



Primary Newsletter: Spring 2 -

A message from Mrs Joiner:

This term really has flown by and I can't believe we are already here at the end of the Spring term. In Primary, we have had an extremely busy, fun-filled term, whereby the children have really thrown themselves into their learning. As I have walked around the Primary school and spent time in each classroom, it has been wonderful to see how much each class has enjoyed their learning this half-term, whether that be about pirates in Year 2, dinosaurs in Year 1 or recycling in Reception. The children have been extremely enthusiastic sharing their knowledge with both their peers, teachers and visitors.

The response to our 'Belonging' homework was phenomenal and seeing the children share this homework was truly wonderful - they showed real pride and enthusiasm. The 'Belonging' homework is displayed throughout Primary, in classrooms and around the main building to show off how proud we are.

This half-term has also seen the official launch of our half-termly homework projects in Primary. Again, the response has been fantastic and I have seen 3D pirate ships sailing through the doors, as well as life-like dinosaurs in their habitats (to name but a few). Thank you parents/carers for your continued care and guidance in supporting your children in creating such wonderful home learning.

Wishing you all a restful break, and I look forward to welcoming you back in the summer term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Joiner



What have we been up to this term?

Reception:



We have had green fingers in Reception this half term. The children have been observing and dissecting, planting and caring for plants. We have also been improving our local environment by picking up litter and encouraging the school to recycle. The children have also been able to sort the recycling into the correct bins, discussing the different types of recyclable materials.

During science week, the children became amazing scientists and loved their visit to the Secondary laboratory. We marked World Book Day in style, decorating our classroom, dressing up as our favourite characters and reading in weird and wonderful places around the school. During World Poetry Day, we recited all the poems that we have learnt this year and created our own about water for World Water Day.





Year 1:

This term has been really busy. The children have really shown lots of enthusiasm and engagement in their learning. They have successfully faced challenges, especially when writing, and have shown such determination and perseverance to produce some amazing learning.

In English, the first part of the term we were writing to entertain. Our text driver was the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. The children enjoyed writing all about the very naughty seagulls! We also had fun on World Book Day with some really fantastic costumes that the children loved wearing to school. In the second part of the term, we were writing to inform, so the children created a fact file on dinosaurs. In maths, we have been exploring addition and subtraction to 20. The children have been using the maths equipment to help them with this learning and have been really successful in applying their new skills to help them to develop their fluency and problem solving skills. We have also been looking at partitioning numbers up to 50.

They have really enjoyed learning all about dinosaurs in our topic this term including experiencing the Dinosaur Dome where they got to see how the dinosaurs would have roamed the earth many million years ago. The children have been amazing and have brought into school some really fabulous home learning projects. We have really been impressed with this super home learning.



During science week the children had a visit from the 'Creature Teacher' who brought in some beautiful animals for the children to see and touch. They also had an opportunity to visit the secondary school and work in the laboratories which made them very excited. We have also been learning all about our five senses in science. The children have been working scientifically, testing their senses through experiments in class and then writing up their results and drawing conclusions.



It has been an eventful and productive term Well Done Year 1!

**Thank you for all
your amazing
home learning Year
One!**





Year 2:

This term the children in year 2 have demonstrated a genuine enthusiasm for learning, eagerly diving into new concepts and challenges. It has been incredible to witness the progress they have made, not just in terms of knowledge and skills, but also their confidence and independence. We are truly proud of each and every one of our children, as we are sure you are too!

In English, we have been learning to write an entertaining piece of writing inspired by the book *The Pirates Next Door* by Jonny Duddle. We have continued our exploration of different sentence structures and used this to create a paragraph of writing to design and describe our very own pirate friend! The children were very creative with their adjectives to describe their pirates and wrote some fantastic pieces of writing.

World Book Day was filled with lots of enchanting characters and the children looked fantastic in their costumes. We very much enjoyed our parent visitors coming to read with us and the children were encapsulated in the stories being read. It brought a little magic to the classroom!



During British Science Week, we were invited to visit the science labs over in the secondary building. The children enjoyed conducting an experiment and were challenged to use their knowledge of materials to separate a mysterious mixture back to their true form. A massive thank you to our extraordinary science teachers Mrs McKinley and Mr Connery for inspiring our children to continue growing their curiosity and love for science.



The children have also visited Mrs Ross in the food technology room to learn about healthy foods, including fruit and vegetables, and had the opportunity to create their own juicy fruit skewers to take home and enjoy! Some of our children were very brave in trying fruits whilst blindfolded and had a go at guessing which fruit they were tasting using their senses.

It really has been an action packed term! And now that the evenings are getting lighter, the flowers are starting to spring and the weather (fingers crossed) is starting to get warmer - we truly wish you a wonderful Easter break.

Miss Carolan





Reading Books:

Please ensure your child's Little Wandle book is returned each morning in your child's school bag. This book cannot remain at home because it needs to be read at school each day.

If books are not returned, on the first occasion your child will receive a reminder slip. If books are not returned after two occasions then we will require a payment to cover the cost of replacing the book. However, if books are still not returned after three occasions, physical books will no longer be sent home and will instead be replaced with our Collins eBooks.