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PRE-SCHOOL SPRING NEWS



The first half of the Spring term has been a very busy but enjoyable one! Charlie and Jack have joined Pre-school 1 and all the class have made them feel very welcome.

Topics

We have had fun with our topic on Dinosaurs and have particularly enjoyed reading stories about dinosaurs. Our favourites include the 'Harry and the Dinosaurs' collection, 'Bumpus Rumpus Dinosaurumpus' and 'Mad about Dinosaurs'. When we visited Ridgeway library in January, we were able to find some new dinosaur stories to read in our own time in the classroom.

We have learnt lots of new dinosaur names and painted our own, which are displayed in the classroom. We also have a Dinosaur Museum in the classroom, which has proven to be a big hit. Inside the museum, we have been able to dig for dinosaur bones, read dinosaur books and build dinosaur skeletons. To help us with our counting and number recognition, numbered dinosaur eggs were hidden around the classroom and we are getting very good at putting them in the right order!



As well as dinosaurs, we have learnt about and celebrated Chinese New Year. 2017 is the year of the rooster. We practised songs and dragon dances during our music and P.E sessions. KG joined Pre-school and together we tasted Chinese food and learnt about how the new year can be celebrated around the world. Our Chinese lanterns and dragon puppets look great displayed in the corridor!

This half-term

On the 2nd March we will join the whole school in celebrating World Book Day. As well as dressing up as their favourite book character, the children are welcome to bring in their favourite book to share with the class.

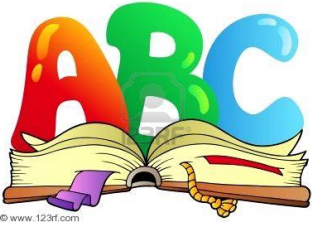
This half-term, our main topics will be Spring and Easter and we look forward to our Spring walk to Eastham Woods on 8th March.



The Jolly Phonics scheme will continue each week.

We are also looking forward to welcoming our new friends Isabella and Rio into Pre-School during this half-term.

KINDERGARTEN SPRING NEWS

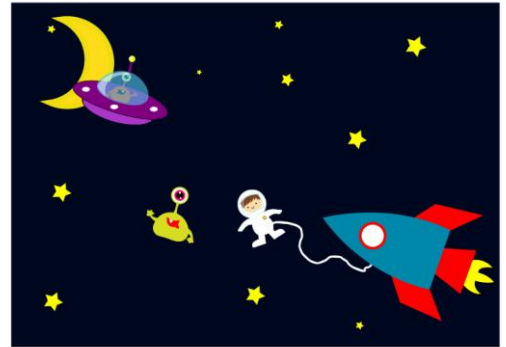


Another half-term has flown by and we have been extremely busy in the KG classroom. The children have continued to progress with their reading, they are becoming more familiar with the cursive style of writing and have learnt to add and subtract single digit numbers.

Space and Beyond

We have had a really fun time, this half-term learning about space and beyond. The children have got very involved in this topic and have enjoyed it a lot. We have learnt about the planets in the Solar System, the phases of the moon, space travel, aliens and astronauts. It has been very exciting watching clips of Tim Peake during his visit to the International Space Station, last year.

The children have designed their own planets and written about them. They created an alien and constructed a flying saucer. They have also had the opportunity to explore 3D shapes, to countdown from 20 to 0 and blast off into space and to practice alien addition and subtraction.



Trip to the Planetarium

To continue to develop the children's understanding of space and the solar system, we visited the Planetarium at the World Museum, in Liverpool, to watch the Sunshine Show. We learnt that the sun is a giant star that comes out during the day. When the sun goes to sleep, it is night time and the stars come out.



We also watched a film showing Tim Peake during his time on the International Space Station. He showed us how they eat and drink in space and float around, because there is very little gravity.

We also saw a model of a rocket, the phases of the moon and the planets in the solar system.

Trip to Woodchurch Library

We enjoyed our first trip of the new year to Woodchurch Library. It was fun singing songs, listening to stories and choosing books to take back to school. Our next trip to the Library will be on Wednesday 15th March 2017.

This half- term

Our theme will be People Who Help Us. Amongst other occupations we will be learning about Doctors, Nurses, Fire Fighters, Police Officers, Dentists, Opticians and our families, finding out about how they help us by looking after us and keeping us healthy and safe.



We would welcome visits from any parents who would like to come into school to talk to the children about their jobs and how they help us.

On the morning of Monday 13th March, we will be visiting Birkenhead Fire Station, to learn about the role of a fire fighter.

We will continue to focus upon reading, encouraging the children to work words out for themselves by segmenting and blending them back together.

We will also continue to develop the cursive writing style. The children will be encouraged to write words as they hear them and in maths, continue to add, subtract, double and half.

We will again celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, when all the children are invited to dress as their favourite book character.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

"Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday dear children,
Happy birthday to you".
Hip, Hip, Hooray

The following children have had or will be having lots of fun whilst celebrating their birthdays over the Spring term:

Pre-School

Annabel Allen
Jenson Blackley
Shrey Jaffar

Kindergarten

Ruben Bhullar
Arvani Chahal
James Green



There are lots of exciting events taking place so please make a note in your diaries.



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| Thu | 02/03/17 | World Book Day, come to school dressed as your favourite character from a book |
| Thu | 02/03/17 | Judging of Science Projects |
| Fri | 03/03/17 | Judging of Science Projects |
| Sat | 04/03/17 | Open Morning 10.00am - 12.30pm |
| Mon | 06/03/17 | 3.30pm Book Fair in the school hall - all week |
| Mon | 06/03/17 | Pre-School - Year 6 Parents' Evening |
| Wed | 08/03/17 | Pre-School - Year 6 Parents' Evening |
| Wed | 08/03/17 | Pre-School Spring Walk in Eastham Woods |
| Thu | 09/03/17 | Science Assembly |
| Mon | 13/03/17 | K.G. trip to Birkenhead Fire Station |
| Wed | 15/03/17 | MUFTI Day - children to come to school wearing their own clothes in exchange for chocolate for the Easter Eggstravaganza |
| Wed | 15/03/17 | K.G. trip to Woodchurch Library |
| Fri | 17/03/17 | 6.00pm - 7.30pm Easter Eggstravaganza |
| Tue | 21/03/17 | K.G. - Year 6 Inter-house Poetry Recital Competition Final |
| Tue | 28/03/17 | BBC Philharmonic Orchestra "Early Ears" sessions at PPS |
| Fri | 31/03/17 | School Finishes for Spring Break |

We are looking forward to new and exciting challenges during the second half of the Spring term.

Thank you for your continued support.

