

★ Newsletter ★

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Well - here we are at the start of the Summer term!

As we take a moment to reflect on the Spring term, it has certainly been a busy one. Who would have thought we would be doing a January nativity, a fantastic school trip to Beaumanor Hall, World Book Day and an Easter service in front of a live audience – something we have all missed these last two years. We hope you enjoyed the service in church (despite the snow!) and it was lovely to see so many of you there. We can't quite believe the weather change with the Easter weekend being particularly glorious in the sunshine. Mrs Lewis and I were both amazed at the brilliant and creative Easter bonnets. Well done to all the winners. We hope the children enjoyed their Easter Eggs from us!

The children hopefully enjoyed the last topic, Movers and Shakers. We know the children soaked up all the information and we also enjoyed finding out facts that we didn't know beforehand too. To top off the topic the children had a visit from Florence Nightingale (me in disguise). Through drama, the children were able to learn about Florence as a child and her determination against the odds to become a nurse. We were also able to handle and discuss artefacts to further enhance our knowledge and understanding of how Florence changed nursing forever during the Crimean War. We were lucky enough to enjoy a visit from Dennis – from the RNLI on Tuesday afternoon. The children listened carefully to the important work undertaken by the Institute and he also shared lots of information with us about how to keep safe around different kinds of water. He showed us a variety of warning signs and flags that can be around water. All the children in Key Stage 1 listened beautifully and there was an opportunity to ask sensible questions at the end. This reinforced the learning that took place as part of our previous topic 'Coastline'.

Our new topic this term is Wrigglers and Crawlers. We started the topic with a Minibeast Hunt on the Daisy Lawn. The children were split into houses and had 4 different activities to do including a worm investigation to see if we could persuade the worms to poke their heads to the top. We identified a range of creepy crawlies and the children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. We are also bringing a wormery, an ant farm and a snail house into the classroom to observe what happens 'underground' and in their natural habitats.



Maths

The children have really impressed us with their Maths over Spring term. This term we move on to multiplication and division. We started the week with re-capping counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and moved on to identifying unequal and equal groups. We used sentence stems to help us in our investigation "How many different ways can you group 20/40 animals?".

There are _____ animals in each group.

There are _____ equal groups.

There are _____ animals altogether.

English

For the next 3 weeks the children will be looking at the text "Lucy Ladybird". They have thoroughly enjoyed the book so far and have been great in learning the model text through t4w. They started of this unit with a cold write where they attempt to re-tell the story with no teacher input. As a class we have created our targets and will be working towards these over the next two weeks. We have even used Makaton for each of the animals – Ladybird, Frog, Caterpillar, Fish and Bird. They have created story maps and completed some comprehension questions. We can't wait to see the final piece of work!

Homework:

As always, homework 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 new Beyond Expectations Grid is being sent home today. 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 maths consolidation activities. I have attached their spellings and once this Maths unit is completed, I will send out the consolidation booklet. Just as before, the questions become more challenging so I would suggest that your child completes the tasks that they feel most comfortable with. Please let me know if accessing/printing homework from the email is a problem and I will provide a paper copy in future for you.

Reading:

WOW, so many children are managing at least 3 times a week. We have two children in the class with over 100 reads. This has definitely prompted some of the children to read even more than they already do. 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 and this will be used as further evidence for Mr Tomlinson's end of term certificates for reading

Additional Information:

- PE. days will continue to be Tuesdays (indoor – dance)
- Fridays (outdoor multisport activities).

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break whatever you got up too!
Best Wishes,

Miss Evans and Mrs Lewis

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