



# ★ Newsletter ★

13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The children are continuing to really enjoy our topic 'Wriggle and Crawl'. Over the last couple of weeks, we have set up a wormery to be shared and enjoyed across the classes. The children have been able to observe a large collection of worms in a transparent case that is filled with moist soil and coloured sand. Each day, we have seen that the sand has moved as the worms busily go about their business, coming to the surface of the soil to collect and drag down leaves that we are regularly placing along the top of the wormery. We also have some stick insect eggs to observe and take care of over the coming weeks.

The children have enjoyed watching live video clips of honey bees busily working in their hive. We have learnt so many new facts about honey bees and have been fascinated by all the different jobs that the 'worker' bees do. Most children were horrified to learn that honey is actually 'bee sick'! We have planned a honey tasting session for this afternoon so it will be interesting to compare different types.

In R.E. we have been continuing to enjoy and understand the story of Pentecost and have discussed the meaning of the story through some role play along with drawing symbols that are associated with it.

In music this term we have been listening to a couple of songs about friendship. The children are learning to appraise the music by giving opinions on what they like and enjoy most about each of the songs.

In Spanish we are continuing to respond to the register and choosing our dinner options with confidence and clarity – in fact, when the Ofsted inspectors were passing by, they stopped to listen and could not believe how confident and fluent the children were! We have also been enjoying Spanish songs about colours and numbers in preparation for moving into Year 3 where the language will be taught more formally.

Moonbeam and Sunbeam are really enjoying their visits to different children's homes. So far, three lucky children have had the opportunity to take both bears home and have written very detailed accounts of what they have got up to! We have all really enjoyed listening to their adventures on a Monday!

## Maths:

The children have been very busy completing lots of different tasks in maths in preparation for their SATs next week. The focus has not only been on arithmetic and mental calculations, but also reasoning and problem solving which focus on a range of skills such as measuring, time, money, data and geometry. They have worked extremely hard and I am sure that everyone will perform to the best of their ability over the next two weeks.

### English:

In English, we have continued with our unit of work on poetry. Over the last couple of weeks, we have looked at a wide range of different poems about the weather and have even had a go at writing some poetry lines that include a metaphor! The final task this week was to apply all of our new learning to create a poem called 'All Kinds of Weather' in the style of Langston Hughes. I have been so impressed with the poems and we look forward to sharing some of these in achievement assembly over the coming weeks.

As with maths, the children have also worked hard to complete a range of past SATs papers in reading to give them the best chance to perform well over the next two weeks.

### Homework:

All homework set is optional but I am always really pleased to look at completed activities on a Friday when the children bring their homework book into school. The children are very proud of the work they complete and enjoy sharing it with their peers.

Thank you for continuing to support your child with their weekly spelling lists, reading and SATs revision activities. In spelling, house points will continue to be awarded to children if they manage to achieve full marks for every three weeks in a row. ~~There will be no further spelling lists to learn until after half term as the children will be completing their SATs over the next two weeks.~~ Spelling sessions will continue over these weeks and we will re-visit previous spelling list and rules. New lists will be emailed out on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May for the next half term as normal.

~~It is really important that children have their diaries in school on Fridays so that this process can run smoothly – thank you for your support with this.~~

I have attached some further and final revision activities to be completed at home. The focus is once again reading and areas of maths.

Although this homework is optional, it would be of great benefit to your children if they were to complete the activities and return the sheets to school.

### Reading:

Once again, thank you for supporting your child with their home reading and for encouraging them to read at least three times a week. As always, all children with three or more pieces of reading evidence in their diary, will receive a sticker and a house point for their efforts.

### Additional Information:

- Year 2 SATs – week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May.
- Class Photographs – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May.
- P.E. days will continue to be Tuesdays (indoor) and Fridays (multi sports activities – outdoor)
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Jubilee Celebration Day – fish and chip lunch!

Thank you, as always for your continued support,

Kind regards,

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