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Newsletter No.11

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Well, another week has passed and here I am writing another newsletter wondering where the time has gone. I can't believe that January is now a distant memory and we are nearly at our Spring half term break.

This week we have had many great events in school, including the Year 4 sharing assembly, Year 5 swimming and visitors from the Buddhist centre speaking to Year 6. We have also had a visit from our School Improvement Adviser on Wednesday who spent the day with myself and Mrs Pentney, alongside our talented Senior leaders, looking at teaching and learning across the school. This is a service we buy into as part of our vision to provide the best possible education for all our pupils. It was an invaluable day and the adviser commented how calm our school was. Thank you to those parents who gave such great comments about the school when the adviser approached you as you were bringing your children into school.

This newsletter will focus on the learning that has been happening over the last two weeks, so you can celebrate with us what has been enjoyed and achieved across the school. If, when you ask how your child's day has been, they just answer 'it was fine', you could use this information to start a conversation differently, for example, you could say 'the newsletter letter tells me you have been learning....tell me more about it.'

Reception

Reception have loved being space explorers! They read 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy, created their own story maps and then the children zoomed to the Moon for a picnic with Little Bear in their own box rockets. They learnt all about the planets in the solar system and the children

wrote about which planet they wanted to visit and how they were going to get there. Our littlest learners have visited Venus in a rocket, sped to Saturn in a spaceship and hovered over Jupiter in a flying trolley! All in a day's work for our Wrens and Robins!

Year 1

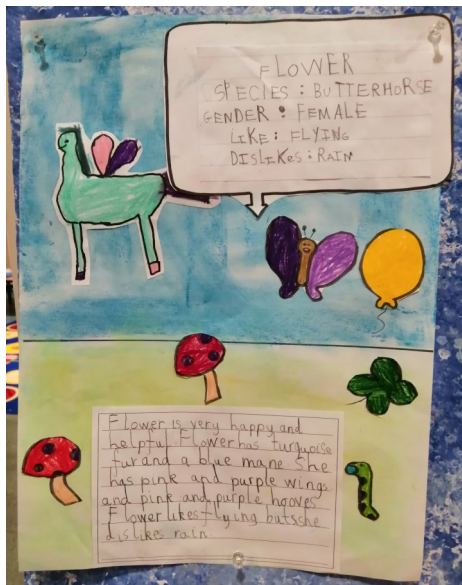
Wagtails and Sparrows have been creating their own Super Happy Magic Forest mythical heroes. They created posters of these and did writing to describe their heroes. They shared these with Year 2.

Year 2

Year 2, have been enjoying their 'Great Fire of London' topic. So far, they have created a timeline and learnt about how historians find out about the past. They became archaeologists and had a go at digging up some artefacts. They are now looking forward to their Great Fire of London day on Tuesday 13th of February!

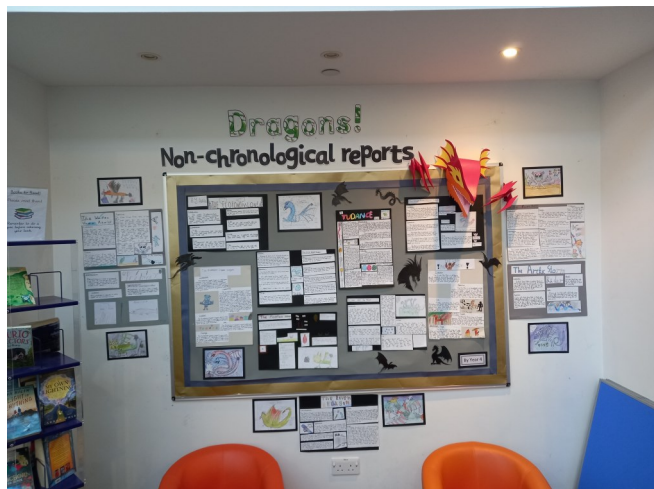
Year 3

Year 3 have created cave paintings this week, learning about how these are a source of evidence about what life was like long ago. They continued their science following on from creating 'chocolate rocks', to understanding how fossils are formed.



Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard to finish their non-chronological dragons. Take a look at the magnificent display of their work, complete with 3D dragon's head and claws made by Mrs Pruden! The children selected formal, scientific vocabulary to describe their mythical creatures. On Wednesday this week, they showed off their learning so far in their Sharing Assembly. Parents were treated to displays of balancing, human place value charts and voice and glockenspiel performances in English and French. Well done Year 4s, we are so proud of you!



Year 5

In Year 5 they have been Victorian newspaper correspondents, reporting the shocking demise of the evil Bill Sikes from Oliver Twist. They have also been creating their very own Victorian Punch & Judy shows, replete with Mr Punch, crocodiles and sausages! Finally, they've been enjoying a twice-weekly visit to Sawston Village College's wonderful swimming pool in order to refine their strokes and develop water confidence.

Year 6

On Tuesday, our Year 6 children met Himantha and Myat from the University of Cambridge Buddhist Society. Our guests spoke about the Buddhist perspective of how to care for your mind just as we care for our bodies and the children took part in a range of activities. At the end of the session, Myat lead the children through a short meditation. The children asked some excellent questions and appreciated the opportunity to speak to members of our wider community.



Young Voices

On Tuesday 30th January we took 60 of our KS2 choir to the O2 in London to take part in "Young Voices": the largest children's choir concert in the world. The children performed alongside 8000 other children as a single choir to capacity audiences of family and friends. It was an amazing day and our children shone: their positive behaviour, enthusiasm and commitment to the performance were all outstanding and they should all feel incredibly proud of themselves. Well done choir!



Book Week

Make sure you have a good look at the email that came out yesterday from Mrs Hines, our English coordinator. It lists the varied events taking place around World Book Day on 7th March 2024. SO do have a good look at the dates.

Finally, may we wish you and your loved ones a peaceful weekend. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, we couldn't do what we do without you.

Best wishes, Mrs Emma Clayton and Mrs Rebecca Pentney, Co-Headteachers

