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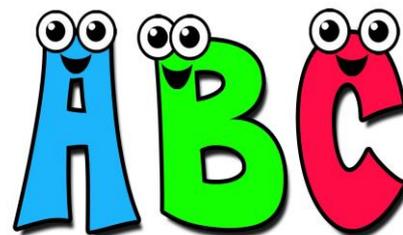


PRE-SCHOOL SPRING NEWS



We have had a fun filled first half term back after our Christmas break. We have welcomed Charlotte and Charlie to Pre School and they have settled in very well. All of the children enjoy helping each other and have shown their friendly, caring sides to help settle the new children.

The children have made excellent progress this half term and are continuing to try their best in everything that they do. Their name writing is becoming much neater, they are remembering lots of the letter sounds, they are beginning to do their own zips on their coats and put their school hats on at the end of the day too. The Pre School 2 children have also begun to take home a reading book each week.



Pre School have enjoyed learning all about winter this half term. Their favourite part was learning that some animals hibernate in winter. After learning all about it, the children made their own hibernating homes for an animal of their choice. The children have also enjoyed focusing on a different fairy tale each week. They have acted out the different stories and enjoyed taking on

the roles of the different characters. A particular highlight was when everybody went under the parachute to tell their own fairy tale!

During the final week of this half term, we have learnt about and celebrated Chinese New Year. 2018 is the year of the dog. We practised songs and dragon dances during our music and P.E sessions. We also made our own dragons! KG joined Pre-school and together we tasted Chinese food and learnt about how the new year can be celebrated around the world.

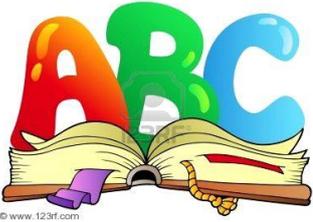


This half-term

On the 1st 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 Ashton Park, West Kirby on 19th March. We will also continue to concentrate on pencil grip, phonics, literacy and numeracy.

KINDERGARTEN SPRING NEWS



Another 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 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 film clips of our very own astronaut, Tim Peake, during his time on the International Space Station and reading the book *The Darkest Dark*, written by Chris Hadfield about growing up and becoming an astronaut. It has inspired some of the children to work hard at school, so that they too can become astronauts when they are older.



The children have designed their own planets and written about them, they have made aliens with underpants and space ships. It has also enabled them to explore 3D shapes and to countdown from 20 to 0 and blast off into space.



Trip to the Planetarium

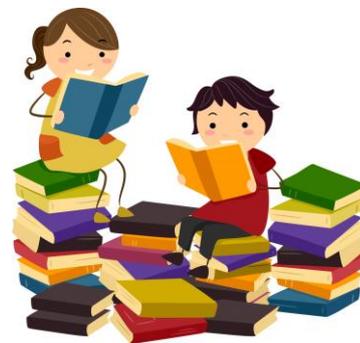
To continue to develop the children's understanding of space and the solar system, we visited The World Museum, Liverpool, to watch the Sunshine Show, in the Planetarium. We learnt that the sun is a giant star that comes out during the day. When the sun goes to sleep, it is night time and the stars come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

We also looked at 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 this year to Woodchurch Library. We had fun singing songs, listening to stories and chose books to bring back to school.

Our next trip to the Library will be on Wednesday 14th March.



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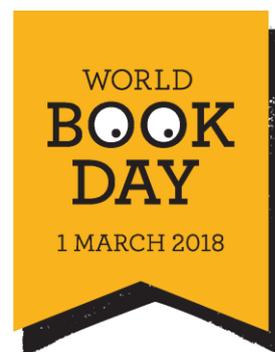
Our theme will be animals. We will be learning about pets, zoo animals, wild animals, farm animals, arctic and prehistoric animals. We will continue to focus upon reading, encouraging the children to work words out for themselves by segmenting and blending them back together and to develop their understanding of the Foundation Stage Keywords.

We will also continue to develop the cursive writing style. The children will be encouraged to write words as they hear, to

develop their writing into stories and in maths continue to add, subtract, double and halve.

We are looking forward to our trip to Chester Zoo on Monday 5th March. Further details will follow nearer the time.

We will again celebrate World Book Day, this year on Thursday 1st 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

Isabella Dillon-Hercules
Olwen Frowe

Kindergarten

Jenson Blackley



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



Thu	01/03/18	World Book Day, come to school dressed as your favourite character from a book
Thu	01/03/18	Judging of Science Projects
Fri	02/03/18	Judging of Science Projects
Sat	03/03/18	Open Morning 10.00am - 12.30pm
Mon	06/03/18	3.30pm Book Fair in the school hall - all week
Mon	05/03/18	KG trip to Chester Zoo
Wed	07/03/18	Science Assembly for all pupils of the school
Wed	14/03/18	Pre-School & K.G. Assembly for the Infant & Junior classes
Wed	14/03/18	K.G. trip to Woodchurch Library
Wed	14/03/18	MUFTI Day - children to come to school wearing their own clothes in exchange for chocolate for the Easter Eggstravaganza
Fri	17/03/18	6.00pm - 7.30pm Easter Eggstravaganza
Mon	19/03/18	Pre-School Spring Walk in Ashton Park, West Kirby
Mon	19/03/18	Pre-School & Kindergarten Parents' Evening
Mon	26/03/18	Easter Service at St. Saviour's Church (Years 1-6) families welcome
Tue	27/03/18	Finals of Poetry Recital Competition (KG - Year 6)
Wed	28/03/18	Junior Chef Day (Pre-School - Year 6)
Thur	29/03/18	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.

