the EV4 medical form to school in preparation for our imminent residential visit to Beaumanor Hall next week. The children are clearly very excited and are looking forward to having a giant sleepover with their friends! We are keeping our fingers crossed for dry and mild weather but it is best to be prepared for all eventualities – we live in hope! Please speak to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Please send any medication that you have mentioned on the EV4 form into school on the day. This needs to be clearly labelled with your child's name and handed to an adult. Travel sickness tablets need to be taken at home ready for a 9.15am departure. We will make sure your child takes one before we depart for home on the Thursday.

Additional Information:

- P.E. – Children will require an indoor kit for **Tuesday** sessions and an outdoor kit for Fridays.
- Overnight residential visit to Beaumanor Hall – Wed.13th/Thurs. 14th March
- Parents' evenings – Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March

Have a great weekend!

Miss Fisher