

✪ Newsletter ✪

16th May 2025

Hello! What a busy couple of weeks we have had! We hope you are enjoying the sunshine and enjoying family time when you can. Please see below on what your child has been getting up to over the last couple of weeks.

Year 2 Assessments:

Although Key Stage 1 SATs have been officially phased out, all schools in the Aspire Trust have been asked to complete these assessments in maths and reading to give us a formal measure of your child's progress before they move into key stage 2. These will be administered in a very low key manner and we will begin the process sometime after half term. If your child is absent for any reason, we will catch up with them on an alternative day.

Topic:

This week in Science, we have been learning about animal groups and different animal parts. The children enjoyed learning about fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, invertebrates and mammals. In History, we have been comparing how Victorian schools differ to modern day schools – I was so pleased with how much the children remembered! In RE, we have written prayers on either asking for help, thanks, sorry or praise. The children wrote such beautiful prayers; many being thankful for their family ☺

Marshmallow's time with Bridie:

- Marshmallow joined Bridie on a horse ride.
- They watched a film together and got cosy.
- They had a ride around the field on their quad bike!

As we have now finished our 'Marshmallow' we will be replacing this with 'Recommended Read' sessions. 'Recommended read' is a great opportunity for children to share their favourite picture books from home, in school. Each child will have the opportunity to talk about their chosen book, share their much loved parts/pages and then we will read the story to the rest of the class. The book will then be returned.

Please bring the chosen book on the below date. We have grouped children so that all children have the opportunity to do their individual recommended read before the end of term.

Date	Children		
6 th June	Luca	Alfie	Penny
13 th June	Bob	Erin	Enzo
20 th June	Amelia	Kayley	Lewis
Weds 25 th June	Aarav	Reis	Ezra
4 th July	Chloe	Albie	Thea

11 th July	Martha H	Kit	Edie
18 th July	Martha C	Isaac	Harry
Mon 21 st July	Jacob	Belle	Bridie

Maths:

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are now focusing on Fractions learning about finding and recognising a half, quarter, three quarter, a third and whole. We will also look at unit and non unit fractions. We are sure the children will be great at this as we touched on the unit in the Spring term for a short period.

English:

Alongside our spelling and handwriting work, we have been writing our own versions of a sorry letter and finished our 'hot writes' this week. The children applied what we have learned over previous weeks and created fantastic, well-structured sorry letters. Some were written as a fictional piece, whereas some were about a mistake they had made in the past and were sorry for! They were all very brave and honest, well done! :)

Spelling:

Rules we have covered recently are:

- When a root word ends in a consonant then e, drop the e before adding -ed.
- When a root word ends in a consonant then e, drop the e before adding -ing.
- When a root word ends in a consonant then e, drop the e before adding -er.
- When a root word ends in a consonant then e, drop the e before adding -est.
- When a root word ends in a consonant then e, drop the e before adding -y.

Reading:

Please continue to encourage your child to read at least three times a week and sign their planner—your support with this is appreciated. The children are very proud when they earn their bookmarks. We are also happy for children to read their own books from home or the library if they wish.

Take care,

Mrs Lewis and Mrs Williams.