



## March Newsletter

### A note from your Head of School.

What an amazing half term it has been. It has only been 5 weeks but it has been jam-packed!

The children are making good progress and I hope you saw this in their books during parent consultations.

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Best Wishes

Miss S Simcock

### Learning Updates

#### **Robin's Class**

We have been working really hard in our reading—thank you for your co-operation in reading phonics books and doing flash cards.

The children have been exploring Bog Baby in English. They even discovered a Bog Baby habitat in the garden at school—there were huge blue footprints and a blue lake! The children made a den and built a fire for the Bog Baby and wrote instructions on how to build a fire and make their own stories.

In Maths we have learnt methods for addition and subtraction and we are now moving onto multiplication and divisions.

In Art the children have been learning the skill of printing.



In DT the children have thoroughly enjoyed making rockets—researching, making prototypes, designing and finally making!



Music lessons continue and the children know a number of songs and can play their Ukuleles with much more precision.

Mr Aspinall has taught the children gymnastics and next term it will be team games.

Spanish continues to be a big hit! The children are forever singing the songs and are developing their confidence to have conversations.

#### **Eagles Class**

Eagles Class have had a productive start to the second Spring half term.

In Literacy, the children have begun to explore their new class text of 'Varmints' by Helen Ward and Marc Castle. So far, they have written a prediction, explaining in detail their thoughts on the book's content. The children have also explored the key vocabulary and phrases from the text, using a dictionary to find the meanings of each word before writing sentences to apply them within context. Toward the end of this week, the children have been tasked with writing a detailed setting description of a pleasant environment. I have been very impressed with their use of grammatical tools to build detail and description and their application of the punctuation that they have studied in class.

In Maths, Year 5 have moved on to their second unit of Fractions, focusing on Adding and Subtracting Fractions. The children in Year 6 have progressed on to Problem Solving. So far, they have applied their knowledge of this to Place Value, Negative Numbers and Addition and Subtraction.



## Eagle's Class continued....

Over the last three science lessons, Eagles class have been introduced to puberty and the changes that occur in the human life cycle between the ages of 9-14. The children have all approached this topic with maturity and great interest.

In RE the children finished the topic on Islam, focussing on the subject of why Muhammad was a role model to Muslims around the world. Each member of the class has enjoyed learning about a World Faith and has taken a keen interest in the beliefs of Islam.

This week's Geography lesson saw the children in KS2 begin their new topic of 'Quakes and Shakes'. After studying key vocabulary linked to the topic, the children have explored why earthquakes happen and how this is linked to the Earth's plate tectonics.

In P.E, the children have enjoyed developing their skills in gymnastics and invasion games such as basketball and netball.



Best wishes,

Mr Penny and Mrs Hughes

## Little Wrens

The Topic for Little Wren's this half term is Castles. We have been enjoying reading the following stories-

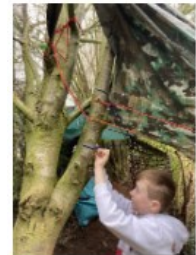
This week we have been building castles inside and outside and learning with dragon and knights puppets.



## Forest School

In Forest School, Eagles class have been taking it in turns to be in charge of building and managing the fire. This gives the children confidence and responsibility to put into practise their fire management and safety training they have been building on throughout the year. As a school, we have been following the RSPBs Wild

Challenge working towards our Bronze and Silver Awards. We have created homes for nature, surveyed the wildlife in our Forest School Area with Minibeast Hunt and bird spotting.



We took part in the RHS Seed & Sow in the last week of term. We are growing wild flower seeds, raspberries, strawberries and rhubarb.



British Science Week 2023- This week the school has been celebrating British Science Week by looking at the stories and achievements of four very different scientists. On Friday we will be having fun launching the rockets we have designed and built.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<a href="#">Science Week 2023.pdf</a> British Science Week 2023	Marie Curie British Science Week 2023	Mary Anning British Science Week 2023	David Hembrough British Science Week 2023	Miss Juniper British Science Week 2023
Activities for the Classroom	TP, SS Operation Chariot - Science Line Lesson - BBC Teach CC: Physics and Chemistry in Action If4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100	'Small Hunters' Today- TP, SS How to spot a Seagull! (with sea creature) - BBC News Connecting to the 'net'	TP, SS Frome Planet 11 - Science Line Lesson - BBC Teach CC - Forest School Connecting to the 'net' Computers Make a rocket engine in a bottle	British Science Week 2023 - Frome Line lesson - BBC Teach SS, TP The Big Scientific Question - BBC Teach Forest Science Experiment
Lumière Scientist	Magnets and Metal Detectives	Family Day	Nature Hunt	Rocket Launchers

## Whole School Updates

### Nursery

Please tell friends and family about our wonderful nursery! Little Wrens is the future of our school and Mrs Chaloner is working very hard to provide a quality education to our newest additions to our school family.



## Whole School Updates continued.....

### **Mrs Dugmore**

I am very pleased to announce Mrs Dugmore who started training as a teaching assistant with us in November 2021 is coming to the end of her course. She is a fabulous asset to our school and has grown and developed into an outstanding teaching assistant and I know she is going to have an immense impact on the lives of young people now and in the future.

We know you will join us in saying a huge congratulations on completing her qualification.

### **Owls**

A reminder that our Owls provision runs from 3:30pm–5:30pm Monday to Thursday. Mrs Hughes has lovely activities planned. If you have any questions regarding this provision, please ring the office or speak to a member of staff.

### **Ethos Conference**

The children had a wonderful time learning about Fairtrade and baking treats this half term. Thank you to everyone who bought their delicious bakes on 9th March.

### **World Museum Trip**

The whole school enjoyed a trip to the World Museum on Tuesday where they got to explore lots of exhibitions related to our learning. We explored History, Geography & Science.

We especially enjoyed seeing the mummies and the aquarium at the end of the day was a big hit!



### **Year 3 Dance**

Our lovely Year 3 girls visited Brereton for a dance tutorial. They did immeasurably well and performed with confidence.

### **Our Easter Service**

The children did an excellent job during our Eater Service. Each year group explored a different part of the Easter story and produced an Egg to show the story and discuss the meaning behind it.

Look at the children's beautiful work displayed in school!



Thank you to all the families for attending and joining us for hot cross buns and refreshments after the service.

### **Toddler Easter Egg Hunt**

As you are aware, we are continuing to promote our school in the hope that our community will grow and flourish.

It is now becoming a regular event that the fabulous Mrs Chaloner organises for the local toddler group to come into school and celebrate special holidays and festivities.

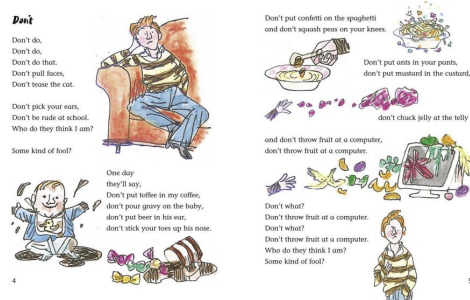
On Monday 27th March it was an Easter Egg Hunt where the little ones had lots of fun searching the school grounds to look for treats that the Easter Bunny had left for them.

It's always so lovely to see new faces at our school and we very much want to continue to be at the heart of this wonderful local community.



### **Poetry**

Ask your child about our Poet of the Week and have a go at reading the following poem together: "Don't", by Michael Rosen.





### Dates for the Diary for the Summer Term—

**Monday 17th April**—School opens at 08:45

**17th April**—Reception Class places offers made for September 2023 admissions

**Monday 1st May**—Bank Holiday—School Closed

**Monday 8th May**—King's Coronation Bank Holiday—School Closed

**9th—12th May**—KS2 SATS

**15th—19th May**—KS1 SATS

**Friday 26th May**—School closes for half term

**Tuesday 6th June** —INSET Day

**Wednesday 7th June**—School Reopens